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Gen 1:1 IN THE beginning God (prepared, formed, fashioned, and) created the heavens and the earth.
Gen 1:2 The earth was without form and an empty waste, and darkness was upon the face of the very great deep. The Spirit of God was moving (hovering, brooding) over the face of the waters.
Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.
Gen 1:4 And God saw that the light was good (suitable, pleasant) {and} He approved it; and God separated the light from the darkness.
Gen 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.
Gen 1:6 And God said, Let there be a firmament [the expanse of the sky] in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters [below] from the waters [above].
Gen 1:7 And God made the firmament [the expanse] and separated the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse. And it was so.
Gen 1:8 And God called the firmament Heavens. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.
Gen 1:9 And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be collected into one place [of standing], and let the dry land appear. And it was so.
Gen 1:10 God called the dry land Earth, and the accumulated waters He called Seas. And God saw that this was good (fitting, admirable) {and} He approved it.
Gen 1:11 And God said, Let the earth put forth [tender] vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees yielding fruit whose seed is in itself, each according to its kind, upon the earth. And it was so.
Gen 1:12 The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed according to their own kinds and trees bearing fruit in which was their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good (suitable, admirable) {and} He approved it.
Gen 1:13 And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.
Gen 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be signs {and} tokens [of God's provident care], and [to mark] seasons, days, and years,
Gen 1:15 And let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light upon the earth. And it was so.
Gen 1:16 And God made the two great lights--the greater light (the sun) to rule the day and the lesser light (the moon) to rule the night. He also made the stars.
Gen 1:17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth,
Gen 1:18 To rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good (fitting, pleasant) {and} He approved it.
Gen 1:19 And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.
Gen 1:20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly {and} swarm with living creatures, and let birds fly over the earth in the open expanse of the heavens.
Gen 1:21 God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, which the waters brought forth abundantly, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good (suitable, admirable) {and} He approved it.
Gen 1:22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the fowl multiply in the earth.
Gen 1:23 And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

Gen 1:24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creeping things, and [wild] beasts of the earth according to their kinds. And it was so.
Gen 1:25 And God made the [wild] beasts of the earth according to their kinds, and domestic animals according to their kinds, and everything that creeps upon the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good (fitting, pleasant) {and} He approved it.
Gen 1:26 God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [tame] beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth.
Gen 1:27 So God created man in His own image, in the image {and} likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them.
Gen 1:28 And God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man]; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth.
Gen 1:29 And God said, See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the land and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.
Gen 1:30 And to all the animals on the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the ground--to everything in which there is the breath of life--I have given every green plant for food. And it was so.
Gen 1:31 And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good (suitable, pleasant) {and} He approved it completely. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.
Gen 2:1 THUS THE heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.
Gen 2:2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.
Gen 2:3 And God blessed (spoke good of) the seventh day, set it apart as His own, and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all His work which He had created and done.
Gen 2:4 This is the history of the heavens and of the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens--
Gen 2:5 When no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not [yet] caused it to rain upon the earth and there was no man to till the ground,
Gen 2:6 But there went up a mist (fog, vapor) from the land and watered the whole surface of the ground--
Gen 2:7 Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath {or} spirit of life, and man became a living being.
Gen 2:8 And the Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden [delight]; and there He put the man whom He had formed (framed, constituted).
Gen 2:9 And out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight {or} to be desired--good (suitable, pleasant) for food; the tree of life also in the center of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of [the difference between] good and evil {and} blessing and calamity.
Gen 2:10 Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four [river] heads.
Gen 2:11 The first is named Pishon; it is the one flowing around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.
Gen 2:12 The gold of that land is of high quality; bdellium (pearl?) and onyx stone are there.
Gen 2:13 The second river is named Gihon; it is the one flowing around the whole land of Cush.
Gen 2:14 The third river is named Hiddekel [the Tigris]; it is the one flowing east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.
Gen 2:15 And the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and guard {and} keep it.
Gen 2:16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;
Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil {and} blessing and calamity you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.
Gen 2:18 Now the Lord God said, It is not good (sufficient, satisfactory) that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper (suitable, adapted, complementary) for him.
Gen 2:19 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every [wild] beast {and} living creature of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them; and whatever Adam called every living creature, that was its name.
Gen 2:20 And Adam gave names to all the livestock and to the birds of the air and to every [wild] beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a helper meet (suitable, adapted, complementary) for him.
Gen 2:21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam; and while he slept, He took one of his ribs {or} a

part of his side and closed up the [place with] flesh.
Gen 2:22 And the rib {or} part of his side which the Lord God had taken from the man He built up {and} made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.
Gen 2:23 Then Adam said, This [creature] is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of a man.
Gen 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall become united {and} cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
Gen 2:25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not embarrassed {or} ashamed in each other's presence.
Gen 3:1 NOW THE serpent was more subtle {and} crafty than any living creature of the field which the Lord God had made. And he [Satan] said to the woman, Can it really be that God has said, You shall not eat from every tree of the garden?
Gen 3:2 And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat the fruit from the trees of the garden,
Gen 3:3 Except the fruit from the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.
Gen 3:4 But the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die,
Gen 3:5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing the difference between good and evil {and} blessing and calamity.
Gen 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good (suitable, pleasant) for food and that it was delightful to look at, and a tree to be desired in order to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she gave some also to her husband, and he ate.
Gen 3:7 Then the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves apronlike girdles.
Gen 3:8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.
Gen 3:9 But the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, Where are you?
Gen 3:10 He said, I heard the sound of You [walking] in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.
Gen 3:11 And He said, Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?
Gen 3:12 And the man said, The woman whom You gave to be with me--she gave me [fruit] from the tree, and I ate.
Gen 3:13 And the Lord God said to the woman, What is this you have done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled (cheated, outwitted, and deceived) me, and I ate.
Gen 3:14 And the Lord God said to the serpent, Because you have done this, you are cursed above all [domestic] animals and above every [wild] living thing of the field; upon your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust [and what it contains] all the days of your life.
Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her Offspring; He will bruise {and} tread your head underfoot, and you will lie in wait {and} bruise His heel.
Gen 3:16 To the woman He said, I will greatly multiply your grief {and} your suffering in pregnancy {and} the pangs of childbearing; with spasms of distress you will bring forth children. Yet your desire {and} craving will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.
Gen 3:17 And to Adam He said, Because you have listened {and} given heed to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it, the ground is under a curse because of you; in sorrow {and} toil shall you eat [of the fruits] of it all the days of your life.
Gen 3:18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth for you, and you shall eat the plants of the field.
Gen 3:19 In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you shall return.
Gen 3:20 The man called his wife's name Eve [life spring], because she was the mother of all the living.
Gen 3:21 For Adam also and for his wife the Lord God made long coats (tunics) of skins and clothed them.
Gen 3:22 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man has become like one of Us [the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit], to know [how to distinguish between] good and evil {and} blessing and calamity; and now, lest he put forth his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever--
Gen 3:23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.
Gen 3:24 So [God] drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the Garden of Eden the cherubim and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep {and} guard the way to the tree of life.

Gen 4:1 AND ADAM knew Eve as his wife, and she became pregnant and bore Cain; and she said, I have gotten {and} gained a man with the help of the Lord.
Gen 4:2 And [next] she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.
Gen 4:3 And in the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground.
Gen 4:4 And Abel brought of the firstborn of his flock and of the fat portions. And the Lord had respect {and} regard for Abel and for his offering,
Gen 4:5 But for Cain and his offering He had no respect {or} regard. So Cain was exceedingly angry {and} indignant, and he looked sad {and} depressed.
Gen 4:6 And the Lord said to Cain, Why are you angry? And why do you look sad {and} depressed {and} dejected?
Gen 4:7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin crouches at your door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.
Gen 4:8 And Cain said to his brother, Let us go out to the field. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.
Gen 4:9 And the Lord said to Cain, Where is Abel your brother? And he said, I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?
Gen 4:10 And [the Lord] said, What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground.
Gen 4:11 And now you are cursed by reason of the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's [shed] blood from your hand.
Gen 4:12 When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength; you shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth [in perpetual exile, a degraded outcast].
Gen 4:13 Then Cain said to the Lord, My punishment is greater than I can bear.
Gen 4:14 Behold, You have driven me out this day from the face of the land, and from Your face I will be hidden; and I will be a fugitive and a vagabond {and} a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.
Gen 4:15 And the Lord said to him, Therefore, if anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the Lord set a mark {or} sign upon Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.
Gen 4:16 So Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod [wandering], east of Eden.
Gen 4:17 And Cain's wife [one of Adam's offspring] became pregnant and bore Enoch; and Cain built a city and named it after his son Enoch.
Gen 4:18 To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad was the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael the father of Methusael, and Methusael the father of Lamech.
Gen 4:19 And Lamech took two wives; the name of the one was Adah and of the other was Zillah.
Gen 4:20 Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have cattle {and} purchase possessions.
Gen 4:21 His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.
Gen 4:22 Zillah bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all [cutting] instruments of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.
Gen 4:23 Lamech said to his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say; for I have slain a man [merely] for wounding me, and a young man [only] for striking {and} bruising me.
Gen 4:24 If Cain is avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech [will be avenged] seventy-sevenfold.
Gen 4:25 And Adam's wife again became pregnant, and she bore a son and called his name Seth. For God, she said, has appointed for me another child instead of Abel, for Cain slew him.
Gen 4:26 And to Seth also a son was born, whom he named Enosh. At that time men began to call [upon God] by the name of the Lord.
Gen 5:1 THIS IS the book (the written record, the history) of the generations of the offspring of Adam. When God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.
Gen 5:2 He created them male and female and blessed them and named them [both] Adam [Man] at the time they were created.
Gen 5:3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, after his image; and he named him Seth.
Gen 5:4 After he had Seth, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters.
Gen 5:5 So altogether Adam lived 930 years, and he died.
Gen 5:6 When Seth was 105 years old, Enosh was born.
Gen 5:7 Seth lived after the birth of Enosh 807 years and had other sons and daughters.
Gen 5:8 So Seth lived 912 years, and he died.

Gen 5:9 When Enosh was 90 years old, Kenan was born to him.
Gen 5:10 Enosh lived after the birth of Kenan 815 years and had other sons and daughters.
Gen 5:11 So Enosh lived 905 years, and he died.
Gen 5:12 When Kenan was 70 years old, Mahalalel was born.
Gen 5:13 Kenan lived after the birth of Mahalalel 840 years and had other sons and daughters.
Gen 5:14 So Kenan lived 910 years, and he died.
Gen 5:15 When Mahalalel was 65 years old, Jared was born.
Gen 5:16 Mahalalel lived after the birth of Jared 830 years and had other sons and daughters.
Gen 5:17 So Mahalalel lived 895 years, and he died.
Gen 5:18 When Jared was 162 years old, Enoch was born.
Gen 5:19 Jared lived after the birth of Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters.
Gen 5:20 So Jared lived 962 years, and he died.
Gen 5:21 When Enoch was 65 years old, Methuselah was born.
Gen 5:22 Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God after the birth of Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters.
Gen 5:23 So all the days of Enoch were 365 years.
Gen 5:24 And Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God; and he was not, for God took him [home with Him].
Gen 5:25 When Methuselah was 187 years old, Lamech was born to him.
Gen 5:26 Methuselah lived after the birth of Lamech 782 years and had other sons and daughters.
Gen 5:27 So Methuselah lived 969 years, and he died.
Gen 5:28 When Lamech was 182 years old, a son was born.
Gen 5:29 He named him Noah, saying, This one shall bring us relief {and} comfort from our work and the [grievous] toil of our hands due to the ground being cursed by the Lord.
Gen 5:30 Lamech lived after the birth of Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters.
Gen 5:31 So all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died.
Gen 5:32 After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
Gen 6:1 WHEN MEN began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them,
Gen 6:2 The sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair, and they took wives of all they desired {and} chose.
Gen 6:3 Then the Lord said, My Spirit shall not forever dwell {and} strive with man, for he also is flesh; but his days shall yet be 120 years.
Gen 6:4 There were giants on the earth in those days--and also afterward--when the sons of God lived with the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.
Gen 6:5 The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination {and} intention of all human thinking was only evil continually.
Gen 6:6 And the Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved at heart.
Gen 6:7 So the Lord said, I will destroy, blot out, {and} wipe away mankind, whom I have created from the face of the ground--not only man, [but] the beasts and the creeping things and the birds of the air--for it grieves Me {and} makes Me regretful that I have made them.
Gen 6:8 But Noah found grace (favor) in the eyes of the Lord.
Gen 6:9 This is the history of the generations of Noah. Noah was a just {and} righteous man, blameless {in} his [evil] generation; Noah walked [in habitual fellowship] with God.
Gen 6:10 And Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
Gen 6:11 The earth was depraved {and} putrid in God's sight, and the land was filled with violence (desecration, infringement, outrage, assault, and lust for power).
Gen 6:12 And God looked upon the world and saw how degenerate, debased, {and} vicious it was, for all humanity had corrupted their way upon the earth {and} lost their true direction.
Gen 6:13 God said to Noah, I intend to make an end of all flesh, for through men the land is filled with violence; and behold, I will destroy them and the land.
Gen 6:14 Make yourself an ark of gopher {or} cypress wood; make in {it} rooms (stalls, pens, coops, nests, cages, and compartments) and cover it inside and out with pitch (bitumen).
Gen 6:15 And this is the way you are to make it: the length of the ark shall be 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits [that is, 450 ft. x 75 ft. x 45 ft.].
Gen 6:16 You shall make a roof or window [a place for light] for the ark and finish it to a cubit [at least 18 inches] above--and the door of the ark you shall put in the side of it; and you shall make it with lower, second, and third

stories.
Gen 6:17 For behold, I, even I, will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy {and} make putrid all flesh under the heavens in which are the breath {and} spirit of life; everything that is on the land shall die.
Gen 6:18 But I will establish My covenant (promise, pledge) with you, and you shall come into the ark--you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.
Gen 6:19 And of every living thing of all flesh [found on land], you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.
Gen 6:20 Of fowls {and} birds according to their kinds, of beasts according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind--two of every sort shall come in with you, that they may be kept alive.
Gen 6:21 Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and you shall collect {and} store it up, and it shall serve as food for you and for them.
Gen 6:22 Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.
Gen 7:1 AND THE Lord said to Noah, Come with all your household into the ark, for I have seen you to be righteous (upright and in right standing) before Me in this generation.
Gen 7:2 Of every clean beast you shall receive {and} take with you seven pairs, the male and his mate, and of beasts that are not clean a pair of each kind, the male and his mate,
Gen 7:3 Also of the birds of the air seven pairs, the male and the female, to keep seed [their kind] alive over all the earth {or} land.
Gen 7:4 For in seven days I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living substance {and} thing that I have made I will destroy, blot out, {and} wipe away from the face of the earth.
Gen 7:5 And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him.
Gen 7:6 Noah was 600 years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth {or} land.
Gen 7:7 And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him went into the ark because of the waters of the flood.
Gen 7:8 Of clean animals and of animals that are not clean, and of birds {and} fowls, and of everything that creeps on the ground,
Gen 7:9 There went in two and two with Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.
Gen 7:10 And after the seven days the floodwaters came upon the earth {or} land.
Gen 7:11 In the year 600 of Noah's life, in the seventeenth day of the second month, that same day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up {and} burst forth, and the windows {and} floodgates of the heavens were opened.
Gen 7:12 And it rained upon the earth forty days and forty nights.
Gen 7:13 On the very same day Noah and Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, went into the ark,
Gen 7:14 They and every [wild] beast according to its kind, all the livestock according to their kinds, every moving thing that creeps on the land according to its kind, and every fowl according to its kind, every winged thing of every sort.
Gen 7:15 And they went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there were the breath {and} spirit of life.
Gen 7:16 And they that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded [Noah]; and the Lord shut him in {and} closed [the door] round about him.
Gen 7:17 The flood [that is, the downpour of rain] was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased and bore up the ark, and it was lifted [high] above the land.
Gen 7:18 And the waters became mighty and increased greatly upon the land, and the ark went [gently floating] upon the surface of the waters.
Gen 7:19 And the waters prevailed so exceedingly {and} were so mighty upon the earth that all the high hills under the whole sky were covered.
Gen 7:20 [In fact] the waters became fifteen cubits higher, as the high hills were covered.
Gen 7:21 And all flesh ceased to breathe that moved upon the earth--fowls {and} birds, [tame] animals, [wild] beasts, all swarming {and} creeping things that swarm {and} creep upon the land, and all mankind.
Gen 7:22 Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils were the breath {and} spirit of life died.
Gen 7:23 God destroyed (blotted out) every living thing that was upon the face of the earth; man and animals and the creeping things and the birds of the heavens were destroyed (blotted out) from the land. Only Noah remained alive, and those who were with him in the ark.
Gen 7:24 And the waters prevailed [mightily] upon the earth {or} land 150 days (five months).

Gen 8:1 AND GOD [earnestly] remembered Noah and every living thing and all the animals that were with him in the ark; and God made a wind blow over the land, and the waters sank down {and} abated.
Gen 8:2 Also the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the gushing rain from the sky was checked,
Gen 8:3 And the waters receded from the land continually. At the end of 150 days the waters had diminished.
Gen 8:4 On the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat [in Armenia].
Gen 8:5 And the waters continued to diminish until the tenth month; on the first day of the tenth month the tops of the high hills were seen.
Gen 8:6 At the end of [another] forty days Noah opened {a} window of the ark which he had made
Gen 8:7 And sent forth a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters were dried up from the land.
Gen 8:8 Then he sent forth a dove to see if the waters had decreased from the surface of the ground.
Gen 8:9 But the dove found no resting-place on which to roost, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were [yet] on the face of the whole land. So he put forth his hand and drew her to him into the ark.
Gen 8:10 He waited another seven days and again sent forth the dove out of the ark.
Gen 8:11 And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a newly sprouted {and} freshly plucked olive leaf! So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the land.
Gen 8:12 Then he waited another seven days and sent forth the dove, but she did not return to him any more.
Gen 8:13 In the year 601 [of Noah's life], on the first day of the first month, the waters were drying up from the land. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the surface of the ground was drying.
Gen 8:14 And on the twenty-seventh day of the second month the land was entirely dry.
Gen 8:15 And God spoke to Noah, saying,
Gen 8:16 Go forth from the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives with you.
Gen 8:17 Bring forth every living thing that is with you of all flesh--birds and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the ground--that they may breed abundantly on the land and be fruitful and multiply upon the earth.
Gen 8:18 And Noah went forth, and his wife and his sons and their wives with him [after being in the ark one year and ten days].
Gen 8:19 Every beast, every creeping thing, every bird--and whatever moves on the land--went forth by families out of the ark.
Gen 8:20 And Noah built an altar to the Lord and took of every clean [four-footed] animal and of every clean fowl {or} bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.
Gen 8:21 When the Lord smelled the pleasing odor [a scent of satisfaction to His heart], the Lord said to Himself, I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the imagination (the strong desire) of man's heart is evil {and} wicked from his youth; neither will I ever again smite {and} destroy every living thing, as I have done.
Gen 8:22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.
Gen 9:1 AND GOD pronounced a blessing upon Noah and his sons and said to them, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.
Gen 9:2 And the fear of you and the dread {and} terror of you shall be upon every beast of the land, every bird of the air, all that creeps upon the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are delivered into your hand.
Gen 9:3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and as I gave you the green vegetables {and} plants, I give you everything.
Gen 9:4 But you shall not eat flesh with the life of it, which is its blood.
Gen 9:5 And surely for your lifeblood I will require an accounting; from every beast I will require it; and from man, from every man [who spills another's lifeblood] I will require a reckoning.
Gen 9:6 Whoever sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God He made man.
Gen 9:7 And you, be fruitful and multiply; bring forth abundantly on the earth and multiply on it.
Gen 9:8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying,
Gen 9:9 Behold, I establish My covenant {or} pledge with you and with your descendants after you
Gen 9:10 And with every living creature that is with you--whether the birds, the livestock, or the wild beasts of the earth along with you, as many as came out of the ark--every animal of the earth.
Gen 9:11 I will establish My covenant {or} pledge with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood; neither shall there ever again be a flood to destroy the earth {and} make it corrupt.
Gen 9:12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant (solemn pledge) which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:

Gen 9:13 I set My bow [rainbow] in the cloud, and it shall be a token {or} sign of a covenant {or} solemn pledge between Me and the earth.
Gen 9:14 And it shall be that when I bring clouds over the earth and the bow [rainbow] is seen in the clouds,
Gen 9:15 I will [earnestly] remember My covenant {or} solemn pledge which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters will no more become a flood to destroy {and} make all flesh corrupt.
Gen 9:16 When the bow [rainbow] is in the clouds and I look upon it, I will [earnestly] remember the everlasting covenant {or} pledge between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.
Gen 9:17 And God said to Noah, This [rainbow] is the token {or} sign of the covenant {or} solemn pledge which I have established between Me and all flesh upon the earth.
Gen 9:18 The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Ham was the father of Canaan [born later].
Gen 9:19 These are the three sons of Noah, and from them the whole earth was overspread {and} stocked with inhabitants.
Gen 9:20 And Noah began to cultivate the ground, and he planted a vineyard.
Gen 9:21 And he drank of the wine and became drunk, and he was uncovered {and} lay naked in his tent.
Gen 9:22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, glanced at {and} saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside.
Gen 9:23 So Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it upon the shoulders of both, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they did not see their father's nakedness.
Gen 9:24 When Noah awoke from his wine, and knew the thing which his youngest son had done to him,
Gen 9:25 He exclaimed, Cursed be Canaan! He shall be the servant of servants to his brethren!
Gen 9:26 He also said, Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem! {And} blessed by the Lord my God be Shem! And let Canaan be his servant.
Gen 9:27 May God enlarge Japheth; and let him dwell in the tents of Shem, and let Canaan be his servant.
Gen 9:28 And Noah lived after the flood 350 years.
Gen 9:29 All the days of Noah were 950 years, and he died.
Gen 10:1 THIS IS the history of the generations (descendants) of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The sons born to them after the flood {were:}
Gen 10:2 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.
Gen 10:3 The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah.
Gen 10:4 The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.
Gen 10:5 From these the coastland peoples spread. [These are the sons of Japheth] in their lands, each with his own language, by their families within their nations.
Gen 10:6 The sons of Ham: Cush, Egypt [Mizraim], Put, and Canaan.
Gen 10:7 The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan.
Gen 10:8 Cush became the father of Nimrod; he was the first to be a mighty man on the earth.
Gen 10:9 He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; therefore it is said, Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the Lord.
Gen 10:10 The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar [in Babylonia].
Gen 10:11 Out of the land he [Nimrod] went forth into Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth-Ir, Calah,
Gen 10:12 And Resen, which is between Nineveh and Calah; all these [suburbs combined to form] the great city.
Gen 10:13 And Egypt [Mizraim] became the father of Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim,
Gen 10:14 Pathrusim, Casluhim (from whom came the Philistines), and Caphtorim.
Gen 10:15 Canaan became the father of Sidon his firstborn, Heth [the Hittites],
Gen 10:16 The Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites,
Gen 10:17 The Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites,
Gen 10:18 The Arvadites, the Zemarites and the Hamathites. Afterward the families of the Canaanites spread abroad
Gen 10:19 And the territory of the Canaanites extended from Sidon as one goes to Gerar as far as Gaza, and as one goes to Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.
Gen 10:20 These are the sons of Ham by their families, their languages, their lands, and their nations.
Gen 10:21 To Shem also, the younger brother of Japheth and the ancestor of all the children of Eber [including the Hebrews], children were born.
Gen 10:22 The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, and Aram.
Gen 10:23 The sons of Aram: Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash.
Gen 10:24 Arpachshad became the father of Shelah; and Shelah became the father of Eber.

Gen 10:25 To Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg [division], because [the inhabitants of] the earth were divided up in his days; and his brother's name was Joktan.
Gen 10:26 Joktan became the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,
Gen 10:27 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,
Gen 10:28 Obal, Abimael, Sheba,
Gen 10:29 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab; all these were the sons of Joktan.
Gen 10:30 The territory in which they lived extended from Mesha as one goes toward Sephar to the hill country of the east.
Gen 10:31 These are Shem's descendants by their families, their languages, their lands, and their nations.
Gen 10:32 These are the families of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, within their nations; and from these the nations spread abroad on the earth after the flood.
Gen 11:1 AND THE whole earth was of one language and of one accent {and} mode of expression.
Gen 11:2 And as they journeyed eastward, they found a plain (valley) in the land of Shinar, and they settled {and} dwelt there.
Gen 11:3 And they said one to another, Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly. So they had brick for stone, and slime (bitumen) for mortar.
Gen 11:4 And they said, Come, let us build us a city and a tower whose top reaches into the sky, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered over the whole earth.
Gen 11:5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.
Gen 11:6 And the Lord said, Behold, they are one people and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do, and now nothing they have imagined they can do will be impossible for them.
Gen 11:7 Come, let Us go down and there confound (mix up, confuse) their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.
Gen 11:8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from that place upon the face of the whole earth, and they gave up building the city.
Gen 11:9 Therefore the name of it was called Babel--because there the Lord confounded the language of all the earth; and from that place the Lord scattered them abroad upon the face of the whole earth.
Gen 11:10 This is the history of the generations of Shem. Shem was 100 years old when he became the father of Arpachshad, two years after the flood.
Gen 11:11 And Shem lived after Arpachshad was born 500 years and had other sons and daughters.
Gen 11:12 When Arpachshad had lived 35 years, he became the father of Shelah.
Gen 11:13 Arpachshad lived after Shelah was born 403 years and had other sons and daughters.
Gen 11:14 When Shelah had lived 30 years, he became the father of Eber.
Gen 11:15 Shelah lived after Eber was born 403 years and had other sons and daughters.
Gen 11:16 When Eber had lived 34 years, he became the father of Peleg.
Gen 11:17 And Eber lived after Peleg was born 430 years and had other sons and daughters.
Gen 11:18 When Peleg had lived 30 years, he became the father of Reu.
Gen 11:19 And Peleg lived after Reu was born 209 years and had other sons and daughters.
Gen 11:20 When Reu had lived 32 years, he became the father of Serug.
Gen 11:21 And Reu lived after Serug was born 207 years and had other sons and daughters.
Gen 11:22 When Serug had lived 30 years, he became the father of Nahor.
Gen 11:23 And Serug lived after Nahor was born 200 years and had other sons and daughters.
Gen 11:24 When Nahor had lived 29 years, he became the father of Terah.
Gen 11:25 And Nahor lived after Terah was born 119 years and had other sons and daughters.
Gen 11:26 After Terah had lived 70 years, he became the father of [at different times], Abram and Nahor and Haran, [his firstborn].
Gen 11:27 Now this is the history of the descendants of Terah. Terah was the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran was the father of Lot.
Gen 11:28 Haran died before his father Terah [died] in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldees.
Gen 11:29 And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah.
Gen 11:30 But Sarai was barren; she had no child.
Gen 11:31 And Terah took Abram his son, Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together to go from Ur of the Chaldees into the land of Canaan; but when they came

to Haran, they settled there.
Gen 11:32 And Terah lived 205 years; and Terah died in Haran.
Gen 12:1 NOW [in Haran] the Lord said to Abram, Go for yourself [for your own advantage] away from your country, from your relatives and your father's house, to the land that I will show you.
Gen 12:2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous {and} distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others].
Gen 12:3 And I will bless those who bless you [who confer prosperity or happiness upon you] and curse him who curses {or} uses insolent language toward you; in you will all the families {and} kindred of the earth be blessed [and by you they will bless themselves].
Gen 12:4 So Abram departed, as the Lord had directed him; and Lot [his nephew] went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.
Gen 12:5 Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the persons [servants] that they had acquired in Haran, and they went forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan,
Gen 12:6 Abram passed through the land to the locality of Shechem, to the oak {or} terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.
Gen 12:7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, I will give this land to your posterity. So Abram built an altar there to the Lord, Who had appeared to him.
Gen 12:8 From there he pulled up [his tent pegs] {and} departed to the mountain on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord.
Gen 12:9 Abram journeyed on, still going toward the South (the Negeb).
Gen 12:10 Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down into Egypt to live temporarily, for the famine in the land was oppressive (intense and grievous).
Gen 12:11 And when he was about to enter into Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, I know that you are beautiful to behold.
Gen 12:12 So when the Egyptians see you, they will say, This is his wife; and they will kill me, but they will let you live.
Gen 12:13 Say, I beg of you, that you are my sister, so that it may go well with me for your sake and my life will be spared because of you.
Gen 12:14 And when Abram came into Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful.
Gen 12:15 The princes of Pharaoh also saw her and commended her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into Pharaoh's house [harem].
Gen 12:16 And he treated Abram well for her sake; he acquired sheep, oxen, he-donkeys, menservants, maidservants, she-donkeys, and camels.
Gen 12:17 But the Lord scourged Pharaoh and his household with serious plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.
Gen 12:18 And Pharaoh called Abram and said, What is this that you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?
Gen 12:19 Why did you say, She is my sister, so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her and get away [from here]!
Gen 12:20 And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him, and they brought him on his way with his wife and all that he had.
Gen 13:1 SO ABRAM went up out of Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the South [country of Judah, the Negeb].
Gen 13:2 Now Abram was extremely rich in livestock and in silver and in gold.
Gen 13:3 And he journeyed on from the South [country of Judah, the Negeb] as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai,
Gen 13:4 Where he had built an altar at first; and there Abram called on the name of the Lord.
Gen 13:5 But Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents.
Gen 13:6 Now the land was not able to nourish {and} support them so they could dwell together, for their possessions were too great for them to live together.
Gen 13:7 And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's cattle and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle. And the Canaanite and the Perizzite were dwelling then in the land [making fodder more difficult to obtain].
Gen 13:8 So Abram said to Lot, Let there be no strife, I beg of you, between you and me, or between your herdsmen

and my herdsmen, for we are relatives.
Gen 13:9 Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself, I beg of you, from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if you choose the right hand, then I will go to the left.
Gen 13:10 And Lot looked and saw that everywhere the Jordan Valley was well watered. Before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, [it was all] like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as you go to Zoar.
Gen 13:11 Then Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley and [he] traveled east. So they separated.
Gen 13:12 Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the [Jordan] Valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom {and} dwelt there.
Gen 13:13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and exceedingly great sinners against the Lord.
Gen 13:14 The Lord said to Abram after Lot had left him, Lift up now your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward;
Gen 13:15 For all the land which you see I will give to you and to your posterity forever.
Gen 13:16 And I will make your descendants like the dust of the earth, so that if a man could count the dust of the earth, then could your descendants also be counted.
Gen 13:17 Arise, walk through the land, the length of it and the breadth of it, for I will give it to you.
Gen 13:18 Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt among the oaks {or} terebinths of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and built there an altar to the Lord.
Gen 14:1 IN THE days of the kings Amraphel of Shinar, Arioch of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer of Elam, and Tidal of Goiim,
Gen 14:2 They made war on the kings Bera of Sodom, Birsha of Gomorrah, Shinab of Admah, Shemeber of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, that is, Zoar.
Gen 14:3 The latter kings joined together [as allies] in the Valley of Siddim, which is [now] the [Dead] Sea of Salt.
Gen 14:4 Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled.
Gen 14:5 And in the fourteenth year, Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him attacked {and} subdued the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim,
Gen 14:6 And the Horites in their Mount Seir as far as El-paran, which is on the border of the wilderness.
Gen 14:7 Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat, which [now] is Kadesh, and subdued all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who dwelt in Hazazon-tamar.
Gen 14:8 Then the kings of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboiim, and Bela, that is, Zoar, went out and [together] they joined battle [with those kings] in the Valley of Siddim,
Gen 14:9 With the kings Chedorlaomer of Elam, Tidal of Goiim, Amraphel of Shinar, and Arioch of Ellasar--four kings against five.
Gen 14:10 Now the Valley of Siddim was full of slime {or} bitumen pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, they fell (were overthrown) there and the remainder [of the kings] fled to the mountain.
Gen 14:11 [The victors] took all the wealth of Sodom and Gomorrah and all the supply of provisions and departed.
Gen 14:12 And they also took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods away with them.
Gen 14:13 Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew [one from the other side], who was living by the oaks {or} terebinths of Mamre the Amorite, a brother of Eshcol and of Aner--these were allies of Abram.
Gen 14:14 When Abram heard that [his nephew] had been captured, he armed (led forth) the 318 trained servants born in his own house and pursued the enemy as far as Dan.
Gen 14:15 He divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and attacked {and} routed them, and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus.
Gen 14:16 And he brought back all the goods and also brought back his kinsman Lot and his possessions, the women also and the people.
Gen 14:17 After his [Abram's] return from the defeat {and} slaying of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh, that is, the King's Valley.
Gen 14:18 Melchizedek king of Salem [later called Jerusalem] brought out bread and wine [for their nourishment]; he was the priest of God Most High,
Gen 14:19 And he blessed him and said, Blessed (favored with blessings, made blissful, joyful) be Abram by God Most High, Possessor {and} Maker of heaven and earth,
Gen 14:20 And blessed, praised, {and} glorified be God Most High, Who has given your foes into your hand! And [Abram] gave him a tenth of all [he had taken].
Gen 14:21 And the king of Sodom said to Abram, Give me the persons and keep the goods for yourself.
Gen 14:22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand {and} sworn to the Lord, God Most High,

the Possessor {and} Maker of heaven and earth,
Gen 14:23 That I would not take a thread or a shoelace or anything that is yours, lest you should say, I have made Abram rich.
Gen 14:24 [Take all] except only what my young men have eaten and the share of the men [allies] who went with me--Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.
Gen 15:1 AFTER THESE things, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram, I am your Shield, your abundant compensation, {and} your reward shall be exceedingly great.
Gen 15:2 And Abram said, Lord God, what can You give me, since I am going on [from this world] childless and he who shall be the owner {and} heir of my house is this [steward] Eliezer of Damascus?
Gen 15:3 And Abram continued, Look, You have given me no child; and [a servant] born in my house is my heir.
Gen 15:4 And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, This man shall not be your heir, but he who shall come from your own body shall be your heir.
Gen 15:5 And He brought him outside [his tent into the starlight] and said, Look now toward the heavens and count the stars--if you are able to number them. Then He said to him, So shall your descendants be.
Gen 15:6 And he [Abram] believed in (trusted in, relied on, remained steadfast to) the Lord, and He counted it to him as righteousness (right standing with God).
Gen 15:7 And He said to him, I am the [same] Lord, Who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldees to give you this land as an inheritance.
Gen 15:8 But he [Abram] said, Lord God, by what shall I know that I shall inherit it?
Gen 15:9 And He said to him, Bring to Me a heifer three years old, a she-goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.
Gen 15:10 And he brought Him all these and cut them down the middle [into halves] and laid each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not divide.
Gen 15:11 And when the birds of prey swooped down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.
Gen 15:12 When the sun was setting, a deep sleep overcame Abram, and a horror (a terror, a shuddering fear) of great darkness assailed {and} oppressed him.
Gen 15:13 And [God] said to Abram, Know positively that your descendants will be strangers dwelling as temporary residents in a land that is not theirs [Egypt], and they will be slaves there and will be afflicted {and} oppressed for 400 years. [Fulfilled in Exod. 12:40.]
Gen 15:14 But I will bring judgment on that nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.
Gen 15:15 And you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old (hoary) age.
Gen 15:16 And in the fourth generation they [your descendants] shall come back here [to Canaan] again, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full {and} complete.
Gen 15:17 When the sun had gone down and a [thick] darkness had come on, behold, a smoking oven and a flaming torch passed between those pieces.
Gen 15:18 On the same day the Lord made a covenant (promise, pledge) with Abram, saying, To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river Euphrates--the land of
Gen 15:19 The Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites,
Gen 15:20 The Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,
Gen 15:21 The Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.
Gen 16:1 NOW SARAI, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had an Egyptian maid whose name was Hagar.
Gen 16:2 And Sarai said to Abram, See here, the Lord has restrained me from bearing [children]. I am asking you to have intercourse with my maid; it may be that I can obtain children by her. And Abram listened to {and} heeded what Sarai said.
Gen 16:3 So Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her Egyptian maid, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his [secondary] wife.
Gen 16:4 And he had intercourse with Hagar, and she became pregnant; and when she saw that she was with child, she looked with contempt upon her mistress {and} despised her.
Gen 16:5 Then Sarai said to Abram, May [the responsibility for] my wrong {and} deprivation of rights be upon you! I gave my maid into your bosom, and when she saw that she was with child, I was contemptible {and} despised in her eyes. May the Lord be the judge between you and me.
Gen 16:6 But Abram said to Sarai, See here, your maid is in your hands {and} power; do as you please with her. And when Sarai dealt severely with her, humbling {and} afflicting her, she [Hagar] fled from her.

Gen 16:7 But the Angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness on the road to Shur.
Gen 16:8 And He said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, where did you come from, and where are you intending to go? And she said, I am running away from my mistress Sarai.
Gen 16:9 The Angel of the Lord said to her, Go back to your mistress and [humbly] submit to her control.
Gen 16:10 Also the Angel of the Lord said to her, I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be numbered for multitude.
Gen 16:11 And the Angel of the Lord continued, See now, you are with child and shall bear a son, and shall call his name Ishmael [God hears], because the Lord has heard {and} paid attention to your affliction.
Gen 16:12 And he [Ishmael] will be as a wild ass among men; his hand will be against every man and every man's hand against him, and he will live to the east {and} on the borders of all his kinsmen.
Gen 16:13 So she called the name of the Lord Who spoke to her, You are a God of seeing, for she said, Have I [not] even here [in the wilderness] looked upon Him Who sees me [and lived]? {Or} have I here also seen [the future purposes or designs of] Him Who sees me?
Gen 16:14 Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi [A well to the Living One Who sees me]; it is between Kadesh and Bered.
Gen 16:15 And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son whom Hagar bore Ishmael.
Gen 16:16 Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael.
Gen 17:1 WHEN ABRAM was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, I am the Almighty God; walk {and} live habitually before Me and be perfect (blameless, wholehearted, complete).
Gen 17:2 And I will make My covenant (solemn pledge) between Me and you and will multiply you exceedingly.
Gen 17:3 Then Abram fell on his face, and God said to him,
Gen 17:4 As for Me, behold, My covenant (solemn pledge) is with you, and you shall be the father of many nations.
Gen 17:5 Nor shall your name any longer be Abram [high, exalted father]; but your name shall be Abraham [father of a multitude], for I have made you the father of many nations.
Gen 17:6 And I will make you exceedingly fruitful and I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.
Gen 17:7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting, solemn pledge, to be a God to you and to your posterity after you.
Gen 17:8 And I will give to you and to your posterity after you the land in which you are a stranger [going from place to place], all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.
Gen 17:9 And God said to Abraham, As for you, you shall therefore keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.
Gen 17:10 This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your posterity after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised.
Gen 17:11 And you shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be a token {or} sign of the covenant (the promise or pledge) between Me and you.
Gen 17:12 He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male throughout your generations, whether born in [your] house or bought with [your] money from any foreigner not of your offspring.
Gen 17:13 He that is born in your house and he that is bought with your money must be circumcised; and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.
Gen 17:14 And the male who is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.
Gen 17:15 And God said to Abraham, As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai; but Sarah [Princess] her name shall be.
Gen 17:16 And I will bless her and give you a son also by her. Yes, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.
Gen 17:17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said in his heart, Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a son?
Gen 17:18 And [he] said to God, Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!
Gen 17:19 But God said, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son indeed, and you shall call his name Isaac [laughter]; and I will establish My covenant {or} solemn pledge with him for an everlasting covenant and with his posterity after him.
Gen 17:20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard {and} heeded you: behold, I will bless him and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly; He will be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. [Fulfilled in Gen. 25:12-18.]
Gen 17:21 But My covenant, My promise and pledge, I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this

season next year.
Gen 17:22 And God stopped talking with him and went up from Abraham.
Gen 17:23 And Abraham took Ishmael his son and all who were born in his house and all who were bought with his money, every male among [those] of Abraham's house, and circumcised [them] the very same day, as God had said to him.
Gen 17:24 And Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised.
Gen 17:25 And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised.
Gen 17:26 On the very same day Abraham was circumcised, and Ishmael his son as well.
Gen 17:27 And all the men of his house, both those born in the house and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised along with him.
Gen 18:1 NOW THE Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks {or} terebinths of Mamre; as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day,
Gen 18:2 He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men stood at a little distance from him. He ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the ground
Gen 18:3 And said, My lord, if now I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant, I beg of you.
Gen 18:4 Let a little water be brought, and you may wash your feet and recline {and} rest yourselves under the tree.
Gen 18:5 And I will bring a morsel (mouthful) of bread to refresh {and} sustain your hearts before you go on further--for that is why you have come to your servant. And they replied, Do as you have said.
Gen 18:6 So Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, Quickly get ready three measures of fine meal, knead it, and bake cakes.
Gen 18:7 And Abraham ran to the herd and brought a calf tender and good and gave it to the young man [to butcher]; then he [Abraham] hastened to prepare it.
Gen 18:8 And he took curds and milk and the calf which he had made ready, and set it before [the men]; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.
Gen 18:9 And they said to him, Where is Sarah your wife? And he said, [She is here] in the tent.
Gen 18:10 [The Lord] said, I will surely return to you when the season comes round, and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son. And Sarah was listening {and} heard it at the tent door which was behind Him.
Gen 18:11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in years; it had ceased to be with Sarah as with [young] women. [She was past the age of childbearing].
Gen 18:12 Therefore Sarah laughed to herself, saying, After I have become aged shall I have pleasure {and} delight, my lord (husband), being old also?
Gen 18:13 And the Lord asked Abraham, Why did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I really bear a child when I am so old?
Gen 18:14 Is anything too hard {or} too wonderful for the Lord? At the appointed time, when the season [for her delivery] comes around, I will return to you and Sarah shall have borne a son.
Gen 18:15 Then Sarah denied it, saying, I did not laugh; for she was afraid. And He said, No, but you did laugh.
Gen 18:16 The men rose up from there and faced toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.
Gen 18:17 And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham [My friend and servant] what I am going to do,
Gen 18:18 Since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed through him {and} shall bless themselves by him?
Gen 18:19 For I have known (chosen, acknowledged) him [as My own], so that he may teach {and} command his children and the sons of his house after him to keep the way of the Lord and to do what is just and righteous, so that the Lord may bring Abraham what He has promised him.
Gen 18:20 And the Lord said, Because the shriek [of the sins] of Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is exceedingly grievous,
Gen 18:21 I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether [as vilely and wickedly] as is the cry of it which has come to Me; and if not, I will know.
Gen 18:22 Now the [two] men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord.
Gen 18:23 And Abraham came close and said, Will You destroy the righteous (those upright and in right standing with God) together with the wicked?
Gen 18:24 Suppose there are in the city fifty righteous; will You destroy the place and not spare it for [the sake of] the fifty righteous in it?
Gen 18:25 Far be it from You to do such a thing--to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as do the wicked! Far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth execute judgment {and} do righteously?

Gen 18:26 And the Lord said, If I find in the city of Sodom fifty righteous (upright and in right standing with God), I will spare the whole place for their sake.
Gen 18:27 Abraham answered, Behold now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken upon myself to speak to the Lord.
Gen 18:28 If five of the fifty righteous should be lacking--will You destroy the whole city for lack of five? He said, If I find forty-five, I will not destroy it.
Gen 18:29 And [Abraham] spoke to Him yet again, and said, Suppose [only] forty shall be found there. And He said, I will not do it for forty's sake.
Gen 18:30 Then [Abraham] said to Him, Oh, let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak [again]. Suppose [only] thirty shall be found there. And He answered, I will not do it if I find thirty there.
Gen 18:31 And [Abraham] said, Behold now, I have taken upon myself to speak [again] to the Lord. Suppose [only] twenty shall be found there. And [the Lord] replied, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.
Gen 18:32 And he said, Oh, let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again only this once. Suppose ten [righteous people] shall be found there. And [the Lord] said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.
Gen 18:33 And the Lord went His way when He had finished speaking with Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.
Gen 19:1 IT WAS evening when the two angels came to Sodom. Lot was sitting at Sodom's [city] gate. Seeing them, Lot rose up to meet them and bowed to the ground.
Gen 19:2 And he said, My lords, turn aside, I beg of you, into your servant's house and spend the night and bathe your feet. Then you can arise early and go on your way. But they said, No, we will spend the night in the square.
Gen 19:3 [Lot] entreated {and} urged them greatly until they yielded and [with him] entered his house. And he made them a dinner [with drinking] and had unleavened bread which he baked, and they ate.
Gen 19:4 But before they lay down, the men of the city of Sodom, both young and old, all the men from every quarter, surrounded the house.
Gen 19:5 And they called to Lot and said, Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know (be intimate with) them.
Gen 19:6 And Lot went out of the door to the men and shut the door after him
Gen 19:7 And said, I beg of you, my brothers, do not behave so wickedly.
Gen 19:8 Look now, I have two daughters who are virgins; let me, I beg of you, bring them out to you, and you can do as you please with them. But only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof.
Gen 19:9 But they said, Stand back! And they said, This fellow came in to live here temporarily, and now he presumes to be [our] judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them. So they rushed at {and} pressed violently against Lot and came close to breaking down the door.
Gen 19:10 But the men [the angels] reached out and pulled Lot into the house to them and shut the door after him.
Gen 19:11 And they struck the men who were at the door of the house with blindness [which dazzled them], from the youths to the old men, so that they wearied themselves [groping] to find the door.
Gen 19:12 And the [two] men asked Lot, Have you any others here--sons-in-law or your sons or your daughters? Whomever you have in the city, bring them out of this place,
Gen 19:13 For we will spoil {and} destroy [Sodom]; for the outcry {and} shriek against its people has grown great before the Lord, and He has sent us to destroy it.
Gen 19:14 And Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, and said, Up, get out of this place, for the Lord will spoil {and} destroy this city! But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be [only] joking.
Gen 19:15 When morning came, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, Arise, take your wife and two daughters who are here [and be off], lest you [too] be consumed {and} swept away in the iniquity {and} punishment of the city.
Gen 19:16 But while he lingered, the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, for the Lord was merciful to him; and they brought him forth and set him outside the city and left him there.
Gen 19:17 And when they had brought them forth, they said, Escape for your life! Do not look behind you or stop anywhere in the whole valley; escape to the mountains [of Moab], lest you be consumed.
Gen 19:18 And Lot said to them, Oh, not that, my lords!
Gen 19:19 Behold now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have magnified your kindness and mercy to me in saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, lest the evil overtake me, and I die.
Gen 19:20 See now yonder city; it is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one. Oh, let me escape to it! Is it not a little one? And my life will be saved!
Gen 19:21 And [the angel] said to him, See, I have yielded to your entreaty concerning this thing also; I will not

destroy this city of which you have spoken.
Gen 19:22 Make haste and take refuge there, for I cannot do anything until you arrive there. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar [little].
Gen 19:23 The sun had risen over the earth when Lot entered Zoar.
Gen 19:24 Then the Lord rained on Sodom and on Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of the heavens.
Gen 19:25 He overthrew, destroyed, {and} ended those cities, and all the valley and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.
Gen 19:26 But [Lot's] wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.
Gen 19:27 Abraham went up early the next morning to the place where he [only the day before] had stood before the Lord.
Gen 19:28 And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the valley, and saw, and behold, the smoke of the country went up like the smoke of a furnace.
Gen 19:29 When God ravaged {and} destroyed the cities of the plain [of Siddim], He [earnestly] remembered Abraham [imprinted and fixed him indelibly on His mind], and He sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow when He overthrew the cities where Lot lived.
Gen 19:30 And Lot went up out of Zoar and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him, for he feared to dwell in Zoar; and he lived in a cave, he and his two daughters.
Gen 19:31 The elder said to the younger, Our father is aging, and there is not a man on earth to live with us in the customary way.
Gen 19:32 Come, let us make our father drunk with wine, and we will lie with him, so that we may preserve offspring (our race) through our father.
Gen 19:33 And they made their father drunk with wine that night, and the older went in and lay with her father; and he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she arose.
Gen 19:34 Then the next day the firstborn said to the younger, See here, I lay last night with my father; let us make him drunk with wine tonight also, and then you go in and lie with him, so that we may preserve offspring (our race) through our father.
Gen 19:35 And they made their father drunk with wine again that night, and the younger arose and lay with him; and he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she arose.
Gen 19:36 Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father.
Gen 19:37 The older bore a son, and named him Moab [of a father]; he is the father of the Moabites to this day.
Gen 19:38 The younger also bore a son and named him Ben-ammi [son of my people]; he is the father of the Ammonites to this day.
Gen 20:1 NOW ABRAHAM journeyed from there toward the South country (the Negeb) and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur; and he lived temporarily in Gerar.
Gen 20:2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister. And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah [into his harem].
Gen 20:3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said, Behold, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken [as your own], for she is a man's wife.
Gen 20:4 But Abimelech had not come near her, so he said, Lord, will you slay a people who are just {and} innocent?
Gen 20:5 Did not the man tell me, She is my sister? And she herself said, He is my brother. In integrity of heart and innocency of hands I have done this.
Gen 20:6 Then God said to him in the dream, Yes, I know you did this in the integrity of your heart, for it was I Who kept you back {and} spared you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not give you occasion to touch her.
Gen 20:7 So now restore to the man his wife, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you will live. But if you do not restore her [to him], know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours.
Gen 20:8 So Abimelech rose early in the morning and called all his servants and told them all these things; and the men were exceedingly filled with reverence {and} fear.
Gen 20:9 Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, What have you done to us? And how have I offended you that you have brought on me and my kingdom a great sin? You have done to me what ought not to be done [to anyone].
Gen 20:10 And Abimelech said to Abraham, What did you see [in us] that [justified] you in doing such a thing as this?
Gen 20:11 And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely there is no reverence {or} fear of God at all in this place, and they will slay me because of my wife.
Gen 20:12 But truly, she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father but not of my mother; and she became my wife.

Gen 20:13 When God caused me to wander from my father's house, I said to her, This kindness you can show me: at every place we stop, say of me, He is my brother.
Gen 20:14 Then Abimelech took sheep and oxen and male and female slaves and gave them to Abraham and restored to him Sarah his wife.
Gen 20:15 And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before you; dwell wherever it pleases you.
Gen 20:16 And to Sarah he said, Behold, I have given this brother of yours a thousand pieces of silver; see, it is to compensate you [for all that has occurred] and to vindicate your honor before all who are with you; before all men you are cleared {and} compensated.
Gen 20:17 So Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his female slaves, and they bore children,
Gen 20:18 For the Lord had closed fast the wombs of all in Abimelech's household because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.
Gen 21:1 THE LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for her as He had promised.
Gen 21:2 For Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time God had told him.
Gen 21:3 Abraham named his son whom Sarah bore to him Isaac [laughter].
Gen 21:4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.
Gen 21:5 Abraham was a hundred years old when Isaac was born.
Gen 21:6 And Sarah said, God has made me to laugh; all who hear will laugh with me.
Gen 21:7 And she said, Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children at the breast? For I have borne him a son in his old age!
Gen 21:8 And the child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned.
Gen 21:9 Now Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking [Isaac].
Gen 21:10 Therefore she said to Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son, for the son of this bondwoman shall not be an heir with my son Isaac.
Gen 21:11 And the thing was very grievous (serious, evil) in Abraham's sight on account of his son [Ishmael].
Gen 21:12 God said to Abraham, Do not let it seem grievous {and} evil to you because of the youth and your bondwoman; in all that Sarah has said to you, do what she asks, for in Isaac shall your posterity be called.
Gen 21:13 And I will make a nation of the son of the bondwoman also, because he is your offspring.
Gen 21:14 So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a bottle of water and gave them to Hagar, putting them on her shoulders, and he sent her and the youth away. And she wandered on [aimlessly] and lost her way in the wilderness of Beersheba.
Gen 21:15 When the water in the bottle was all gone, Hagar caused the youth to lie down under one of the shrubs.
Gen 21:16 Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about a bowshot, for she said, Let me not see the death of the lad. And as she sat down opposite him, {he} lifted up his voice and wept {and} she raised her voice and wept.
Gen 21:17 And God heard the voice of the youth, and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven and said to her, What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the youth where he is.
Gen 21:18 Arise, raise up the youth and support him with your hand, for I intend to make him a great nation.
Gen 21:19 Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water; and she went and filled the [empty] bottle with water and caused the youth to drink.
Gen 21:20 And God was with the youth, and he developed; and he dwelt in the wilderness and became an archer.
Gen 21:21 He dwelt in the Wilderness of Paran; and his mother took a wife for him out of the land of Egypt.
Gen 21:22 At that time Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army said to Abraham, God is with you in everything you do.
Gen 21:23 So now, swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me or with my son or with my posterity; but as I have dealt with you kindly, you will do the same with me and with the land in which you have sojourned.
Gen 21:24 And Abraham said, I will swear.
Gen 21:25 When Abraham complained to {and} reasoned with Abimelech about a well of water [Abimelech's] servants had violently seized,
Gen 21:26 Abimelech said, I know not who did this thing; you did not tell me, and I did not hear of it until today.
Gen 21:27 So Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them to Abimelech, and the two men made a league {or} covenant.
Gen 21:28 Abraham set apart seven ewe lambs of the flock,
Gen 21:29 And Abimelech said to Abraham, What do these seven ewe lambs which you have set apart mean?

Gen 21:30 He said, You are to accept these seven ewe lambs from me as a witness for me that I dug this well.
Gen 21:31 Therefore that place was called Beersheba [well of the oath], because there both parties swore an oath.
Gen 21:32 Thus they made a covenant at Beersheba; then Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army returned to the land of the Philistines.
Gen 21:33 Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba and called there on the name of the Lord, the Eternal God.
Gen 21:34 And Abraham sojourned in Philistia many days.
Gen 22:1 AFTER THESE events, God tested {and} proved Abraham and said to him, Abraham! And he said, Here I am.
Gen 22:2 [God] said, Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah; and offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains of which I will tell you.
Gen 22:3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and then began the trip to the place of which God had told him.
Gen 22:4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.
Gen 22:5 And Abraham said to his servants, Settle down {and} stay here with the donkey, and I and the young man will go yonder and worship and come again to you.
Gen 22:6 Then Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on [the shoulders of] Isaac his son, and he took the fire (the firepot) in his own hand, and a knife; and the two of them went on together.
Gen 22:7 And Isaac said to Abraham, My father! And he said, Here I am, my son. [Isaac] said, See, here are the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt sacrifice?
Gen 22:8 Abraham said, My son, God Himself will provide a lamb for the burnt offering. So the two went on together.
Gen 22:9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there; then he laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar on the wood.
Gen 22:10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand and took hold of the knife to slay his son.
Gen 22:11 But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, Abraham, Abraham! He answered, Here I am.
Gen 22:12 And He said, Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear {and} revere God, since you have not held back from Me {or} begrudged giving Me your son, your only son.
Gen 22:13 Then Abraham looked up {and} glanced around, and behold, behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up for a burnt offering {and} an ascending sacrifice instead of his son!
Gen 22:14 So Abraham called the name of that place The Lord Will Provide. And it is said to this day, On the mount of the Lord it will be provided.
Gen 22:15 The Angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time
Gen 22:16 And said, I have sworn by Myself, says the Lord, that since you have done this and have not withheld [from Me] {or} begrudged [giving Me] your son, your only son,
Gen 22:17 In blessing I will bless you and in multiplying I will multiply your descendants like the stars of the heavens and like the sand on the seashore. And your Seed (Heir) will possess the gate of His enemies,
Gen 22:18 And in your Seed [Christ] shall all the nations of the earth be blessed {and} [by Him] bless themselves, because you have heard {and} obeyed My voice.
Gen 22:19 So Abraham returned to his servants, and they rose up and went with him to Beersheba; there Abraham lived.
Gen 22:20 Now after these things, it was told Abraham, Milcah has also borne children to your brother Nahor:
Gen 22:21 Uz the firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram,
Gen 22:22 Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel.
Gen 22:23 Bethuel became the father of Rebekah. These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother.
Gen 22:24 And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, bore Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah.
Gen 23:1 SARAH LIVED 127 years; this was the length of the life of Sarah.
Gen 23:2 And Sarah died in Kiriath-arba, that is, Hebron, in the land of Canaan. And Abraham went to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.
Gen 23:3 And Abraham stood up from before his dead and said to the sons of Heth,
Gen 23:4 I am a stranger and a sojourner with you; give me property for a burial place among you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.
Gen 23:5 And the Hittites replied to Abraham,
Gen 23:6 Listen to us, my lord; you are a mighty prince among us. Bury your dead in any tomb {or} grave of ours that

you choose; none of us will withhold from you his tomb or hinder you from burying your dead.
Gen 23:7 And Abraham stood up and bowed himself to the people of the land, the Hittites.
Gen 23:8 And he said to them, If you are willing to grant my dead a burial out of my sight, listen to me and ask Ephron son of Zohar for me,
Gen 23:9 That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he owns--it is at the end of his field. For the full price let him give it to me here in your presence as a burial place to which I may hold fast among you.
Gen 23:10 Now Ephron was present there among the sons of Heth; so, in the hearing of all who went in at the gate of his city, Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham, saying,
Gen 23:11 No, my lord, hear me; I give you the field, and the cave that is in it I give you. In the presence of the sons of my people I give it to you. Bury your dead.
Gen 23:12 Then Abraham bowed himself down before the people of the land.
Gen 23:13 And he said to Ephron in the presence of the people of the land, But if you will give it, I beg of you, hear me. I will give you the price of the field; accept it from me, and I will bury my dead there.
Gen 23:14 Ephron replied to Abraham, saying,
Gen 23:15 My lord, listen to me. The land is worth 400 shekels of silver; what is that between you and me? So bury your dead.
Gen 23:16 So Abraham listened to what Ephron said {and} acted upon it. He weighed to Ephron the silver which he had named in the hearing of the Hittites: 400 shekels of silver, according to the weights current among the merchants.
Gen 23:17 So the field of Ephron in Machpelah, which was to the east of Mamre [Hebron]--the field and the cave which was in it, and all the trees that were in the field and in all its borders round about--was made over
Gen 23:18 As a possession to Abraham in the presence of the Hittites, before all who went in at his city gate.
Gen 23:19 After this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah to the east of Mamre, that is, Hebron, in the land of Canaan.
Gen 23:20 The field and the cave in it were conveyed to Abraham for a permanent burial place by the sons of Heth.
Gen 24:1 NOW ABRAHAM was old, well advanced in years, and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things.
Gen 24:2 And Abraham said to the eldest servant of his house [Eliezer of Damascus], who ruled over all that he had, I beg of you, put your hand under my thigh;
Gen 24:3 And you shall swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I have settled,
Gen 24:4 But you shall go to my country and to my relatives and take a wife for my son Isaac.
Gen 24:5 The servant said to him, But perhaps the woman will not be willing to come along after me to this country. Must I take your son to the country from which you came?
Gen 24:6 Abraham said to him, See to it that you do not take my son back there.
Gen 24:7 The Lord, the God of heaven, Who took me from my father's house, from the land of my family {and} my birth, Who spoke to me and swore to me, saying, To your offspring I will give this land--He will send His Angel before you, and you will take a wife from there for my son.
Gen 24:8 And if the woman should not be willing to go along after you, then you will be clear from this oath; only you must not take my son back there.
Gen 24:9 So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.
Gen 24:10 And the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, taking some of all his master's treasures with him; thus he journeyed to Mesopotamia [between the Tigris and the Euphrates], to the city of Nahor [Abraham's brother].
Gen 24:11 And he made his camels to kneel down outside the city by a well of water at the time of the evening when women go out to draw water.
Gen 24:12 And he said, O Lord, God of my master Abraham, I pray You, cause me to meet with good success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham.
Gen 24:13 See, I stand here by the well of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming to draw water.
Gen 24:14 And let it so be that the girl to whom I say, I pray you, let down your jar that I may drink, and she replies, Drink, and I will give your camels drink also--let her be the one whom You have selected {and} appointed {and} indicated for Your servant Isaac [to be a wife to him]; and by it I shall know that You have shown kindness {and} faithfulness to my master.
Gen 24:15 Before he had finished speaking, behold, out came Rebekah, who was the daughter of Bethuel son of Milcah, who was the wife of Nahor the brother of Abraham, with her water jar on her shoulder.
Gen 24:16 And the girl was very beautiful {and} attractive, chaste {and} modest, and unmarried. And she went down

to the well, filled her water jar, and came up.
Gen 24:17 And the servant ran to meet her, and said, I pray you, let me drink a little water from your water jar.
Gen 24:18 And she said, Drink, my lord; and she quickly let down her jar onto her hand and gave him a drink.
Gen 24:19 When she had given him a drink, she said, I will draw water for your camels also, until they finish drinking.
Gen 24:20 So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well and drew water for all his camels.
Gen 24:21 The man stood gazing at her in silence, waiting to know if the Lord had made his trip prosperous.
Gen 24:22 And when the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold earring {or} nose ring of half a shekel in weight, and for her hands two bracelets of ten shekels in weight in gold,
Gen 24:23 And said, Whose daughter are you? I pray you, tell me: Is there room in your father's house for us to lodge there?
Gen 24:24 And she said to him, I am the daughter of Bethuel son of Milcah and [her husband] Nahor.
Gen 24:25 She said also to him, We have both straw and provender (fodder) enough, and also room in which to lodge.
Gen 24:26 The man bowed down his head and worshiped the Lord
Gen 24:27 And said, Blessed be the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, Who has not left my master bereft {and} destitute of His loving-kindness and steadfastness. As for me, going on the way [of obedience and faith] the Lord led me to the house of my master's kinsmen.
Gen 24:28 The girl related to her mother's household what had happened.
Gen 24:29 Now Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban, and Laban ran out to the man at the well.
Gen 24:30 For when he saw the earring {or} nose ring, and the bracelets on his sister's arms, and when he heard Rebekah his sister saying, The man said this to me, he went to the man and found him standing by the camels at the well.
Gen 24:31 He cried, Come in, you blessed of the Lord! Why do you stand outside? For I have made the house ready {and} have prepared a place for the camels.
Gen 24:32 So the man came into the house; and [Laban] ungirded his camels and gave straw and provender for the camels and water to bathe his feet and the feet of the men who were with him.
Gen 24:33 A meal was set before him, but he said, I will not eat until I have told of my errand. And [Laban] said, Speak on.
Gen 24:34 And he said, I am Abraham's servant.
Gen 24:35 And the Lord has blessed my master mightily, and he has become great; and He has given him flocks, herds, silver, gold, menservants, maidservants, camels, and asses.
Gen 24:36 And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and to him he has given all that he has.
Gen 24:37 And my master made me swear, saying, You must not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell,
Gen 24:38 But you shall go to my father's house and to my family and take a wife for my son.
Gen 24:39 And I said to my master, But suppose the woman will not follow me.
Gen 24:40 And he said to me, The Lord, in Whose presence I walk [habitually], will send His Angel with you and prosper your way, and you will take a wife for my son from my kindred and from my father's house.
Gen 24:41 Then you shall be clear from my oath, when you come to my kindred; and if they do not give her to you, you shall be free {and} innocent of my oath.
Gen 24:42 I came today to the well and said, O Lord, God of my master Abraham, if You are now causing me to go on my way prosperously--
Gen 24:43 See, I am standing by the well of water; now let it be that when the maiden comes out to draw water and I say to her, I pray you, give me a little water from your [water] jar to drink,
Gen 24:44 And if she says to me, You drink, and I will draw water for your camels also, let that same woman be the one whom the Lord has selected {and} indicated for my master's son.
Gen 24:45 And before I had finished praying in my heart, behold, Rebekah came out with her [water] jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the well and drew water. And I said to her, I pray you, let me have a drink.
Gen 24:46 And she quickly let down her [water] jar from her shoulder and said, Drink, and I will water your camels also. So I drank, and she gave the camels drink also.
Gen 24:47 I asked her, Whose daughter are you? She said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him. And I put the earring {or} nose ring on her face and the bracelets on her arms.
Gen 24:48 And I bowed down my head and worshiped the Lord and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, Who had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter to his son.

Gen 24:49 And now if you will deal kindly and truly with my master [showing faithfulness to him], tell me; and if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right or to the left.
Gen 24:50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered, The thing comes forth from the Lord; we cannot speak bad or good to you.
Gen 24:51 Rebekah is before you; take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the Lord has said.
Gen 24:52 And when Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the ground before the Lord.
Gen 24:53 And the servant brought out jewels of silver, jewels of gold, and garments and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave precious things to her brother and her mother.
Gen 24:54 Then they ate and drank, he and the men who were with him, and stayed there all night. And in the morning they arose, and he said. Send me away to my master.
Gen 24:55 But [Rebekah's] brother and mother said, Let the girl stay with us a few days--at least ten; then she may go.
Gen 24:56 But [the servant] said to them, Do not hinder {and} delay me, seeing that the Lord has caused me to go prosperously on my way. Send me away, that I may go to my master.
Gen 24:57 And they said, We will call the girl and ask her [what is] her desire.
Gen 24:58 So they called Rebekah and said to her, Will you go with this man? And she said, I will go.
Gen 24:59 So they sent away Rebekah their sister and her nurse [Deborah] and Abraham's servant and his men.
Gen 24:60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, You are our sister; may you become the mother of thousands of ten thousands, and let your posterity possess the gate of their enemies.
Gen 24:61 And Rebekah and her maids arose and followed the man upon their camels. Thus the servant took Rebekah and went on his way.
Gen 24:62 Now Isaac had returned from going to the well Beer-lahai-roi [A well to the Living One Who sees me], for he [now] dwelt in the South country (the Negeb).
Gen 24:63 And Isaac went out to meditate {and} bow down [in prayer] in the open country in the evening; and he looked up and saw that, behold, the camels were coming.
Gen 24:64 And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she dismounted from the camel.
Gen 24:65 For she [had] said to the servant, Who is that man walking across the field to meet us? And the servant [had] said, He is my master. So she took a veil and concealed herself with it.
Gen 24:66 And the servant told Isaac everything that he had done.
Gen 24:67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and he took Rebekah and she became his wife, and he loved her; thus Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.
Gen 25:1 ABRAHAM TOOK another wife, and her name was Keturah.
Gen 25:2 And she bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.
Gen 25:3 Jokshan was the father of Sheba and Dedan. The sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim.
Gen 25:4 The sons of Midian were Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah.
Gen 25:5 And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.
Gen 25:6 But to the sons of his concubines [Hagar and Keturah] Abraham gave gifts, and while he was still living he sent them to the east country, away from Isaac his son [of promise].
Gen 25:7 The days of Abraham's life were 175 years.
Gen 25:8 Then Abraham's spirit was released, and he died at a good (ample, full) old age, an old man, satisfied {and} satiated, and was gathered to his people.
Gen 25:9 And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is east of Mamre,
Gen 25:10 The field which Abraham purchased from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried with Sarah his wife.
Gen 25:11 After the death of Abraham, God blessed his son Isaac, and Isaac dwelt at Beer-lahai-roi [A well to the Living One Who sees me].
Gen 25:12 Now this is the history of the descendants of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bore to Abraham.
Gen 25:13 These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, named in the order of their births: Nebaioth, the firstborn of Ishmael, and Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,
Gen 25:14 Mishma, Dumah, Massa,
Gen 25:15 Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah.
Gen 25:16 These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their villages and by their encampments (sheepfolds)--twelve princes according to their tribes. [Foretold in Gen. 17:20.]
Gen 25:17 And Ishmael lived 137 years; then his spirit left him, and he died and was gathered to his kindred.

Gen 25:18 And [Ishmael's sons] dwelt from Havilah to Shur, which is before Egypt in the direction of Assyria. [Ishmael] dwelt close [to the lands] of all his brethren.
Gen 25:19 And this is the history of the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac.
Gen 25:20 Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Padan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean.
Gen 25:21 And Isaac prayed much to the Lord for his wife because she was unable to bear children; and the Lord granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife became pregnant.
Gen 25:22 [Two] children struggled together within her; and she said, If it is so [that the Lord has heard our prayer], why am I like this? And she went to inquire of the Lord.
Gen 25:23 The Lord said to her, [The founders of] two nations are in your womb, and the separation of two peoples has begun in your body; the one people shall be stronger than the other, and the elder shall serve the younger.
Gen 25:24 When her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.
Gen 25:25 The first came out red all over like a hairy garment, and they named him Esau [hairy].
Gen 25:26 Afterward his brother came forth, and his hand grasped Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob [supplanter]. Isaac was sixty years old when she gave birth to them.
Gen 25:27 When the boys grew up, Esau was a cunning {and} skilled hunter, a man of the outdoors; but Jacob was a plain {and} quiet man, dwelling in tents.
Gen 25:28 And Isaac loved [and was partial to] Esau, because he ate of Esau's game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.
Gen 25:29 Jacob was boiling pottage (lentil stew) one day, when Esau came from the field and was faint [with hunger].
Gen 25:30 And Esau said to Jacob, I beg of you, let me have some of that red lentil stew to eat, for I am faint {and} famished! That is why his name was called Edom [red].
Gen 25:31 Jacob answered, Then sell me today your birthright (the rights of a firstborn).
Gen 25:32 Esau said, See here, I am at the point of death; what good can this birthright do me?
Gen 25:33 Jacob said, Swear to me today [that you are selling it to me]; and he swore to [Jacob] and sold him his birthright.
Gen 25:34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils, and he ate and drank and rose up and went his way. Thus Esau scorned his birthright as beneath his notice.
Gen 26:1 AND THERE was a famine in the land, other than the former famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Gerar, to Abimelech king of the Philistines.
Gen 26:2 And the Lord appeared to him and said, Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I will tell you.
Gen 26:3 Dwell temporarily in this land, and I will be with you and will favor you with blessings; for to you and to your descendants I will give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.
Gen 26:4 And I will make your descendants to multiply as the stars of the heavens, and will give to your posterity all these lands (kingdoms); and by your Offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, {or} by Him bless themselves,
Gen 26:5 For Abraham listened to {and} obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commands, My statutes, and My laws.
Gen 26:6 So Isaac stayed in Gerar.
Gen 26:7 And the men of the place asked him about his wife, and he said, She is my sister; for he was afraid to say, She is my wife--[thinking], Lest the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah, because she is attractive {and} is beautiful to look upon.
Gen 26:8 When he had been there a long time, Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out of a window and saw Isaac caressing Rebekah his wife.
Gen 26:9 And Abimelech called Isaac and said, See here, she is certainly your wife! How did you [dare] say to me, She is my sister? And Isaac said to him, Because I thought, Lest I die on account of her.
Gen 26:10 And Abimelech said, What is this you have done to us? One of the men might easily have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt {and} sin upon us.
Gen 26:11 Then Abimelech charged all his people, He who touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.
Gen 26:12 Then Isaac sowed seed in that land and received in the same year a hundred times as much as he had planted, and the Lord favored him with blessings.
Gen 26:13 And the man became great and gained more and more until he became very wealthy {and} distinguished;
Gen 26:14 He owned flocks, herds, and a great supply of servants, and the Philistines envied him.
Gen 26:15 Now all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had

closed and filled with earth.
Gen 26:16 And Abimelech said to Isaac, Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we are.
Gen 26:17 So Isaac went away from there and pitched his tent in the Valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.
Gen 26:18 And Isaac dug again the wells of water which had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham; and he gave them the names by which his father had called them.
Gen 26:19 Now Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of living [spring] water.
Gen 26:20 And the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, The water is ours. And he named the well Esek [contention] because they quarreled with him.
Gen 26:21 Then [his servants] dug another well, and they quarreled over that also; so he named it Sitnah [enmity].
Gen 26:22 And he moved away from there and dug another well, and for that one they did not quarrel. He named it Rehoboth [room], saying, For now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.
Gen 26:23 Now he went up from there to Beersheba.
Gen 26:24 And the Lord appeared to him the same night and said, I am the God of Abraham your father. Fear not, for I am with you and will favor you with blessings and multiply your descendants for the sake of My servant Abraham.
Gen 26:25 And [Isaac] built an altar there and called on the name of the Lord and pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants were digging a well.
Gen 26:26 Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar with Ahuzzah, one of his friends, and Phicol, his army's commander.
Gen 26:27 And Isaac said to them, Why have you come to me, seeing that you hate me and have sent me away from you?
Gen 26:28 They said, We saw that the Lord was certainly with you; so we said, Let there be now an oath between us [carrying a curse with it to befall the one who breaks it], even between you and us, and let us make a covenant with you
Gen 26:29 That you will do us no harm, inasmuch as we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed {or} favored of the Lord!
Gen 26:30 And he made them a [formal] dinner, and they ate and drank.
Gen 26:31 And they rose up early in the morning and took oaths [with a curse] with one another; and Isaac sent them on their way and they departed from him in peace.
Gen 26:32 That same day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well they had dug, saying, We have found water!
Gen 26:33 And he named [the well] Shibah; therefore the name of the city is Beersheba [well of the oath] to this day.
Gen 26:34 Now Esau was 40 years old when he took as wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite.
Gen 26:35 And they made life bitter {and} a grief of mind {and} spirit for Isaac and Rebekah [their parents-in-law].
Gen 27:1 WHEN ISAAC was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his elder son, and said to him, My son! And he answered him, Here I am.
Gen 27:2 He said, See here now; I am old, I do not know when I may die.
Gen 27:3 So now, I pray you, take your weapons, your [arrows in a] quiver and your bow, and go out into the open country and hunt game for me,
Gen 27:4 And prepare me appetizing meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat of it, [preparatory] to giving you my blessing [as my firstborn] before I die.
Gen 27:5 But Rebekah heard what Isaac said to Esau his son; and when Esau had gone to the open country to hunt for game that he might bring it,
Gen 27:6 Rebekah said to Jacob her younger son, See here, I heard your father say to Esau your brother,
Gen 27:7 Bring me game and make me appetizing meat, so that I may eat and declare my blessing upon you before the Lord before my death.
Gen 27:8 So now, my son, do exactly as I command you.
Gen 27:9 Go now to the flock, and from it bring me two good {and} suitable kids; and I will make them into appetizing meat for your father, such as he loves.
Gen 27:10 And you shall bring it to your father, that he may eat and declare his blessing upon you before his death.
Gen 27:11 But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Listen, Esau my brother is a hairy man and I am a smooth man.
Gen 27:12 Suppose my father feels me; I will seem to him to be a cheat {and} an imposter, and I will bring [his] curse on me and not [his] blessing.

Gen 27:13 But his mother said to him, On me be your curse, my son; only obey my word and go, fetch them to me.
Gen 27:14 So [Jacob] went, got [the kids], and brought them to his mother; and his mother prepared appetizing meat with a delightful odor, such as his father loved.
Gen 27:15 Then Rebekah took her elder son Esau's best clothes which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son.
Gen 27:16 And she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.
Gen 27:17 And she gave the savory meat and the bread which she had prepared into the hand of her son Jacob.
Gen 27:18 So he went to his father and said, My father. And he said, Here am I; who are you, my son?
Gen 27:19 And Jacob said to his father, I am Esau your firstborn; I have done what you told me to do. Now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may proceed to bless me.
Gen 27:20 And Isaac said to his son, How is it that you have found the game so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the Lord your God caused it to come to me.
Gen 27:21 But Isaac said to Jacob, Come close to me, I beg of you, that I may feel you, my son, {and} know whether you really are my son Esau or not.
Gen 27:22 So Jacob went near to Isaac, and his father felt him and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.
Gen 27:23 He could not identify him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.
Gen 27:24 But he said, Are you really my son Esau? He answered, I am.
Gen 27:25 Then [Isaac] said, Bring it to me and I will eat of my son's game, that I may bless you. He brought it to him and he ate; and he brought him wine and he drank.
Gen 27:26 Then his father Isaac said, Come near and kiss me, my son.
Gen 27:27 So he came near and kissed him; and [Isaac] smelled his clothing and blessed him and said, The scent of my son is as the odor of a field which the Lord has blessed.
Gen 27:28 And may God give you of the dew of the heavens and of the fatness of the earth and abundance of grain and [new] wine;
Gen 27:29 Let peoples serve you and nations bow down to you; be master over your brothers, and let your mother's sons bow down to you. Let everyone be cursed who curses you and favored with blessings who blesses you.
Gen 27:30 As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob and Jacob was scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting.
Gen 27:31 Esau had also prepared savory food and brought it to his father and said to him, Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me.
Gen 27:32 And Isaac his father said to him, Who are you? And he replied, I am your son, your firstborn, Esau.
Gen 27:33 Then Isaac trembled {and} shook violently, and he said, Who? Where is he who has hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate of it all before you came and I have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed.
Gen 27:34 When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with a great and bitter cry and said to his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father!
Gen 27:35 [Isaac] said, Your brother came with crafty cunning {and} treacherous deceit and has taken your blessing.
Gen 27:36 [Esau] replied, Is he not rightly named Jacob [the supplanter]? For he has supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright, and now he has taken away my blessing! Have you not still a blessing reserved for me?
Gen 27:37 And Isaac answered Esau, Behold, I have made [Jacob] your lord and master; I have given all his brethren to him for servants, and with corn and [new] wine have I sustained him. What then can I do for you, my son?
Gen 27:38 Esau said to his father, Have you only one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father! And Esau lifted up [could not control] his voice and wept aloud.
Gen 27:39 Then Isaac his father answered, Your [blessing and] dwelling shall all come from the fruitfulness of the earth and from the dew of the heavens above;
Gen 27:40 By your sword you shall live and serve your brother. But [the time shall come] when you will grow restive {and} break loose, and you shall tear his yoke from off your neck.
Gen 27:41 And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him; and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are very near. When [he is gone] I will kill my brother Jacob.
Gen 27:42 These words of Esau her elder son were repeated to Rebekah. She sent for Jacob her younger son and said to him, See here, your brother Esau comforts himself concerning you [by intending] to kill you.
Gen 27:43 So now, my son, do what I tell you; arise, flee to my brother Laban in Haran;
Gen 27:44 Linger and dwell with him for a while until your brother's fury is spent.
Gen 27:45 When your brother's anger is diverted from you, he will forget [the wrong] that you have done him. Then I

will send and bring you back from there. Why should I be deprived of both of you in one day?
Gen 27:46 Then Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth [these wives of Esau]! If Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth such as these Hittite girls around here, what good will my life be to me?
Gen 28:1 SO ISAAC called Jacob and blessed him and commanded him, You shall not marry one of the women of Canaan.
Gen 28:2 Arise, go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father, and take from there as a wife one of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.
Gen 28:3 May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you until you become a group of peoples.
Gen 28:4 May He give the blessing [He gave to] Abraham to you and your descendants with you, that you may inherit the land He gave to Abraham, in which you are a sojourner.
Gen 28:5 Thus Isaac sent Jacob away. He went to Padan-aram, to Laban son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob and Esau's mother.
Gen 28:6 Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him to Padan-aram to take him a wife from there, and that as he blessed him, he gave him a charge, saying, You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;
Gen 28:7 And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother and had gone to Padan-aram.
Gen 28:8 Also Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan did not please Isaac his father.
Gen 28:9 So Esau went to Ishmael and took to be his wife, [in addition] to the wives he [already] had, Mahalath daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth.
Gen 28:10 And Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran.
Gen 28:11 And he came to a certain place and stayed there overnight, because the sun was set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down there to sleep.
Gen 28:12 And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!
Gen 28:13 And behold, the Lord stood over {and} beside him and said, I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father [forefather] and the God of Isaac; I will give to you and to your descendants the land on which you are lying.
Gen 28:14 And your offspring shall be as [countless as] the dust {or} sand of the ground, and you shall spread abroad to the west and the east and the north and the south; and by you and your Offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed {and} bless themselves.
Gen 28:15 And behold, I am with you and will keep (watch over you with care, take notice of) you wherever you may go, and I will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done all of which I have told you.
Gen 28:16 And Jacob awoke from his sleep and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it.
Gen 28:17 He was afraid and said, How to be feared {and} reverenced is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gateway to heaven!
Gen 28:18 And Jacob rose early in the morning and took the stone he had put under his head, and he set it up for a pillar (a monument to the vision in his dream), and he poured oil on its top [in dedication].
Gen 28:19 And he named that place Bethel [the house of God]; but the name of that city was Luz at first.
Gen 28:20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me food to eat and clothing to wear,
Gen 28:21 So that I may come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God;
Gen 28:22 And this stone which I have set up as a pillar (monument) shall be God's house [a sacred place to me], and of all [the increase of possessions] that You give me I will give the tenth to You.
Gen 29:1 THEN JACOB went [briskly and cheerfully] on his way [400 miles] and came to the land of the people of the East.
Gen 29:2 As he looked, he saw a well in the field; and behold, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it, for out of that well the flocks were watered. The stone on the well's mouth was a big one,
Gen 29:3 And when all the flocks were gathered there, [the shepherds] would roll the stone from the well's mouth, water the sheep, and replace the stone on the well's mouth.
Gen 29:4 And Jacob said to them, My brothers, where are you from? And they said, We are from Haran.
Gen 29:5 [Jacob] said to them, Do you know Laban the grandson of Nahor? And they said, We know him.
Gen 29:6 He said to them, Is it well with him? And they said, He is doing well; and behold, here comes his daughter Rachel with [his] sheep!
Gen 29:7 He said, The sun is still high; it is a long time yet before the flocks need be gathered [in their folds]. [Why not] water the sheep and return them to their pasture?
Gen 29:8 But they said, We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together; then [the shepherds] roll the stone from

the well's mouth and we water the sheep.
Gen 29:9 While he was still talking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she shepherded them.
Gen 29:10 When Jacob saw Rachel daughter of Laban, his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his uncle, Jacob went near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth and watered the flock of his uncle Laban.
Gen 29:11 Then Jacob kissed Rachel and he wept aloud.
Gen 29:12 Jacob told Rachel he was her father's relative, Rebekah's son; and she ran and told her father.
Gen 29:13 When Laban heard of the arrival of Jacob his sister's son, he ran to meet him, and embraced and kissed him and brought him to his house. And [Jacob] told Laban all these things.
Gen 29:14 Then Laban said to him, Surely you are my bone and my flesh. And [Jacob] stayed with him a month.
Gen 29:15 Then Laban said to Jacob, Just because you are my relative, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?
Gen 29:16 Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah and the name of the younger was Rachel.
Gen 29:17 Leah's eyes were weak {and} dull looking, but Rachel was beautiful and attractive.
Gen 29:18 And Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, I will work for you for seven years for Rachel your younger daughter.
Gen 29:19 And Laban said, It is better that I give her to you than to another man. Stay {and} live with me.
Gen 29:20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.
Gen 29:21 Finally, Jacob said to Laban, Give me my wife, for my time is completed, so that I may take her to me.
Gen 29:22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place and made a feast [with drinking].
Gen 29:23 But when night came, he took Leah his daughter and brought her to [Jacob], who had intercourse with her.
Gen 29:24 And Laban gave Zilpah his maid to his daughter Leah to be her maid.
Gen 29:25 But in the morning [Jacob saw his wife, and] behold, it was Leah! And he said to Laban, What is this you have done to me? Did I not work for you [all those seven years] for Rachel? Why then have you deceived {and} cheated {and} thrown me down [like this]?
Gen 29:26 And Laban said, It is not permitted in our country to give the younger [in marriage] before the elder.
Gen 29:27 Finish the [wedding feast] week [for Leah]; then we will give you [Rachel] also, and you shall work for me yet seven more years in return.
Gen 29:28 So Jacob complied and fulfilled [Leah's] week; then [Laban] gave him Rachel his daughter as his wife.
Gen 29:29 (And Laban gave Bilhah his maid to Rachel his daughter to be her maid.)
Gen 29:30 And Jacob lived with Rachel also as his wife, and he loved Rachel more than Leah and served [Laban] another seven years [for her].
Gen 29:31 And when the Lord saw that Leah was despised, He made her able to bear children, but Rachel was barren.
Gen 29:32 And Leah became pregnant and bore a son and named him Reuben [See, a son!]; for she said, Because the Lord has seen my humiliation {and} affliction; now my husband will love me.
Gen 29:33 [Leah] became pregnant again and bore a son and said, Because the Lord heard that I am despised, He has given me this son also; and she named him Simeon [God hears].
Gen 29:34 And she became pregnant again and bore a son and said, Now this time will my husband be a companion to me, for I have borne him three sons. Therefore he was named Levi [companion].
Gen 29:35 Again she conceived and bore a son, and she said, Now will I praise the Lord! So she called his name Judah [praise]; then [for a time] she ceased bearing.
Gen 30:1 WHEN RACHEL saw that she bore Jacob no children, she envied her sister, and said to Jacob, Give me children, or else I will die!
Gen 30:2 And Jacob became very angry with Rachel and he said, Am I in God's stead, Who has denied you children?
Gen 30:3 And she said, See here, take my maid Bilhah and have intercourse with her; and [when the baby comes] she shall deliver it upon my knees, that I by her may also have children.
Gen 30:4 And she gave him Bilhah her maid as a [secondary] wife, and Jacob had intercourse with her.
Gen 30:5 And Bilhah became pregnant and bore Jacob a son.
Gen 30:6 And Rachel said, God has judged {and} vindicated me, and has heard my plea and has given me a son; so she named him Dan [judged].
Gen 30:7 And Bilhah, Rachel's maid, conceived again and bore Jacob a second son.
Gen 30:8 And Rachel said, With mighty wrestlings [in prayer to God] I have struggled with my sister and have prevailed; so she named him [this second son Bilhah bore] Naphtali [struggled].
Gen 30:9 When Leah saw that she had ceased to bear, she gave Zilpah her maid to Jacob as a [secondary] wife.
Gen 30:10 And Zilpah, Leah's maid, bore Jacob a son.

Gen 30:11 Then Leah said, Victory {and} good fortune have come; and she named him Gad [fortune].
Gen 30:12 Zilpah, Leah's maid, bore Jacob [her] second son.
Gen 30:13 And Leah said, I am happy, for women will call me blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied); and she named him Asher [happy].
Gen 30:14 Now Reuben went at the time of wheat harvest and found some mandrakes (love apples) in the field and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray you, some of your son's mandrakes.
Gen 30:15 But [Leah] answered, Is it not enough that you have taken my husband without your taking away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Jacob shall sleep with you tonight [in exchange] for your son's mandrakes.
Gen 30:16 And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him and said, You must sleep with me [tonight], for I have certainly paid your hire with my son's mandrakes. So he slept with her that night.
Gen 30:17 And God heeded Leah's [prayer], and she conceived and bore Jacob [her] fifth son.
Gen 30:18 Leah said, God has given me my hire, because I have given my maid to my husband; and she called his name Issachar [hired].
Gen 30:19 And Leah became pregnant again and bore Jacob [her] sixth son.
Gen 30:20 Then Leah said, God has endowed me with a good marriage gift [for my husband]; now will he dwell with me [and regard me as his wife in reality], because I have borne him six sons; and she named him Zebulun [dwelling].
Gen 30:21 Afterwards she bore a daughter and called her Dinah.
Gen 30:22 Then God remembered Rachel and answered her pleading and made it possible for her to have children.
Gen 30:23 And [now for the first time] she became pregnant and bore a son; and she said, God has taken away my reproach, disgrace, {and} humiliation.
Gen 30:24 And she called his name Joseph [may he add] and said, May the Lord add to me another son.
Gen 30:25 When Rachel had borne Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, Send me away, that I may go to my own place and country.
Gen 30:26 Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served you, and let me go; for you know the work which I have done for you.
Gen 30:27 And Laban said to him, If I have found favor in your sight, I pray you [do not go]; for I have learned by experience {and} from the omens in divination that the Lord has favored me with blessings on your account.
Gen 30:28 He said, State your salary and I will give it.
Gen 30:29 Jacob answered him, You know how I have served you, and how your possessions, your cattle {and} sheep {and} goats, have fared with me.
Gen 30:30 For you had little before I came, and it has increased {and} multiplied abundantly; and the Lord has favored you with blessings wherever I turned. But now, when shall I provide for my own house also?
Gen 30:31 [Laban] said, What shall I give you? And Jacob said, You shall not give me anything, if you will do this one thing for me [of which I am about to tell you], and I will again feed {and} take care of your flock.
Gen 30:32 Let me pass through all your flock today, removing from it every speckled and spotted animal and every black one among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and such shall be my wages.
Gen 30:33 So later when the matter of my wages is brought before you, my fair dealing will be evident {and} answer for me. Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and black among the sheep, if found with me, shall be counted as stolen.
Gen 30:34 And Laban said, Good; let it be done as you say.
Gen 30:35 But that same day [Laban] removed the he-goats that were streaked and spotted and all the she-goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white on it, and every black lamb, and put them in charge of his sons.
Gen 30:36 And he set [a distance of] three days' journey between himself and Jacob; and Jacob was then left in care of the rest of Laban's flock.
Gen 30:37 But Jacob took fresh rods of poplar and almond and plane trees and peeled white streaks in them, exposing the white in the rods.
Gen 30:38 Then he set the rods which he had peeled in front of the flocks in the watering troughs where the flocks came to drink. And since they bred {and} conceived when they came to drink,
Gen 30:39 The flocks bred {and} conceived in sight of the rods and brought forth lambs {and} kids streaked, speckled, and spotted.
Gen 30:40 Jacob separated the lambs, and [as he had done with the peeled rods] he also set the faces of the flocks toward the streaked and all the dark in the [new] flock of Laban; and he put his own droves by themselves and did not let them breed with Laban's flock.
Gen 30:41 And whenever the stronger animals were breeding, Jacob laid the rods in the watering troughs before the

eyes of the flock, that they might breed {and} conceive among the rods.
Gen 30:42 But when the sheep {and} goats were feeble, he omitted putting the rods there; so the feebler animals were Laban's and the stronger Jacob's.
Gen 30:43 Thus the man increased {and} became exceedingly rich, and had many sheep {and} goats, and maidservants, menservants, camels, and donkeys.
Gen 31:1 JACOB HEARD Laban's sons complaining, Jacob has taken away all that was our father's; he has acquired all this wealth {and} honor from what belonged to our father.
Gen 31:2 And Jacob noticed that Laban looked at him less favorably than before.
Gen 31:3 Then the Lord said to Jacob, Return to the land of your fathers and to your people, and I will be with you.
Gen 31:4 So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field to his flock,
Gen 31:5 And he said to them, I see how your father looks at me, that he is not [friendly] toward me as before; but the God of my father has been with me.
Gen 31:6 You know that I have served your father with all my might {and} power.
Gen 31:7 But your father has deceived me and changed my wages ten times, but God did not allow him to hurt me.
Gen 31:8 If he said, The speckled shall be your wages, then all the flock bore speckled; and if he said, The streaked shall be your hire, then all the flock bore streaked.
Gen 31:9 Thus God has taken away the flocks of your father and given them to me.
Gen 31:10 And I had a dream at the time the flock conceived. I looked up and saw that the rams which mated with the she-goats were streaked, speckled, and spotted.
Gen 31:11 And the Angel of God said to me in the dream, Jacob. And I said, Here am I.
Gen 31:12 And He said, Look up and see, all the rams which mate with the flock are streaked, speckled, and mottled; for I have seen all that Laban does to you.
Gen 31:13 I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar and where you vowed a vow to Me. Now arise, get out from this land and return to your native land.
Gen 31:14 And Rachel and Leah answered him, Is there any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house?
Gen 31:15 Are we not counted by him as strangers? For he sold us and has also quite devoured our money [the price you paid for us].
Gen 31:16 For all the riches which God has taken from our father are ours and our children's. Now then, whatever God has said to you, do it.
Gen 31:17 Then Jacob rose up and set his sons and his wives upon the camels;
Gen 31:18 And he drove away all his livestock and all his gain which he had gotten, the livestock he had obtained {and} accumulated in Padan-aram, to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.
Gen 31:19 Now Laban had gone to shear his sheep [possibly to the feast of sheepshearing], and Rachel stole her father's household gods.
Gen 31:20 And Jacob outwitted Laban the Syrian [Aramean] in that he did not tell him that he [intended] to flee {and} slip away secretly.
Gen 31:21 So he fled with all that he had, and arose and crossed the river [Euphrates] and set his face toward the hill country of Gilead.
Gen 31:22 But on the third day Laban was told that Jacob had fled.
Gen 31:23 So he took his kinsmen with him and pursued after [Jacob] for seven days, and they overtook him in the hill country of Gilead.
Gen 31:24 But God came to Laban the Syrian [Aramean] in a dream by night and said to him, Be careful that you do not speak from good to bad to Jacob [peaceably, then violently].
Gen 31:25 Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent on the hill, and Laban coming with his kinsmen pitched [his tents] on the same hill of Gilead.
Gen 31:26 And Laban said to Jacob, What do you mean stealing away {and} leaving like this without my knowing it, and carrying off my daughters as if captives of the sword?
Gen 31:27 Why did you flee secretly and cheat me and did not tell me, so that I might have sent you away with joy {and} gladness and with singing, with tambourine and lyre?
Gen 31:28 And why did you not permit me to kiss my sons [grandchildren] and my daughters good-bye? Now you have done foolishly [in behaving like this].
Gen 31:29 It is in my power to do you harm; but the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, Be careful that you do not speak from good to bad to Jacob [peaceably, then violently].
Gen 31:30 And now you felt you must go because you were homesick for your father's house, but why did you steal

my [household] gods?
Gen 31:31 Jacob answered Laban, Because I was afraid; for I thought, Suppose you would take your daughters from me by force.
Gen 31:32 The one with whom you find those gods of yours, let him not live. Here before our kinsmen [search my possessions and] take whatever you find that belongs to you. For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen [the images].
Gen 31:33 So Laban went into Jacob's tent and into Leah's tent and the tent of the two maids, but he did not find them. Then he went from Leah's tent into Rachel's tent.
Gen 31:34 Now Rachel had taken the images (gods) and put them in the camel's saddle and sat on them. Laban searched {and} felt through all the tent, but did not find them.
Gen 31:35 And [Rachel] said to her father, Do not be displeased, my lord, that I cannot rise up before you, for the period of women is upon me {and} I am unwell. And he searched, but did not find the gods.
Gen 31:36 Then Jacob became angry and reproached {and} argued with Laban. And Jacob said to Laban, What is my fault? What is my sin, that you so hotly pursued me?
Gen 31:37 Although you have searched {and} felt through all my household possessions, what have you found of all your household goods? Put it here before my brethren and yours, that they may judge {and} decide between us.
Gen 31:38 These twenty years I have been with you; your ewes and your she-goats have not lost their young, and the rams of your flock have not been eaten by me.
Gen 31:39 I did not bring you [the carcasses of the animals] torn by wild beasts; I bore the loss of it; you required of me [to make good] all that was stolen, whether it occurred by day or by night.
Gen 31:40 This was [my lot]; by day the heat consumed me and by night the cold, and I could not sleep.
Gen 31:41 I have been twenty years in your house. I served you fourteen years for your two daughters and six years for your flocks; and you have changed my wages ten times.
Gen 31:42 And if the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Dread [lest he should fall] {and} Fear [lest he offend] of Isaac, had not been with me, surely you would have sent me away now empty-handed. God has seen my affliction {and} humiliation and the [wearying] labor of my hands and rebuked you last night.
Gen 31:43 Laban answered Jacob, These daughters are my daughters, these children are my children, these flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is mine. But what can I do today to these my daughters or to their children whom they have borne?
Gen 31:44 So come now, let us make a covenant {or} league, you and I, and let it be for a witness between you and me.
Gen 31:45 So Jacob set up a stone for a pillar {or} monument.
Gen 31:46 And Jacob said to his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones and made a heap, and they ate [together] there upon the heap.
Gen 31:47 Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha [witness heap, {in Aramaic}], but Jacob called it Galeed [witness heap, {in Hebrew.}]
Gen 31:48 Laban said, This heap is a witness today between you and me. Therefore it was named Galeed.
Gen 31:49 And [the pillar or monument was called] Mizpah [watchpost], for he [Laban] said, May the Lord watch between you and me when we are absent {and} hidden one from another.
Gen 31:50 If you should afflict, humiliate, {or} lower [divorce] my daughters, or if you should take other wives beside my daughters, although no man is with us [to witness], see (remember), God is witness between you and me.
Gen 31:51 And Laban said to Jacob, See this heap and this pillar, which I have set up between you and me.
Gen 31:52 This heap is a witness and this pillar is a witness, that I will not pass by this heap to you, and that you will not pass by this heap and this pillar to me, for harm.
Gen 31:53 The God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, and the god [the object of worship] of their father [Terah, an idolator], judge between us. But Jacob swore [only] by [the one true God] the Dread {and} Fear of his father Isaac.
Gen 31:54 Then Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain and called his brethren to eat food; and they ate food and lingered all night on the mountain.
Gen 31:55 And early in the morning Laban rose up and kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and pronounced a blessing [asking God's favor] on them. Then Laban departed and returned to his home.
Gen 32:1 THEN JACOB went on his way, and God's angels met him.
Gen 32:2 When Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's army! So he named that place Mahanaim [two armies].
Gen 32:3 And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom.
Gen 32:4 And he commanded them, Say this to my lord Esau: Your servant Jacob says this: I have been living

temporarily with Laban and have stayed there till now.
Gen 32:5 And I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, menservants, and women servants; and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find mercy {and} kindness in your sight.
Gen 32:6 And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to your brother Esau; and now he is [on the way] to meet you, and four hundred men are with him.
Gen 32:7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two groups,
Gen 32:8 Thinking, If Esau comes to the one group and smites it, then the other group which is left will escape.
Gen 32:9 Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the Lord Who said to me, Return to your country and to your people and I will do you good,
Gen 32:10 I am not worthy of the least of all the mercy {and} loving-kindness and all the faithfulness which You have shown to Your servant, for with [only] my staff I passed over this Jordan [long ago], and now I have become two companies.
Gen 32:11 Deliver me, I pray You, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and smite [us all], the mothers with the children.
Gen 32:12 And You said, I will surely do you good and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.
Gen 32:13 And Jacob lodged there that night and took from what he had with him as a present for his brother Esau:
Gen 32:14 Two hundred she-goats, 20 he-goats, 200 ewes, 20 rams,
Gen 32:15 Thirty milk camels with their colts, 40 cows, 10 bulls, 20 she-donkeys, and 10 [donkey] colts.
Gen 32:16 And he put them into the charge of his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, Pass over before me and put a space between drove and drove.
Gen 32:17 And he commanded the first, When Esau my brother meets you and asks to whom you belong, where you are going, and whose are the animals before you,
Gen 32:18 Then you shall say, They are your servant Jacob's; it is a present sent to my lord Esau; and moreover, he is behind us.
Gen 32:19 And so he commanded the second and the third and all that followed the droves, saying, This is what you are to say to Esau when you meet him.
Gen 32:20 And say, Moreover, your servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goes before me, and afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept me.
Gen 32:21 So the present went on before him, and he himself lodged that night in the camp.
Gen 32:22 But he rose up that [same] night and took his two wives, his two women servants, and his eleven sons and passed over the ford [of the] Jabbok.
Gen 32:23 And he took them and sent them across the brook; also he sent over all that he had.
Gen 32:24 And Jacob was left alone, and a Man wrestled with him until daybreak.
Gen 32:25 And when [the Man] saw that He did not prevail against [Jacob], He touched the hollow of his thigh; and Jacob's thigh was put out of joint as he wrestled with Him.
Gen 32:26 Then He said, Let Me go, for day is breaking. But [Jacob] said, I will not let You go unless You declare a blessing upon me.
Gen 32:27 [The Man] asked him, What is your name? And [in shock of realization, whispering] he said, Jacob [supplanter, schemer, trickster, swindler]!
Gen 32:28 And He said, Your name shall be called no more Jacob [supplanter], but Israel [contender with God]; for you have contended {and} have power with God and with men and have prevailed.
Gen 32:29 Then Jacob asked Him, Tell me, I pray You, what [in contrast] is Your name? But He said, Why is it that you ask My name? And [the Angel of God declared] a blessing on [Jacob] there.
Gen 32:30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel [the face of God], saying, For I have seen God face to face, and my life is spared {and} not snatched away.
Gen 32:31 And as he passed Penuel [Peniel], the sun rose upon him, and he was limping because of his thigh.
Gen 32:32 That is why to this day the Israelites do not eat the sinew of the hip which is on the hollow of the thigh, because [the Angel of the Lord] touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh on the sinew of the hip.
Gen 33:1 AND JACOB raised his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming and with him 400 men. So he divided the children to Leah and to Rachel and to the two maids.
Gen 33:2 And he put the maids and their children in front, Leah and her children after them, and Rachel and Joseph last of all.

Gen 33:3 Then Jacob went over [the stream] before them and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.
Gen 33:4 But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.
Gen 33:5 [Esau] looked up and saw the women and the children and said, Who are these with you? And [Jacob] replied, They are the children whom God has graciously given your servant.
Gen 33:6 Then the maids came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves.
Gen 33:7 And Leah also with her children came near, and they bowed themselves. After them Joseph and Rachel came near, and they bowed themselves.
Gen 33:8 Esau said, What do you mean by all this company which I met? And he said, These are that I might find favor in the sight of my lord.
Gen 33:9 And Esau said, I have plenty, my brother; keep what you have for yourself.
Gen 33:10 But Jacob replied, No, I beg of you, if now I have found favor in your sight, receive my gift that I am presenting; for truly to see your face is to me as if I had seen the face of God, and you have received me favorably.
Gen 33:11 Accept, I beg of you, my blessing {and} gift that I have brought to you; for God has dealt graciously with me and I have everything. And he kept urging him and he accepted it.
Gen 33:12 Then [Esau] said, Let us get started on our journey, and I will go before you.
Gen 33:13 But Jacob replied, You know, my lord, that the children are tender {and} delicate {and} need gentle care, and the flocks and herds with young are of concern to me; for if the men should overdrive them for a single day, the whole of the flocks would die.
Gen 33:14 Let my lord, I pray you, pass over before his servant; and I will lead on slowly, governed by [consideration for] the livestock that set the pace before me and the endurance of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir.
Gen 33:15 Then Esau said, Let me now leave with you some of the people who are with me. But [Jacob] said, What need is there for it? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord.
Gen 33:16 So Esau turned back that day on his way to Seir.
Gen 33:17 But Jacob journeyed to Succoth and built himself a house and made booths {or} places of shelter for his livestock; so the name of the place is called Succoth [booths].
Gen 33:18 When Jacob came from Padan-aram, he arrived safely {and} in peace at the town of Shechem, in the land of Canaan, and pitched his tents before the [enclosed] town.
Gen 33:19 Then he bought the piece of land on which he had encamped from the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, for a hundred pieces of money.
Gen 33:20 There he erected an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel [God, the God of Israel].
Gen 34:1 NOW DINAH daughter of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob, went out [unattended] to see the girls of the place.
Gen 34:2 And when Shechem son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he seized her, lay with her, and humbled, defiled, {and} disgraced her.
Gen 34:3 But his soul longed for {and} clung to Dinah daughter of Jacob, and he loved the girl and spoke comfortingly to her young heart's wishes.
Gen 34:4 And Shechem said to his father Hamor, Get me this girl to be my wife.
Gen 34:5 Jacob heard that [Shechem] had defiled Dinah his daughter. Now his sons were with his livestock in the field. So Jacob held his peace until they came.
Gen 34:6 But Hamor father of Shechem went out to Jacob to have a talk with him.
Gen 34:7 When Jacob's sons heard it, they came from the field; and they were distressed and grieved and very angry, for [Shechem] had done a vile thing to Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter, which ought not to be done.
Gen 34:8 And Hamor conferred with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem craves your daughter [and sister]. I beg of you give her to him to be his wife.
Gen 34:9 And make marriages with us and give your daughters to us and take our daughters to you.
Gen 34:10 You shall dwell with us; the country will be open to you; live and trade and get your possessions in it.
Gen 34:11 And Shechem said to [Dinah's] father and to her brothers, Let me find favor in your eyes, and I will give you whatever you ask of me.
Gen 34:12 Ask me ever so much dowry and [marriage] gift, and I will give according to what you tell me; only give me the girl to be my wife.
Gen 34:13 The sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, [justifying their intended action by saying, in effect, we are going to do this] because Shechem had defiled {and} disgraced their sister Dinah.
Gen 34:14 They said to them, We cannot do this thing {and} give our sister to one who is not circumcised, for that would be a reproach {and} disgrace to us.

Gen 34:15 But we do consent to do this: if you will become as we are and every male among you be circumcised,
Gen 34:16 Then we will give our daughters to you and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you and become one people.
Gen 34:17 But if you will not listen to us and consent to be circumcised, then we will take our daughter and go.
Gen 34:18 Their words pleased Hamor and his son Shechem.
Gen 34:19 And the young man did not delay to do the thing, for he delighted in Jacob's daughter. He was honored above all his family [so, ranking first, he acted first].
Gen 34:20 Then Hamor and Shechem his son came to the gate of their [enclosed] town and discussed the matter with the citizens, saying,
Gen 34:21 These men are peaceable with us; so let them dwell in the land and trade in it; for the land is large enough [for us and] for them; let us take their daughters for wives and let us give them our daughters.
Gen 34:22 But the men will consent to our request that they live among us and be one people only on condition that every male among us be circumcised, as they are.
Gen 34:23 Shall not their cattle and their possessions and all their beasts be ours? Only let us consent to them, and they will dwell here with us.
Gen 34:24 And all the people who went out of the town gate listened {and} heeded what Hamor and Shechem said; and every male was circumcised who was a resident of that town.
Gen 34:25 But on the third day [after the circumcision] when [all the men] were sore, two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's [full] brothers, took their swords, boldly entered the city [without danger], and slew all the males.
Gen 34:26 And they killed Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword and took Dinah out of Shechem's house [where she had been all this time] and departed.
Gen 34:27 [Then the rest of] Jacob's [eleven] sons came upon the slain and plundered the town, because there their sister had been defiled {and} disgraced.
Gen 34:28 They took their flocks, their herds, their donkeys, and whatever was in the town and in the field;
Gen 34:29 All their wealth and all their little ones and their wives they took captive, making spoil even of all [they found] in the houses.
Gen 34:30 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, You have ruined me, making me infamous {and} embroiling me with the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites and the Perizzites! And we are few in number, and they will gather together against me and attack me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my household.
Gen 34:31 And they said, Should he [be permitted to] deal with our sister as with a harlot?
Gen 35:1 AND GOD said to Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there. And make there an altar to God Who appeared to you [in a distinct manifestation] when you fled from the presence of Esau your brother.
Gen 35:2 Then Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, Put away the [images of] strange gods that are among you, and purify yourselves and change [into fresh] garments;
Gen 35:3 Then let us arise and go up to Bethel, and I will make there an altar to God Who answered me in the day of my distress and was with me wherever I went.
Gen 35:4 So they [both young men and women] gave to Jacob all the strange gods they had and their earrings which were [worn as charms against evil] in their ears; and Jacob buried {and} hid them under the oak near Shechem.
Gen 35:5 And they journeyed and a terror from God fell on the towns round about them, and they did not pursue the sons of Jacob.
Gen 35:6 So Jacob came to Luz, that is, Bethel, which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people with him.
Gen 35:7 There he built an altar, and called the place El-bethel [God of Bethel], for there God revealed Himself to him when he fled from the presence of his brother.
Gen 35:8 But Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died and was buried below Bethel under an oak; and the name of it was called Allon-bacuth [oak of weeping].
Gen 35:9 And God [in a distinctly visible manifestation] appeared to Jacob again when he came out of Padan-aram, and declared a blessing on him.
Gen 35:10 Again God said to him, Your name is Jacob [supplanter]; you shall not be called Jacob any longer, but Israel shall be your name. So He called him Israel [contender with God].
Gen 35:11 And God said to him, I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall come from you and kings shall be born of your stock;
Gen 35:12 The land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and to your descendants after you I will give the land.

Gen 35:13 Then God ascended from him in the place where He talked with him.
Gen 35:14 And Jacob set up a pillar (monument) in the place where he talked with [God], a pillar of stone; and he poured a drink offering on it and he poured oil on it.
Gen 35:15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God had talked with him Bethel [house of God].
Gen 35:16 And they journeyed from Bethel and had but a little way to go to Ephrath [Bethlehem] when Rachel suffered the pangs of childbirth and had hard labor.
Gen 35:17 When she was in hard labor, the midwife said to her, Do not be afraid; you shall have this son also.
Gen 35:18 And as her soul was departing, for she died, she called his name Ben-oni [son of my sorrow]; but his father called him Benjamin [son of the right hand].
Gen 35:19 So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath, that is, Bethlehem.
Gen 35:20 And Jacob set a pillar (monument) on her grave; that is the pillar of Rachel's grave to this day.
Gen 35:21 Then Israel journeyed on and spread his tent on the other side of the tower of Edar.
Gen 35:22 When Israel dwelt there, Reuben [his eldest son] went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine; and Israel heard about it. Now Jacob's sons were twelve.
Gen 35:23 The sons of Leah: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun.
Gen 35:24 The sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin.
Gen 35:25 The sons of Bilhah, Rachel's maid: Dan and Naphtali.
Gen 35:26 And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's maid: Gad and Asher. These are the sons of Jacob born to him in Padan-aram.
Gen 35:27 And Jacob came to Isaac his father at Mamre or Kiriath-arba, that is, Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned.
Gen 35:28 Now the days of Isaac were 180 years.
Gen 35:29 And Isaac's spirit departed; he died and was gathered to his people, being an old man, satisfied {and} satiated with days; his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.
Gen 36:1 NOW THIS is the history of the descendants of Esau, that is, Edom.
Gen 36:2 Esau took his wives from the women of Canaan: Adah daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah daughter of Anah, the son of Zibeon the Hivite,
Gen 36:3 And Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebaioth.
Gen 36:4 Adah bore to Esau, Eliphaz; Basemath bore Reuel;
Gen 36:5 And Oholibamah bore Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. These are the sons of Esau born to him in Canaan.
Gen 36:6 Now Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughters, and all the members of his household, his cattle, all his beasts, and all his possessions which he had obtained in the land of Canaan, and he went into a land away from his brother Jacob.
Gen 36:7 For their great flocks {and} herds {and} possessions [which they had collected] made it impossible for them to dwell together; the land in which they were strangers could not support them because of their livestock.
Gen 36:8 So Esau dwelt in the hill country of Seir; Esau is Edom.
Gen 36:9 And this is the history of the descendants of Esau the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir.
Gen 36:10 These are the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz, the son of Adah, Esau's wife, and Reuel, the son of Basemath, Esau's wife.
Gen 36:11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz.
Gen 36:12 And Timna was a concubine of Eliphaz, Esau's son; and she bore Amalek to Eliphaz. These are the sons of Adah, Esau's wife.
Gen 36:13 These are the sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These are the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife.
Gen 36:14 And these are the sons of Oholibamah daughter of Anah, the son of Zibeon, Esau's wife. She bore to Esau: Jeush, Jalam, and Korah.
Gen 36:15 These are the chiefs of the sons of Esau: The sons of Eliphaz the firstborn of Esau: Chiefs Teman, Omar, Zepho, Kenaz,
Gen 36:16 Korah, Gatam, and Amalek. These are the chiefs of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; they are the sons of Adah.
Gen 36:17 These are the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: Chiefs Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, Mizzah. These are the chiefs of Reuel in the land of Edom; they are the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife.
Gen 36:18 These are the sons of Oholibamah, Esau's wife: Chiefs Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. These are the chiefs born of Oholibamah daughter of Anah, Esau's wife.
Gen 36:19 These are the sons of Esau, that is, Edom, and these are their chiefs.

Gen 36:20 These are the sons of Seir the Horite, the inhabitants of the land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,
Gen 36:21 Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. These are the chiefs of the Horites, the sons of Seir in the land of Edom.
Gen 36:22 The sons of Lotan are Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister is Timna.
Gen 36:23 The sons of Shobal are these: Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.
Gen 36:24 These are the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah. This is the Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness as he pastured the donkeys of Zibeon his father.
Gen 36:25 The children of Anah are these: Dishon and Oholibamah daughter of Anah [Esau's wife].
Gen 36:26 These are the sons of Dishon: Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.
Gen 36:27 Ezer's sons are these: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Akan.
Gen 36:28 The sons of Dishan are these: Uz and Aran.
Gen 36:29 The Horite chiefs are these: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,
Gen 36:30 Dishon, Ezer, Dishan. These are the Horite chiefs, according to their clans, in the land of Seir.
Gen 36:31 And these are the kings who reigned in Edom before any king reigned over the Israelites:
Gen 36:32 Bela son of Beor reigned in Edom. And the name of his city was Dinhabah.
Gen 36:33 Now Bela died, and Jobab son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.
Gen 36:34 Then Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead.
Gen 36:35 And Husham died, and Hadad son of Bedad, who defeated Midian in the country of Moab, reigned in his stead. The name of his [enclosed] city was Avith.
Gen 36:36 Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah succeeded him.
Gen 36:37 Then Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth on the river [Euphrates] reigned in his stead.
Gen 36:38 And Shaul died, and Baal-hanan son of Achbor reigned in his stead.
Gen 36:39 Baal-hanan son of Achbor died, and then Hadar reigned. His [enclosed] city was Pau; his wife's name was Mehetabel daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.
Gen 36:40 And these are the names of the chiefs of Esau, according to their families and places of residence, by their names: Chiefs Timna, Alvah, Jetheth,
Gen 36:41 Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon,
Gen 36:42 Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar,
Gen 36:43 Magdiel, and Iram. These are the chiefs of Edom [that is, of Esau the father of the Edomites], according to their dwelling places in their land.
Gen 37:1 SO JACOB dwelt in the land in which his father had been a stranger {and} sojourner, in the land of Canaan.
Gen 37:2 This is the history of the descendants of Jacob {and} this is Jacob's line. Joseph, when he was seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's [secondary] wives; and Joseph brought to his father a bad report of them.
Gen 37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him a [distinctive] long tunic with sleeves.
Gen 37:4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved [Joseph] more than all of his brothers, they hated him and could not say, Peace [in friendly greeting] to him {or} speak peaceably to him.
Gen 37:5 Now Joseph had a dream and he told it to his brothers, and they hated him still more.
Gen 37:6 And he said to them, Listen now {and} hear, I pray you, this dream that I have dreamed:
Gen 37:7 We [brothers] were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright, and behold, your sheaves stood round about my sheaf and bowed down!
Gen 37:8 His brothers said to him, Shall you indeed reign over us? Or are you going to have us as your subjects {and} dominate us? And they hated him all the more for his dreams and for what he said.
Gen 37:9 But Joseph dreamed yet another dream and told it to his brothers [also]. He said, See here, I have dreamed again, and behold, [this time not only] eleven stars [but also] the sun and the moon bowed down {and} did reverence to me!
Gen 37:10 And he told it to his father [as well as] his brethren. But his father rebuked him and said to him, What is the meaning of this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow down ourselves to the earth {and} do homage to you?
Gen 37:11 Joseph's brothers envied him {and} were jealous of him, but his father observed the saying {and} pondered over it.
Gen 37:12 Joseph's brothers went to shepherd {and} feed their father's flock near Shechem.
Gen 37:13 [One day] Israel said to Joseph, Do not your brothers shepherd my flock at Shechem? Come, and I will send you to them. And he said, Here I am.

Gen 37:14 And [Jacob] said to him, Go, I pray you, see whether everything is all right with your brothers and with the flock; then come back and bring me word. So he sent him out of the Hebron Valley, and he came to Shechem.
Gen 37:15 And a certain man found him, and behold, he had lost his way {and} was wandering in the open country. The man asked him, What are you trying to find?
Gen 37:16 And he said, I am looking for my brothers. Tell me, I pray you, where they are pasturing our flocks.
Gen 37:17 But the man said, [They were here, but] they have gone. I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.
Gen 37:18 And when they saw him far off, even before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him.
Gen 37:19 And they said one to another, See, here comes this dreamer {and} master of dreams.
Gen 37:20 So come on now, let us kill him and throw his body into some pit; then we will say [to our father], Some wild {and} ferocious animal has devoured him; and we shall see what will become of his dreams!
Gen 37:21 Now Reuben heard it and he delivered him out of their hands by saying, Let us not kill him.
Gen 37:22 And Reuben said to them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit {or} well that is out here in the wilderness and lay no hand on him. He was trying to get Joseph out of their hands in order to rescue him {and} deliver him again to his father.
Gen 37:23 When Joseph had come to his brothers, they stripped him of his [distinctive] long garment which he was wearing;
Gen 37:24 Then they took him and cast him into the [well-like] pit which was empty; there was no water in it.
Gen 37:25 Then they sat down to eat their lunch. When they looked up, behold, they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites [mixed Arabians] coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum [of the styrax tree], balm (balsam), and myrrh {or} ladanum, going on their way to carry them down to Egypt.
Gen 37:26 And Judah said to his brothers, What do we gain if we slay our brother and conceal his blood?
Gen 37:27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites [and Midianites, these mixed Arabians who are approaching], and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brothers consented.
Gen 37:28 Then as the Midianite [and Ishmaelite] merchants were passing by, the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the well. And they sold him for twenty pieces of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took Joseph [captive] into Egypt.
Gen 37:29 Then Reuben [who had not been there when the brothers plotted to sell the lad] returned to the pit; and behold, Joseph was not in the pit, and he rent his clothes.
Gen 37:30 He rejoined his brothers and said, The boy is not there! And I, where shall I go [to hide from my father]?
Gen 37:31 Then they took Joseph's [distinctive] long garment, killed a young goat, and dipped the garment in the blood;
Gen 37:32 And they sent the garment to their father, saying, We have found this! Examine {and} decide whether it is your son's tunic or not.
Gen 37:33 He said, My son's long garment! An evil [wild] beast has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.
Gen 37:34 And Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth, and mourned many days for his son.
Gen 37:35 And all his sons and daughters attempted to console him, but he refused to be comforted and said, I will go down to Sheol (the place of the dead) to my son mourning. And his father wept for him.
Gen 37:36 And the Midianites [and Ishmaelites] sold [Joseph] in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh and the captain {and} chief executioner of the [royal] guard.
Gen 38:1 AT THAT time Judah withdrew from his brothers and went to [lodge with] a certain Adullamite named Hirah.
Gen 38:2 There Judah saw {and} met a daughter of Shuah, a Canaanite; he took her as wife and lived with her.
Gen 38:3 And she became pregnant and bore a son, and he called him Er.
Gen 38:4 And she conceived again and bore a son and named him Onan.
Gen 38:5 Again she conceived and bore a son and named him Shelah. [They were living] at Chezib when she bore him.
Gen 38:6 Now Judah took a wife for Er, his firstborn; her name was Tamar.
Gen 38:7 And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord slew him.
Gen 38:8 Then Judah told Onan, Marry your brother's widow; live with her and raise offspring for your brother.
Gen 38:9 But Onan knew that the family would not be his, so when he cohabited with his brother's widow, he prevented conception, lest he should raise up a child for his brother.
Gen 38:10 And the thing which he did displeased the Lord; therefore He slew him also.

Gen 38:11 Then Judah said to Tamar, his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow at your father's house till Shelah my [youngest] son is grown; for he thought, Lest perhaps [if Shelah should marry her] he would die also, as his brothers did. So Tamar went and lived in her father's house.
Gen 38:12 But later Judah's wife, the daughter of Shuah, died; and when Judah was comforted, he went up to his sheepshearers at Timnath with his friend Hirah the Adullamite.
Gen 38:13 Then it was told Tamar, Listen, your father-in-law is going up to Timnath to shear his sheep.
Gen 38:14 So she put off her widow's garments and covered herself with a veil, wrapped herself up [in disguise], and sat in the entrance of Enaim, which is by the road to Timnath; for she saw that Shelah was grown and she was not given to him as his wife.
Gen 38:15 When Judah saw her, he thought she was a harlot {or} devoted prostitute [under a vow to her goddess], for she had covered her face [as such women did].
Gen 38:16 He turned to her by the road and said, Come, let me have intercourse with you; for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said, What will you give me that you may have intercourse with me?
Gen 38:17 He answered, I will send you a kid from the flock. And she said, Will you give me a pledge (deposit) until you send it?
Gen 38:18 And he said, What pledge shall I give you? She said, Your signet [seal], your [signet] cord, and your staff that is in your hand. And he gave them to her and came in to her, and she became pregnant by him.
Gen 38:19 And she arose and went away and laid aside her veil and put on the garments of her widowhood.
Gen 38:20 And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand; but he was unable to find her.
Gen 38:21 He asked the men of that place, Where is the harlot {or} cult prostitute who was openly by the roadside? They said, There was no harlot {or} temple prostitute here.
Gen 38:22 So he returned to Judah and said, I cannot find her; and also the local men said, There was no harlot {or} temple prostitute around here.
Gen 38:23 And Judah said, Let her keep [the pledge articles] for herself, lest we be made ashamed. I sent this kid, but you have not found her.
Gen 38:24 But about three months later Judah was told, Tamar your daughter-in-law has played the harlot, and also she is with child by her lewdness. And Judah said, Bring her forth and let her be burned!
Gen 38:25 When she was brought forth, she [took the things he had given her in pledge and] sent [them] to her father-in-law, saying, I am with child by the man to whom these articles belong. Then she added, Make out clearly, I pray you, to whom these belong, the signet [seal], [signet] cord, and staff.
Gen 38:26 And Judah acknowledged them and said, She has been more righteous {and} just than I, because I did not give her to Shelah my son. And he did not cohabit with her again.
Gen 38:27 Now when the time came for her to be delivered, behold, there were twins in her womb.
Gen 38:28 And when she was in labor, one baby put out his hand; and the midwife took his hand and bound upon it a scarlet thread, saying, This baby was born first.
Gen 38:29 But he drew back his hand, and behold, his brother was born first. And she said, What a breaking forth you have made for yourself! Therefore his name was called Perez [breaking forth].
Gen 38:30 And afterward his brother who had the scarlet thread on his hand was born and was named Zerah [scarlet].
Gen 39:1 AND JOSEPH was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain {and} chief executioner of the [royal] guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there.
Gen 39:2 But the Lord was with Joseph, and he [though a slave] was a successful {and} prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.
Gen 39:3 And his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord made all that he did to flourish {and} succeed in his hand.
Gen 39:4 So Joseph pleased [Potiphar] {and} found favor in his sight, and he served him. And [his master] made him supervisor over his house and he put all that he had in his charge.
Gen 39:5 From the time that he made him supervisor in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the Lord's blessing was on all that he had in the house and in the field.
Gen 39:6 And [Potiphar] left all that he had in Joseph's charge and paid no attention to anything he had except the food he ate. Now Joseph was an attractive person and fine-looking.
Gen 39:7 Then after a time his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph, and she said, Lie with me.
Gen 39:8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, See here, with me in the house my master has concern about nothing; he has put all that he has in my care.

Gen 39:9 He is not greater in this house than I am; nor has he kept anything from me except you, for you are his wife. How then can I do this great evil and sin against God?
Gen 39:10 She spoke to Joseph day after day, but he did not listen to her, to lie with her or to be with her.
Gen 39:11 Then it happened about this time that Joseph went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the men of the house were indoors.
Gen 39:12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me! But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out [of the house].
Gen 39:13 And when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled away,
Gen 39:14 She called to the men of her household and said to them, Behold, he [your master] has brought in a Hebrew to us to mock {and} insult us; he came in where I was to lie with me, and I screamed at the top of my voice.
Gen 39:15 And when he heard me screaming and crying, he left his garment with me and fled and got out of the house.
Gen 39:16 And she laid up his garment by her until his master came home.
Gen 39:17 Then she told him the same story, saying, The Hebrew servant whom you brought among us came to me to mock {and} insult me.
Gen 39:18 And when I screamed and cried, he left his garment with me and fled out [of the house].
Gen 39:19 And when [Joseph's] master heard the words of his wife, saying to him, This is the way your servant treated me, his wrath was kindled.
Gen 39:20 And Joseph's master took him and put him in the prison, a place where the state prisoners were confined; so he was there in the prison.
Gen 39:21 But the Lord was with Joseph, and showed him mercy {and} loving-kindness and gave him favor in the sight of the warden of the prison.
Gen 39:22 And the warden of the prison committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison; and whatsoever was done there, he was in charge of it.
Gen 39:23 The prison warden paid no attention to anything that was in [Joseph's] charge, for the Lord was with him and made whatever he did to prosper.
Gen 40:1 NOW SOME time later the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their lord, Egypt's king.
Gen 40:2 And Pharaoh was angry with his officers, the chief of the butlers and the chief of the bakers.
Gen 40:3 He put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined.
Gen 40:4 And the captain of the guard put them in Joseph's charge, and he served them; and they continued in custody for some time.
Gen 40:5 And they both dreamed a dream in the same night, each man according to [the personal significance of] the interpretation of his dream--the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison.
Gen 40:6 When Joseph came to them in the morning and looked at them, he saw that they were sad {and} depressed.
Gen 40:7 So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were in custody with him in his master's house, Why do you look so dejected {and} sad today?
Gen 40:8 And they said to him, We have dreamed dreams, and there is no one to interpret them. And Joseph said to them, Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me [your dreams], I pray you.
Gen 40:9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph and said to him, In my dream I saw a vine before me,
Gen 40:10 And on the vine were three branches. Then it was as though it budded; its blossoms burst forth and the clusters of them brought forth ripe grapes [almost all at once].
Gen 40:11 And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup; then I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.
Gen 40:12 And Joseph said to him, This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days.
Gen 40:13 Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your position, and you will again put Pharaoh's cup into his hand, as when you were his butler.
Gen 40:14 But think of me when it shall be well with you and show kindness, I beg of you, to me, and mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this house.
Gen 40:15 For truly I was carried away from the land of the Hebrews by unlawful force, and here too I have done nothing for which they should put me into the dungeon.
Gen 40:16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said to Joseph, I also dreamed, and behold, I had three cake baskets on my head.
Gen 40:17 And in the uppermost basket were some of all kinds of baked food for Pharaoh, but the birds [of prey] were eating out of the basket on my head.

Gen 40:18 And Joseph answered, This is the interpretation of it: The three baskets are three days.
Gen 40:19 Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head but will have you beheaded and hung on a tree, and [you will not so much as be given burial, but] the birds will eat your flesh.
Gen 40:20 And on the third day, Pharaoh's birthday, he made a feast for all his servants; and he lifted up the heads of the chief butler and the chief baker [by inviting them also] among his servants.
Gen 40:21 And he restored the chief butler to his butlership, and the butler gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand;
Gen 40:22 But [Pharaoh] hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them.
Gen 40:23 But [even after all that] the chief butler gave no thought to Joseph, but forgot [all about] him.
Gen 41:1 AFTER TWO full years, Pharaoh dreamed that he stood by the river [Nile].
Gen 41:2 And behold, there came up out of the river [Nile] seven well-favored cows, sleek {and} handsome and fat; and they grazed in the reed grass [in a marshy pasture].
Gen 41:3 And behold, seven other cows came up after them out of the river [Nile], ill favored and gaunt {and} ugly, and stood by the fat cows on the bank of the river [Nile].
Gen 41:4 And the ill-favored, gaunt, {and} ugly cows ate up the seven well-favored and fat cows. Then Pharaoh awoke.
Gen 41:5 But he slept and dreamed the second time; and behold, seven ears of grain came out on one stalk, plump and good.
Gen 41:6 And behold, after them seven ears [of grain] sprouted, thin {and} blighted by the east wind.
Gen 41:7 And the seven thin ears [of grain] devoured the seven plump and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and behold, it was a dream.
Gen 41:8 So when morning came his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians and all the wise men of Egypt. And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but not one could interpret them to [him].
Gen 41:9 Then the chief butler said to Pharaoh, I remember my faults today.
Gen 41:10 When Pharaoh was angry with his servants and put me in custody in the captain of the guard's house, both me and the chief baker,
Gen 41:11 We dreamed a dream in the same night, he and I; we dreamed each of us according to [the significance of] the interpretation of his dream.
Gen 41:12 And there was there with us a young man, a Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard {and} chief executioner; and we told him our dreams, and he interpreted them to us, to each man according to the significance of his dream.
Gen 41:13 And as he interpreted to us, so it came to pass; I was restored to my office [as chief butler], and the baker was hanged.
Gen 41:14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon. But Joseph [first] shaved himself, changed his clothes, {and} made himself presentable; then he came into Pharaoh's presence.
Gen 41:15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it; and I have heard it said of you that you can understand a dream {and} interpret it.
Gen 41:16 Joseph answered Pharaoh, It is not in me; God [not I] will give Pharaoh a [favorable] answer of peace.
Gen 41:17 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood on the bank of the river [Nile];
Gen 41:18 And behold, there came up out of the river [Nile] seven fat, sleek, {and} handsome cows, and they grazed in the reed grass [of a marshy pasture].
Gen 41:19 And behold, seven other cows came up after them, undernourished, gaunt, {and} ugly [just skin and bones; such emaciated animals] as I have never seen in all of Egypt.
Gen 41:20 And the lean and ill favored cows ate up the seven fat cows that had come first.
Gen 41:21 And when they had eaten them up, it could not be detected {and} known that they had eaten them, for they were still as thin {and} emaciated as at the beginning. Then I awoke. [But again I fell asleep and dreamed.]
Gen 41:22 And I saw in my dream, and behold, seven ears [of grain] growing on one stalk, plump and good.
Gen 41:23 And behold, seven [other] ears, withered, thin, and blighted by the east wind, sprouted after them.
Gen 41:24 And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears. Now I told this to the magicians, but there was no one who could tell me what it meant.
Gen 41:25 Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, The [two] dreams are one; God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do.
Gen 41:26 The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears [of grain] are seven years; the [two] dreams are one [in their meaning].
Gen 41:27 And the seven thin and ill favored cows that came up after them are seven years, and also the seven empty ears [of grain], blighted {and} shriveled by the east wind; they are seven years of hunger {and} famine.

Gen 41:28 This is the message just as I have told Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do.
Gen 41:29 Take note! Seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt are coming.
Gen 41:30 Then there will come seven years of hunger {and} famine, and [there will be so much want that] all the great abundance of the previous years will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and hunger (destitution, starvation) will exhaust (consume, finish) the land.
Gen 41:31 And the plenty will become quite unknown in the land because of that following famine, for it will be very woefully severe.
Gen 41:32 That the dream was sent twice to Pharaoh {and} in two forms indicates that this thing which God will very soon bring to pass is fully prepared {and} established by God.
Gen 41:33 So now let Pharaoh seek out {and} provide a man discreet, understanding, proficient, {and} wise and set him over the land of Egypt [as governor].
Gen 41:34 Let Pharaoh do this; then let him select and appoint officers over the land, and take one-fifth [of the produce] of the [whole] land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years [year by year].
Gen 41:35 And let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming and lay up grain under the direction {and} authority of Pharaoh, and let them retain food [in fortified granaries] in the cities.
Gen 41:36 And that food shall be put in store for the country against the seven years of hunger {and} famine that are to come upon the land of Egypt, so that the land may not be ruined {and} cut off by the famine.
Gen 41:37 And the plan seemed good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants.
Gen 41:38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, Can we find this man's equal, a man in whom is the spirit of God?
Gen 41:39 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Forasmuch as [your] God has shown you all this, there is nobody as intelligent {and} discreet {and} understanding and wise as you are.
Gen 41:40 You shall have charge over my house, and all my people shall be governed according to your word [with reverence, submission, and obedience]. Only in matters of the throne will I be greater than you are.
Gen 41:41 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.
Gen 41:42 And Pharaoh took off his [signet] ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in [official] vestments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck;
Gen 41:43 He made him to ride in the second chariot which he had, and [officials] cried before him, Bow the knee! And he set him over all the land of Egypt.
Gen 41:44 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without you shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.
Gen 41:45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah and he gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, to be his wife. And Joseph made an [inspection] tour of all the land of Egypt.
Gen 41:46 Joseph [who had been in Egypt thirteen years] was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went [about his duties] through all the land of Egypt.
Gen 41:47 In the seven abundant years the earth brought forth by handfuls [for each seed planted].
Gen 41:48 And he gathered up all the [surplus] food of the seven [good] years in the land of Egypt and stored up the food in the cities; he stored away in each city the food from the fields around it.
Gen 41:49 And Joseph gathered grain as the sand of the sea, very much, until he stopped counting, for it could not be measured.
Gen 41:50 Now to Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, whom Asenath daughter of Potiphera, the priest of On, bore to him.
Gen 41:51 And Joseph called the firstborn Manasseh [making to forget], For God, said he, has made me forget all my toil {and} hardship and all my father's house.
Gen 41:52 And the second he called Ephraim [to be fruitful], For [he said] God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.
Gen 41:53 When the seven years of plenty were ended in the land of Egypt,
Gen 41:54 The seven years of scarcity {and} famine began to come, as Joseph had said they would; the famine was in all [the surrounding] lands, but in all of Egypt there was food.
Gen 41:55 But when all the land of Egypt was weakened with hunger, the people [there] cried to Pharaoh for food; and Pharaoh said to [them] all, Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do.
Gen 41:56 When the famine was over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians; for the famine grew extremely distressing in the land of Egypt.
Gen 41:57 And all countries came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe over all [the known] earth.

Gen 42:1 NOW WHEN Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, Why do you look at one another?
Gen 42:2 For, he said, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; get down there and buy [grain] for us, that we may live and not die.
Gen 42:3 So ten of Joseph's brethren went to buy grain in Egypt.
Gen 42:4 But Benjamin, Joseph's [full] brother, Jacob did not send with his brothers; for he said, Lest perhaps some harm {or} injury should befall him.
Gen 42:5 So the sons of Israel came to buy grain among those who came, for there was hunger {and} general lack of food in the land of Canaan.
Gen 42:6 Now Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was who sold to all the people of the land; and Joseph's [half] brothers came and bowed themselves down before him with their faces to the ground.
Gen 42:7 Joseph saw his brethren and he recognized them, but he treated them as if he were a stranger to them and spoke roughly to them. He said, Where do you come from? And they replied, From the land of Canaan to buy food.
Gen 42:8 Joseph knew his brethren, but they did not know him.
Gen 42:9 And Joseph remembered the dreams he had dreamed about them and said to them, You are spies {and} with unfriendly purpose you have come to observe [secretly] the nakedness of the land.
Gen 42:10 But they said to him, No, my lord, but your servants have come [only] to buy food.
Gen 42:11 We are all one man's sons; we are true men; your servants are not spies.
Gen 42:12 And he said to them, No, but you have come to see the nakedness of the land.
Gen 42:13 But they said, Your servants are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; the youngest is today with our father, and one is not.
Gen 42:14 And Joseph said to them, It is as I said to you, You are spies.
Gen 42:15 You shall be proved by this test: by the life of Pharaoh, you shall not go away from here unless your youngest brother comes here.
Gen 42:16 Send one of you and let him bring your brother, and you will be kept in prison, that your words may be proved whether there is any truth in you; or else by the life of Pharaoh you certainly are spies.
Gen 42:17 Then he put them all in custody for three days.
Gen 42:18 And Joseph said to them on the third day, Do this and live! I reverence {and} fear God.
Gen 42:19 If you are true men, let one of your brothers be bound in your prison, but [the rest of] you go and carry grain for those weakened with hunger in your households.
Gen 42:20 But bring your youngest brother to me, so your words will be verified and you shall live. And they did so.
Gen 42:21 And they said one to another, We are truly guilty about our brother, for we saw the distress {and} anguish of his soul when he begged us [to let him go], and we would not hear. So this distress {and} difficulty has come upon us.
Gen 42:22 Reuben answered them, Did I not tell you, Do not sin against the boy, and you would not hear? Therefore, behold, his blood is required [of us].
Gen 42:23 But they did not know that Joseph understood them, for he spoke to them through an interpreter.
Gen 42:24 And he turned away from them and wept; then he returned to them and talked with them, and took from them Simeon and bound him before their eyes.
Gen 42:25 Then [privately] Joseph commanded that their sacks be filled with grain, every man's money be restored to his sack, and provisions be given to them for the journey. And this was done for them.
Gen 42:26 They loaded their donkeys with grain and left.
Gen 42:27 And as one of them opened his sack to give his donkey fodder at the lodging place, he caught sight of his money; for behold, it was in his sack's mouth.
Gen 42:28 And he said to his brothers, My money is restored! Here it is in my sack! And their hearts failed them and they were afraid {and} turned trembling one to another, saying, What is this that God has done to us?
Gen 42:29 When they came to Jacob their father in Canaan, they told him all that had befallen them, saying,
Gen 42:30 The man who is the lord of the land spoke roughly to us and took us for spies of the country.
Gen 42:31 And we said to him, We are true men, not spies.
Gen 42:32 We are twelve brothers with the same father; one is no more, and the youngest is today with our father in the land of Canaan.
Gen 42:33 And the man, the lord of the country, said to us, By this test I will know whether or not you are honest men: leave one of your brothers here with me and take grain for your famishing households and be gone.
Gen 42:34 Bring your youngest brother to me; then I will know that you are not spies, but that you are honest men.

And I will deliver to you your brother [whom I have kept bound in prison], and you may do business in the land.
Gen 42:35 When they emptied their sacks, behold, every man's parcel of money was in his sack! When both they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid.
Gen 42:36 And Jacob their father said to them, You have bereaved me! Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and you would take Benjamin from me. All these things are against me!
Gen 42:37 And Reuben said to his father, Slay my two sons if I do not bring [Benjamin] back to you. Deliver him into my keeping, and I will bring him back to you.
Gen 42:38 But [Jacob] said, My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead and he alone is left [of his mother's children]; if harm {or} accident should befall him on the journey you are to take, you would bring my hoary head down to Sheol (the place of the dead) with grief.
Gen 43:1 BUT THE hunger {and} destitution {and} starvation were very severe {and} extremely distressing in the land [Canaan].
Gen 43:2 And when [the families of Jacob's sons] had eaten up the grain which the men had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, Go again; buy us a little food.
Gen 43:3 But Judah said to him, The man solemnly {and} sternly warned us, saying, You shall not see my face again unless your brother is with you.
Gen 43:4 If you will send our brother with us, we will go down [to Egypt] and buy you food;
Gen 43:5 But if you will not send him, we will not go down; for the man said to us, You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.
Gen 43:6 And Israel said, Why did you do me such a wrong {and} suffer this evil to come upon me by telling the man that you had another brother?
Gen 43:7 And they said, The man asked us straightforward questions about ourselves and our relatives. He said, Is your father still alive? Have you another brother? And we answered him accordingly. How could we know that he would say, Bring your brother down here?
Gen 43:8 And Judah said to Israel his father, Send the lad with me and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you and also our little ones.
Gen 43:9 I will be security for him; you shall require him of me [personally]; if I do not bring him back to you and put him before you, then let me bear the blame forever.
Gen 43:10 For if we had not lingered like this, surely by now we would have returned the second time.
Gen 43:11 And their father Israel said to them, If it must be so, now do this; take of the choicest products in the land in your sacks and carry down a present to the man, a little balm (balsam) and a little honey, aromatic spices and gum (of rock rose) {or} ladanum, pistachio nuts, and almonds.
Gen 43:12 And take double the [grain] money with you; and the money that was put back in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again with you; there is a possibility that [its being in your sacks] was an oversight.
Gen 43:13 Take your brother and arise and return to the man;
Gen 43:14 May God Almighty give you mercy {and} favor before the man, that he may release to you your other brother and Benjamin. If I am bereaved [of my sons], I am bereaved.
Gen 43:15 Then the men took the present, and they took double the [grain] money with them, and Benjamin; and they arose and went down to Egypt and stood before Joseph.
Gen 43:16 And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, Bring the men into the house and kill an animal and make ready, for the men will dine with me at noon.
Gen 43:17 And the man did as Joseph ordered and brought the men to Joseph's house.
Gen 43:18 The men were afraid because they were brought to Joseph's house; and they said, We are brought in because of the money that was returned in our sacks the first time we came, so that he may find occasion to accuse and assail us, take us for slaves, and seize our donkeys.
Gen 43:19 So they came near to the steward of Joseph's house and talked with him at the door of the house,
Gen 43:20 And said, O sir, we came down truly the first time to buy food;
Gen 43:21 And when we came to the inn, we opened our sacks and there was each man's money, full weight, returned in the mouth of his sack. Now we have brought it back again.
Gen 43:22 And we have brought down with us other money to buy food; we do not know who put our money in our sacks.
Gen 43:23 But [the steward] said, Peace be to you, fear not; your God and the God of your father has given you treasure in your sacks. I received your money. And he brought Simeon out to them.
Gen 43:24 And the man brought the men into Joseph's house and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he

gave their donkeys provender.
Gen 43:25 And they made ready the present they had brought for Joseph before his coming at noon, for they heard that they were to dine there.
Gen 43:26 And when Joseph came home, they brought into the house to him the present which they had with them, and bowed themselves to him to the ground.
Gen 43:27 He asked them of their welfare and said, Is your old father well, of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?
Gen 43:28 And they answered, Your servant our father is in good health; he is still alive. And they bowed down their heads and made obeisance.
Gen 43:29 And he looked up and saw his [full] brother Benjamin, his mother's [only other] son, and said, Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me? And he said, God be gracious to you, my son!
Gen 43:30 And Joseph hurried from the room, for his heart yearned for his brother, and he sought privacy to weep; so he entered his chamber and wept there.
Gen 43:31 And he washed his face and went out, and, restraining himself, said, Let dinner be served.
Gen 43:32 And [the servants] set out [the food] for [Joseph] by himself, and for [his brothers] by themselves, and for those Egyptians who ate with him by themselves, according to the Egyptian custom not to eat food with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination to the Egyptians.
Gen 43:33 And [Joseph's brothers] were given seats before him--the eldest according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth; and the men looked at one another amazed [that so much was known about them].
Gen 43:34 [Joseph] took and sent helpings to them from before him, but Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. And they drank freely and were merry with him.
Gen 44:1 AND HE commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth.
Gen 44:2 And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, with his grain money. And [the steward] did according to what Joseph had said.
Gen 44:3 As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their donkeys.
Gen 44:4 When they had left the city and were not yet far away, Joseph said to his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, Why have you rewarded evil for good? [Why have you stolen the silver cup?]
Gen 44:5 Is it not my master's drinking cup with which he divines [the future]? You have done wrong in doing this.
Gen 44:6 And the steward overtook them, and he said to them these same words.
Gen 44:7 They said to him, Why does my lord say these things? Far be it from your servants to do such a thing!
Gen 44:8 Note that the money which we found in the mouths of our sacks we brought back to you from the land of Canaan. Is it likely then that we would steal from your master's house silver or gold?
Gen 44:9 With whomever of your servants [your master's cup] is found, not only let that one die, but the rest of us will be my lord's slaves.
Gen 44:10 And the steward said, Now let it be as you say: he with whom [the cup] is found shall be my slave, but [the rest of] you shall be blameless.
Gen 44:11 Then quickly every man lowered his sack to the ground and every man opened his sack.
Gen 44:12 And [the steward] searched, beginning with the eldest and stopping with the youngest; and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.
Gen 44:13 Then they rent their clothes; and after each man had loaded his donkey again, they returned to the city.
Gen 44:14 Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house, for he was still there; and they fell prostrate before him.
Gen 44:15 Joseph said to them, What is this thing that you have done? Do you not realize that such a man as I can certainly detect {and} know by divination [everything you do without other knowledge of it]?
Gen 44:16 And Judah said, What shall we say to my lord? What shall we reply? Or how shall we clear ourselves, since God has found out {and} exposed the iniquity of your servants? Behold, we are my lord's slaves, the rest of us as well as he with whom the cup is found.
Gen 44:17 But [Joseph] said, God forbid that I should do that; but the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for [the rest of] you, arise {and} go in peace to your father.
Gen 44:18 Then Judah came close to [Joseph] and said, O my lord, let your servant, I pray you, speak a word to you in private, and let not your anger blaze against your servant, for you are as Pharaoh [so I will speak as if directly to him].
Gen 44:19 My lord asked his servants, saying, Have you a father or a brother?
Gen 44:20 And we said to my lord, We have a father--an old man--and a young [brother, the] child of his old age; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother's [offspring], and his father loves him.

Gen 44:21 And you said to your servants, Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him.
Gen 44:22 And we said to my lord, The lad cannot leave his father; for if he should do so, his father would die.
Gen 44:23 And you told your servants, Unless your youngest brother comes with you, you shall not see my face again.
Gen 44:24 And when we went back to your servant my father, we told him what my lord had said.
Gen 44:25 And our father said, Go again and buy us a little food.
Gen 44:26 But we said, We cannot go down. If our youngest brother is with us, then we will go down; for we may not see the man's face except our youngest brother is with us.
Gen 44:27 And your servant my father said to us, You know that [Rachel] my wife bore me two sons:
Gen 44:28 And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn to pieces, and I have never seen him since.
Gen 44:29 And if you take this son also from me, and harm {or} accident should befall him, you will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow {and} evil to Sheol (the place of the dead).
Gen 44:30 Now therefore, when I come to your servant my father and the lad is not with us, since his life is bound up in the lad's life {and} his soul knit with the lad's soul,
Gen 44:31 When he sees that the lad is not with us, he will die; and your servants will be responsible for his death {and} will bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to Sheol.
Gen 44:32 For your servant became security for the lad to my father, saying, If I do not bring him to you, then I will bear the blame to my father forever.
Gen 44:33 Now therefore, I pray you, let your servant remain instead of the youth [to be] a slave to my lord, and let the young man go home with his [half] brothers.
Gen 44:34 For how can I go up to my father if the lad is not with me?--lest I witness the woe {and} the evil that will come upon my father.
Gen 45:1 THEN JOSEPH could not restrain himself [any longer] before all those who stood by him, and he called out, Cause every man to go out from me! So no one stood there with Joseph while he made himself known to his brothers.
Gen 45:2 And he wept {and} sobbed aloud, and the Egyptians [who had just left him] heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard about it.
Gen 45:3 And Joseph said to his brothers, I am Joseph! Is my father still alive? And his brothers could not reply, for they were distressingly disturbed {and} dismayed at [the startling realization that they were in] his presence.
Gen 45:4 And Joseph said to his brothers, Come near to me, I pray you. And they did so. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt!
Gen 45:5 But now, do not be distressed {and} disheartened or vexed {and} angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me ahead of you to preserve life.
Gen 45:6 For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years more in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.
Gen 45:7 God sent me before you to preserve for you a posterity {and} to continue a remnant on the earth, to save your lives by a great escape {and} save for you many survivors.
Gen 45:8 So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.
Gen 45:9 Hurry and go up to my father and tell him, Your son Joseph says this to you: God has put me in charge of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not delay.
Gen 45:10 You will live in the land of Goshen, and you will be close to me--you and your children and your grandchildren, your flocks, your herds, and all you have.
Gen 45:11 And there I will sustain {and} provide for you, so that you and your household and all that are yours may not come to poverty {and} want, for there are yet five [more] years of [the scarcity, hunger, and starvation of] famine.
Gen 45:12 Now notice! Your own eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin can see that I am talking to you personally [in your language and not through an interpreter].
Gen 45:13 And you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt and of all that you have seen; and you shall hurry and bring my father down here.
Gen 45:14 And he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck.
Gen 45:15 Moreover, he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers conversed with him.
Gen 45:16 When the report was heard in Pharaoh's house that Joseph's brothers had come, it pleased Pharaoh and his servants well.
Gen 45:17 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Tell your brothers this: Load your animals and return to the land of Canaan,
Gen 45:18 And get your father and your households and come to me. And I will give you the best in the land of Egypt and you will live on the fat of the land.

Gen 45:19 You therefore command them, saying, You do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father and come.
Gen 45:20 Also do not look with regret {or} concern upon your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.
Gen 45:21 And the sons of Israel did so; and Joseph gave them wagons, as the order of Pharaoh permitted, and gave them provisions for the journey.
Gen 45:22 To each of them he gave changes of raiment, but to Benjamin he gave 300 pieces of silver and five changes of raiment.
Gen 45:23 And to his father he sent as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten she-donkeys laden with grain, bread, and nourishing food {and} provision for his father [to supply all who were with him] on the way.
Gen 45:24 So he sent his brothers away, and they departed, and he said to them, See that you do not disagree (get excited, quarrel) along the road.
Gen 45:25 So they went up out of Egypt and came into the land of Canaan to Jacob their father,
Gen 45:26 And they said to him, Joseph is still alive! And he is governor over all the land of Egypt! And Jacob's heart began to stop beating {and} [he almost] fainted, for he did not believe them.
Gen 45:27 But when they told him all the words of Joseph which he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived [and warmth and life returned].
Gen 45:28 And Israel said, It is enough! Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die.
Gen 46:1 SO ISRAEL made his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba [a place hallowed by sacred memories] and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.
Gen 46:2 And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night, and said, Jacob! Jacob! And he said, Here am I.
Gen 46:3 And He said, I am God, the God of your father; do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will there make of you a great nation.
Gen 46:4 I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you [your people Israel] up again; and Joseph will put his hand upon your eyes [when they are about to close in death].
Gen 46:5 So Jacob arose {and} set out from Beersheba, and Israel's sons conveyed their father, their little ones, and their wives in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him.
Gen 46:6 And they took their cattle and the gains which they had acquired in the land of Canaan and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him:
Gen 46:7 His sons and his sons' sons with him, his daughters and his sons' daughters--all his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.
Gen 46:8 And these are the names of the descendants of Israel who came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn.
Gen 46:9 And the sons of Reuben: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.
Gen 46:10 The sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman.
Gen 46:11 The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
Gen 46:12 The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah; but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul.
Gen 46:13 The sons of Issachar: Tola, Puvah, Iob, and Shimron.
Gen 46:14 The sons of Zebulun: Sered, Elon, and Jahleel.
Gen 46:15 These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Padan-aram, together with his daughter Dinah. All of his sons and his daughters numbered thirty-three.
Gen 46:16 The sons of Gad: Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and Areli.
Gen 46:17 The sons of Asher: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah, and Serah their sister. And the sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel.
Gen 46:18 These are the sons of Zilpah, [the maid] whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter. And these she bore to Jacob--sixteen persons all told.
Gen 46:19 The sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife: Joseph and Benjamin.
Gen 46:20 And to Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, bore to him.
Gen 46:21 And the sons of Benjamin: Bela, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, Huppim, and Ard.
Gen 46:22 These are the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob--fourteen persons in all.
Gen 46:23 The son of Dan: Hushim.
Gen 46:24 The sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem.

Gen 46:25 These are the sons of Bilhah, [the maid] whom Laban gave to Rachel his daughter. And she bore these to Jacob--seven persons in all.
Gen 46:26 All the persons who came with Jacob into Egypt--who were his own offspring, not counting the wives of Jacob's sons--were sixty-six persons all told.
Gen 46:27 And the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two persons. All the persons of the house of Jacob [including Joseph and Jacob himself], who came into Egypt, were seventy.
Gen 46:28 And he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to direct him to Goshen {and} meet him there; and they came into the land of Goshen.
Gen 46:29 Then Joseph made ready his chariot and went up to meet Israel his father in Goshen; and he presented himself {and} gave distinct evidence of himself to him [that he was Joseph], and [each] fell on the [other's] neck and wept on his neck a good while.
Gen 46:30 And Israel said to Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen your face [and know] that you are still alive.
Gen 46:31 Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, I will go up and tell Pharaoh and say to him, My brothers and my father's household, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me.
Gen 46:32 And the men are shepherds, for their occupation has been keeping livestock, and they have brought their flocks and their herds and all that they have.
Gen 46:33 When Pharaoh calls you and says, What is your occupation?
Gen 46:34 You shall say, Your servants' occupation has been as keepers of livestock from our youth until now, both we and our fathers before us--in order that you may live in the land of Goshen, for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians.
Gen 47:1 THEN JOSEPH came and told Pharaoh, My father and my brothers, with their flocks and their herds and all that they own, have come from the land of Canaan, and they are in the land of Goshen.
Gen 47:2 And from among his brothers he took five men and presented them to Pharaoh.
Gen 47:3 And Pharaoh said to his brothers, What is your occupation? And they said to Pharaoh, Your servants are shepherds, both we and our fathers before us.
Gen 47:4 Moreover, they said to Pharaoh, We have come to sojourn in the land, for your servants have no pasture for our flocks, for the famine is very severe in Canaan. So now, we pray you, let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen.
Gen 47:5 And Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, Your father and your brothers have come to you.
Gen 47:6 The land of Egypt is before you; make your father and your brothers dwell in the best of the land. Let them live in the land of Goshen. And if you know of any men of ability among them, put them in charge of my cattle.
Gen 47:7 Then Joseph brought in Jacob his father and presented him before Pharaoh; and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.
Gen 47:8 And Pharaoh asked Jacob, How old are you?
Gen 47:9 Jacob said to Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are 130 years; few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and they have not attained to those of the life of my fathers in their pilgrimage.
Gen 47:10 And Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from his presence.
Gen 47:11 Joseph settled his father and brethren and gave them a possession in Egypt in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses (Goshen), as Pharaoh commanded.
Gen 47:12 And Joseph supplied his father and his brethren and all his father's household with food, according to [the needs of] their families.
Gen 47:13 [In the course of time] there was no food in all the land, for the famine was distressingly severe, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan hung in doubt and wavered by reason of the hunger (destitution, starvation) of the famine.
Gen 47:14 And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan [in payment] for the grain which they bought, and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.
Gen 47:15 And when the money was exhausted in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, Give us food! Why should we die before your very eyes? For we have no money left.
Gen 47:16 Joseph said, Give up your livestock, and I will give you food in exchange for [them] if your money is gone.
Gen 47:17 So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and [he] gave them food in exchange for the horses, flocks, cattle of the herds, and the donkeys; and he supplied them with food in exchange for all their livestock that year.
Gen 47:18 When that year was ended, they came to [Joseph] the second year and said to him, We will not hide from my lord [the fact] that our money is spent; my lord also has our herds of livestock; there is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our lands.
Gen 47:19 Why should we perish before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land in exchange for food,

and we and our land will be servants to Pharaoh. And give us seed [to plant], that we may live and not die, and that the land may not be desolate.
Gen 47:20 And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field because of the overwhelming severity of the famine upon them. The land became Pharaoh's,
Gen 47:21 And as for the people, he removed them to cities {and} practically made slaves of them [at their own request], from one end of the borders of Egypt to the other.
Gen 47:22 Only the priests' land he did not buy, for the priests had a fixed pension from Pharaoh and lived on the amount Pharaoh gave them. So they did not sell their land.
Gen 47:23 Then Joseph said to the people, Behold, I have today bought you and your land for Pharaoh. Now here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land.
Gen 47:24 At [harvest time when you reap] the increase, you shall give one-fifth of it to Pharaoh, and four-fifths shall be your own to use for seed for the field and as food for you and those of your households and for your little ones.
Gen 47:25 And they said, You have saved our lives! Let us find favor in the sight of my lord; and we will be Pharaoh's servants.
Gen 47:26 And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt--to this day--that Pharaoh should have the fifth part [of the crops]; it was the priests' land only which did not become Pharaoh's.
Gen 47:27 And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they gained possessions there and grew and multiplied exceedingly.
Gen 47:28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years; so Jacob reached the age of 147 years.
Gen 47:29 When the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, If now I have found favor in your sight, put your hand under my thigh and [promise to] deal loyally and faithfully with me. Do not bury me, I beg of you, in Egypt,
Gen 47:30 But let me lie with my fathers; you shall carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burying place. And [Joseph] said, I will do as you have directed.
Gen 47:31 Then Jacob said, Swear to me [that you will do it]. And he swore to him. And Israel bowed himself upon the head of the bed.
Gen 48:1 SOME TIME after these things occurred, someone told Joseph, Behold, your father is sick. And he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim [and went to Goshen].
Gen 48:2 When Jacob was told, Your son Joseph has come to you, Israel collected his strength and sat up on the bed.
Gen 48:3 And Jacob said to Joseph, God Almighty appeared to me at Luz [Bethel] in the land of Canaan and blessed me
Gen 48:4 And said to me, Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make you a multitude of people and will give this land to your descendants after you as an everlasting possession.
Gen 48:5 And now your two sons, [Ephraim and Manasseh], who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine. [I am adopting them, and now] as Reuben and Simeon, [they] shall be mine.
Gen 48:6 But other sons who may be born after them shall be your own; and they shall be called after the names of these [two] brothers {and} reckoned as belonging to them [when they come] into their inheritance.
Gen 48:7 And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died at my side in the land of Canaan on the way, when yet there was but a little way to come to Ephrath; and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath, that is, Bethlehem.
Gen 48:8 When Israel [almost blind] saw Joseph's sons, he said, Who are these?
Gen 48:9 And Joseph said to his father, They are my sons, whom God has given me in this place. And he said, Bring them to me, I pray you, that I may bless them.
Gen 48:10 Now Israel's eyes were dim from age, so that he could not see. And Joseph brought them near to him, and he kissed and embraced them.
Gen 48:11 Israel said to Joseph, I had not thought that I would see your face, but see, God has shown me your offspring also.
Gen 48:12 Then Joseph took [the boys] from [his father's embrace] and he bowed [before him] with his face to the earth.
Gen 48:13 Then Joseph took both [boys], Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel's left, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel's right, and brought them close to him.
Gen 48:14 And Israel reached out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, crossing his hands intentionally, for Manasseh was the firstborn.
Gen 48:15 Then [Jacob] blessed Joseph and said, God [Himself], before Whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac lived {and} walked habitually, God [Himself], Who has [been my Shepherd and has led and] fed me from the time I came

into being until this day,
Gen 48:16 The redeeming Angel [that is, the Angel the Redeemer--not a created being but the Lord Himself] Who has redeemed me continually from every evil, bless the lads! And let my name be perpetuated in them [may they be worthy of having their names coupled with mine], and the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them become a multitude in the midst of the earth.
Gen 48:17 When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on Ephraim's head, it displeased him; and he held up his father's hand to move it to Manasseh's head.
Gen 48:18 And Joseph said, Not so, my father, for this is the firstborn; put your right hand upon his head.
Gen 48:19 But his father refused and said, I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people and shall be great; but his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations.
Gen 48:20 And he blessed them that day, saying, By you shall Israel bless [one another], saying, May God make you like Ephraim and like Manasseh. And he set Ephraim before Manasseh.
Gen 48:21 And Israel said to Joseph, Behold, I [am about to] die, but God will be with you and bring you again to the land of your fathers.
Gen 48:22 Moreover, I have given to you [Joseph] one portion [Shechem, one mountain slope] more than any of your brethren, which I took [reclaiming it] out of the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow.
Gen 49:1 AND JACOB called for his sons and said, Gather yourselves together [around me], that I may tell you what shall befall you in the latter {or} last days.
Gen 49:2 Gather yourselves together and hear, you sons of Jacob; and hearken to Israel your father.
Gen 49:3 Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, the beginning (the firstfruits) of my manly strength {and} vigor; [your birthright gave you] the preeminence in dignity and the preeminence in power.
Gen 49:4 But unstable {and} boiling over like water, you shall not excel {and} have the preeminence [of the firstborn], because you went to your father's bed; you defiled it--he went to my couch!
Gen 49:5 Simeon and Levi are brothers [equally headstrong, deceitful, vindictive, and cruel]; their swords are weapons of violence.
Gen 49:6 O my soul, come not into their secret council; unto their assembly let not my honor be united [for I knew nothing of their plot], because in their anger they slew men [an honored man, Shechem, and the Shechemites], and in their self-will they disabled oxen.
Gen 49:7 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce, and their wrath, for it was cruel. I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel.
Gen 49:8 Judah, you are the one whom your brothers shall praise; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down to you.
Gen 49:9 Judah, a lion's cub! With the prey, my son, you have gone high up [the mountain]. He stooped down, he crouched like a lion, and like a lioness--who dares provoke {and} rouse him?
Gen 49:10 The scepter {or} leadership shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh [the Messiah, the Peaceful One] comes to Whom it belongs, and to Him shall be the obedience of the people.
Gen 49:11 Binding His foal to the vine and His donkey's colt to the choice vine, He washes His garments in wine and His clothes in the blood of grapes.
Gen 49:12 His eyes are darker {and} more sparkling than wine, and His teeth whiter than milk.
Gen 49:13 Zebulun shall live toward the seashore, and he shall be a haven {and} a landing place for ships; and his border shall be toward Sidon.
Gen 49:14 Issachar is a strong-boned donkey crouching down between the sheepfolds.
Gen 49:15 And he saw that rest was good and that the land was pleasant; and he bowed his shoulder to bear [his burdens] and became a servant to tribute [subjected to forced labor].
Gen 49:16 Dan shall judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel.
Gen 49:17 Dan shall be a serpent by the way, a horned snake in the path, that bites at the horse's heels, so that his rider falls backward.
Gen 49:18 I wait for Your salvation, O Lord.
Gen 49:19 Gad--a raiding troop shall raid him, but he shall raid at their heels {and} assault them [victoriously].
Gen 49:20 Asher's food [supply] shall be rich {and} fat, and he shall yield {and} deliver royal delights.
Gen 49:21 Naphtali is a hind let loose which yields lovely fawns.
Gen 49:22 Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a well (spring or fountain), whose branches run over the wall.
Gen 49:23 Skilled archers have bitterly attacked {and} sorely worried him; they have shot at him and persecuted him.
Gen 49:24 But his bow remained strong {and} steady {and} rested in the Strength that does not fail him, for the arms

of his hands were made strong {and} active by the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob, by the name of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel,
Gen 49:25 By the God of your father, Who will help you, and by the Almighty, Who will bless you with blessings of the heavens above, blessings lying in the deep beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb.
Gen 49:26 The blessings of your father [on you] are greater than the blessings of my forefathers [Abraham and Isaac on me] {and} are as lasting as the bounties of the eternal hills; they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him who was the consecrated one {and} the one separated from his brethren {and} [the one who] is prince among them.
Gen 49:27 Benjamin is a ravenous wolf, in the morning devouring the prey and at night dividing the spoil.
Gen 49:28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them as he blessed them, blessing each one according to the blessing suited to him.
Gen 49:29 He charged them and said to them, I am to be gathered to my [departed] people; bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite,
Gen 49:30 In the cave in the field at Machpelah, east of Mamre in the land of Canaan, that Abraham bought, along with the field of Ephron the Hittite, to possess as a cemetery.
Gen 49:31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife, there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah.
Gen 49:32 The purchase of the field and the cave that is in it was from the sons of Heth.
Gen 49:33 When Jacob had finished commanding his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed and breathed his last and was gathered to his [departed] people.
Gen 50:1 THEN JOSEPH fell upon his father's face and wept over him and kissed him.
Gen 50:2 And Joseph ordered his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel.
Gen 50:3 Then forty days were devoted [to this purpose] for him, for that is the customary number of days required for those who are embalmed. And the Egyptians wept and bemoaned him [as they would for royalty] for seventy days.
Gen 50:4 And when the days of his weeping {and} deep grief were past, Joseph said to [the nobles of] the house of Pharaoh, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, to Pharaoh [for Joseph was dressed in mourning and could not do so himself], saying,
Gen 50:5 My father made me swear, saying, I am about to die; in my tomb which I hewed out for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me. So now let me go up, I pray you, and bury my father, and I will come again.
Gen 50:6 And Pharaoh said, Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear.
Gen 50:7 And Joseph went up [to Canaan] to bury his father; and with him went all the officials of Pharaoh--the nobles of his court, {and} the elders of his house and all the nobles {and} elders of the land of Egypt--
Gen 50:8 And all the household of Joseph and his brethren and his father's household. Only their little ones and their flocks and herds they left in the land of Goshen.
Gen 50:9 And there went with [Joseph] both chariots and horsemen; and it was a very great company.
Gen 50:10 And they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond [west of] the Jordan, and there they mourned with a great lamentation and extreme demonstrations of sorrow [according to Egyptian custom]; and [Joseph] made a mourning for his father seven days.
Gen 50:11 When the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning at the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning for the Egyptians. Therefore the place was called Abel-mizraim [mourning of Egypt]; it is west of the Jordan.
Gen 50:12 Thus [Jacob's] sons did for him as he had commanded them.
Gen 50:13 For his sons carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, east of Mamre, which Abraham bought, along with the field, for a possession as a burying place from Ephron the Hittite.
Gen 50:14 After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brethren and all who had gone up with him.
Gen 50:15 When Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Perhaps now Joseph will hate us and will pay us back for all the evil we did to him.
Gen 50:16 And they sent a messenger to Joseph, saying, Your father commanded before he died, saying,
Gen 50:17 So shall you say to Joseph: Forgive (take up and away all resentment and all claim to requital concerning), I pray you now, the trespass of your brothers and their sin, for they did evil to you. Now, we pray you, forgive the trespass of the servants of your father's God. And Joseph wept when they spoke thus to him.
Gen 50:18 Then his brothers went and fell down before him, saying, See, we are your servants (your slaves)!
Gen 50:19 And Joseph said to them, Fear not; for am I in the place of God? [Vengeance is His, not mine.]

Gen 50:20 As for you, you thought evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring about that many people should be kept alive, as they are this day.
Gen 50:21 Now therefore, do not be afraid. I will provide for {and} support you and your little ones. And he comforted them [imparting cheer, hope, strength] and spoke to their hearts [kindly].
Gen 50:22 Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his father's household. And Joseph lived 110 years.
Gen 50:23 And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation; the children also of Machir son of Manasseh were brought up on Joseph's knees.
Gen 50:24 And Joseph said to his brethren, I am going to die. But God will surely visit you and bring you out of this land to the land He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob [to give you].
Gen 50:25 And Joseph took an oath from the sons of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and you will carry up my bones from here.
Gen 50:26 So Joseph died, being 110 years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.
Ex 1:1 THESE ARE the names of the sons of Israel who came into Egypt with Jacob, each with his household:
Ex 1:2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,
Ex 1:3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,
Ex 1:4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher.
Ex 1:5 All the offspring of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt.
Ex 1:6 Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation.
Ex 1:7 But the descendants of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, and the land was full of them.
Ex 1:8 Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph.
Ex 1:9 He said to his people, Behold, the Israelites are too many and too mighty for us [and they outnumber us both in people and in strength].
Ex 1:10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply more and, should war befall us, they join our enemies, fight against us, and escape out of the land.
Ex 1:11 So they set over [the Israelites] taskmasters to afflict {and} oppress them with [increased] burdens. And [the Israelites] built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh.
Ex 1:12 But the more [the Egyptians] oppressed them, the more they multiplied and expanded, so that [the Egyptians] were vexed {and} alarmed because of the Israelites.
Ex 1:13 And the Egyptians reduced the Israelites to severe slavery.
Ex 1:14 They made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar, brick, and all kinds of work in the field. All their service was with harshness {and} severity.
Ex 1:15 Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, of whom one was named Shiprah and the other Puah,
Ex 1:16 When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, she shall live.
Ex 1:17 But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded, but let the male babies live.
Ex 1:18 So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, Why have you done this thing and allowed the male children to live?
Ex 1:19 The midwives answered Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; they are vigorous and quickly delivered; their babies are born before the midwife comes to them.
Ex 1:20 So God dealt well with the midwives and the people multiplied and became very strong.
Ex 1:21 And because the midwives revered {and} feared God, He made them households [of their own].
Ex 1:22 Then Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son born [to the Hebrews] you shall cast into the river [Nile], but every daughter you shall allow to live.
Ex 2:1 NOW [Amram] a man of the house of Levi [the priestly tribe] went and took as his wife [Jochebed] a daughter of Levi.
Ex 2:2 And the woman became pregnant and bore a son; and when she saw that he was [exceedingly] beautiful, she hid him three months.
Ex 2:3 And when she could no longer hide him, she took for him an ark {or} basket made of bulrushes {or} papyrus [making it watertight by] daubing it with bitumen and pitch. Then she put the child in it and laid it among the rushes by the brink of the river [Nile].
Ex 2:4 And his sister [Miriam] stood some distance away to learn what would be done to him.
Ex 2:5 Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, and her maidens walked along the bank; she saw the ark among the rushes and sent her maid to fetch it.

Ex 2:6 When she opened it, she saw the child; and behold, the baby cried. And she took pity on him and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children!
Ex 2:7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call a nurse of the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?
Ex 2:8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the girl went and called the child's mother.
Ex 2:9 Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Take this child away and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages. So the woman took the child and nursed it.
Ex 2:10 And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. And she called him Moses, for she said, Because I drew him out of the water.
Ex 2:11 One day, after Moses was grown, it happened that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens; and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of [Moses'] brethren.
Ex 2:12 He looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.
Ex 2:13 He went out the second day and saw two Hebrew men quarreling {and} fighting; and he said to the unjust aggressor, Why are you striking your comrade?
Ex 2:14 And the man said, Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian? Then Moses was afraid and thought, Surely this thing is known.
Ex 2:15 When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh's presence and took refuge in the land of Midian, where he sat down by a well.
Ex 2:16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came and drew water and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.
Ex 2:17 The shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them and watered their flock.
Ex 2:18 And when they came to Reuel [Jethro] their father, he said, How is it that you have come so soon today?
Ex 2:19 They said, An Egyptian delivered us from the shepherds; also he drew water for us and watered the flock.
Ex 2:20 He said to his daughters, Where is he? Why have you left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread.
Ex 2:21 And Moses was content to dwell with the man; and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter.
Ex 2:22 And she bore a son, and he called his name Gershom [expulsion, or a stranger there]; for he said, I have been a stranger {and} a sojourner in a foreign land.
Ex 2:23 However, after a long time [nearly forty years] the king of Egypt died; and the Israelites were sighing {and} groaning because of the bondage. They kept crying, and their cry because of slavery ascended to God.
Ex 2:24 And God heard their sighing {and} groaning and [earnestly] remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.
Ex 2:25 God saw the Israelites and took knowledge of them {and} concerned Himself about them [knowing all, understanding, remembering all].
Ex 3:1 NOW MOSES kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the back {or} west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb {or} Sinai, the mountain of God.
Ex 3:2 The Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, yet was not consumed.
Ex 3:3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.
Ex 3:4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the midst of the bush and said, Moses, Moses! And he said, Here am I.
Ex 3:5 God said, Do not come near; put your shoes off your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground.
Ex 3:6 Also He said, I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.
Ex 3:7 And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters {and} oppressors; for I know their sorrows {and} sufferings {and} trials.
Ex 3:8 And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand {and} power of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a land good and large, a land flowing with milk and honey [a land of plenty]--to the place of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite.
Ex 3:9 Now behold, the cry of the Israelites has come to Me, and I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.
Ex 3:10 Come now therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh, that you may bring forth My people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.
Ex 3:11 And Moses said to God, Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?
Ex 3:12 God said, I will surely be with you; and this shall be the sign to you that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain [Horeb, or Sinai].

Ex 3:13 And Moses said to God, Behold, when I come to the Israelites and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they say to me, What is His name? What shall I say to them?
Ex 3:14 And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM {and} WHAT I AM, {and} I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE; and He said, You shall say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you!
Ex 3:15 God said also to Moses, This shall you say to the Israelites: The Lord, the God of your fathers, of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has sent me to you! This is My name forever, and by this name I am to be remembered to all generations.
Ex 3:16 Go, gather the elders of Israel together [the mature teachers and tribal leaders], and say to them, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, I have surely visited you and seen that which is done to you in Egypt;
Ex 3:17 And I have declared that I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, to a land flowing with milk and honey.
Ex 3:18 And [the elders] shall believe {and} obey your voice; and you shall go, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt and you shall say to him, The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now let us go, we beseech you, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.
Ex 3:19 And I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go [unless forced to do so], no, not by a mighty hand.
Ex 3:20 So I will stretch out My hand and smite Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in it; and after that he will let you go.
Ex 3:21 And I will give this people favor {and} respect in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be that when you go, you shall not go empty-handed.
Ex 3:22 But every woman shall [insistently] solicit of her neighbor and of her that may be residing at her house jewels and articles of silver and gold, and garments, which you shall put on your sons and daughters; and you shall strip the Egyptians [of belongings due to you].
Ex 4:1 AND MOSES answered, But behold, they will not believe me or listen to {and} obey my voice; for they will say, The Lord has not appeared to you.
Ex 4:2 And the Lord said to him, What is that in your hand? And he said, A rod.
Ex 4:3 And He said, Cast it on the ground. And he did so and it became a serpent [the symbol of royal and divine power worn on the crown of the Pharaohs]; and Moses fled from before it.
Ex 4:4 And the Lord said to Moses, Put forth your hand and take it by the tail. And he stretched out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand,
Ex 4:5 [This you shall do, said the Lord] that the elders may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has indeed appeared to you.
Ex 4:6 The Lord said also to him, Put your hand into your bosom. He put his hand into his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, as white as snow.
Ex 4:7 [God] said, Put your hand into your bosom again. So he put his hand back into his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, it was restored as the rest of his flesh.
Ex 4:8 [Then God said] If they will not believe you or heed the voice {or} the testimony of the first sign, they may believe the voice {or} the witness of the second sign.
Ex 4:9 But if they will also not believe these two signs or heed your voice, you shall take some water of the river [Nile] and pour it upon the dry land; and the water which you take out of the river [Nile] shall become blood on the dry land.
Ex 4:10 And Moses said to the Lord, O Lord, I am not eloquent {or} a man of words, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I am slow of speech and have a heavy {and} awkward tongue.
Ex 4:11 And the Lord said to him, Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the dumb, or the deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? Is it not I, the Lord?
Ex 4:12 Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and will teach you what you shall say.
Ex 4:13 And he said, Oh, my Lord, I pray You, send by the hand of [some other] whom You will [send].
Ex 4:14 Then the anger of the Lord blazed against Moses; He said, Is there not Aaron your brother, the Levite? I know he can speak well. Also, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be overjoyed.
Ex 4:15 You must speak to him and put the words in his mouth; and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you what you shall do.
Ex 4:16 He shall speak for you to the people, acting as a mouthpiece for you, and you shall be as God to him.
Ex 4:17 And you shall take this rod in your hand with which you shall work the signs [that prove I sent you].
Ex 4:18 And Moses went away and, returning to Jethro his father-in-law, said to him, Let me go back, I pray you, to

my relatives in Egypt to see whether they are still alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.
Ex 4:19 The Lord said to Moses in Midian, Go back to Egypt; for all the men who were seeking your life [for killing the Egyptian] are dead.
Ex 4:20 And Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on donkeys, and he returned to the land of Egypt; and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.
Ex 4:21 And the Lord said to Moses, When you return into Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all those miracles {and} wonders which I have put in your hand; but I will make him stubborn {and} harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go.
Ex 4:22 And you shall say to Pharaoh, Thus says the Lord, Israel is My son, even My firstborn.
Ex 4:23 And I say to you, Let My son go, that he may serve Me; and if you refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay your son, your firstborn.
Ex 4:24 Along the way at a [resting-] place, the Lord met [Moses] and sought to kill him [made him acutely and almost fatally ill].
Ex 4:25 [Now apparently he had failed to circumcise one of his sons, his wife being opposed to it; but seeing his life in such danger] Zipporah took a flint knife and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it to touch [Moses'] feet, and said, Surely a husband of blood you are to me!
Ex 4:26 When He let [Moses] alone [to recover], Zipporah said, A husband of blood are you because of the circumcision.
Ex 4:27 The Lord said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mountain of God [Horeb, or Sinai] and kissed him.
Ex 4:28 Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord with which He had sent him, and all the signs with which He had charged him.
Ex 4:29 Moses and Aaron went and gathered together [in Egypt] all the elders of the Israelites.
Ex 4:30 Aaron spoke all the words which the Lord had spoken to Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.
Ex 4:31 And the people believed; and when they heard that the Lord had visited the Israelites, and that He had looked [in compassion] upon their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshiped.
Ex 5:1 AFTERWARD MOSES and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.
Ex 5:2 But Pharaoh said, Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go.
Ex 5:3 And they said, The God of the Hebrews has met with us; let us go, we pray you, three days' journey into the desert and sacrifice to the Lord our God, lest He fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword.
Ex 5:4 The king of Egypt said to Moses and Aaron, Why do you take the people from their jobs? Get to your burdens!
Ex 5:5 Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and you make them rest from their burdens!
Ex 5:6 The very same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their officers,
Ex 5:7 You shall no more give the people straw to make brick; let them go and gather straw for themselves.
Ex 5:8 But the number of the bricks which they made before you shall still require of them; you shall not diminish it in the least. For they are idle; that is why they cry, Let us go and sacrifice to our God.
Ex 5:9 Let heavier work be laid upon the men that they may labor at it and pay no attention to lying words.
Ex 5:10 The taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they said to the people, Thus says Pharaoh, I will not give you straw.
Ex 5:11 Go, get straw where you can find it; but your work shall not be diminished in the least.
Ex 5:12 So the people were scattered through all the land of Egypt to gather the short stubble instead of straw.
Ex 5:13 And the taskmasters were urgent, saying, Finish your work, your daily quotas, as when there was straw.
Ex 5:14 And the Hebrew foremen, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten and were asked, Why have you not fulfilled all your quota of making bricks yesterday and today, as before?
Ex 5:15 Then the Hebrew foremen came to Pharaoh and cried, Why do you deal like this with your servants?
Ex 5:16 No straw is given to your servants, yet they say to us, Make bricks! And behold, your servants are beaten, but the fault is in your own people.
Ex 5:17 But [Pharaoh] said, You are idle, lazy {and} idle! That is why you say, Let us go and sacrifice to the Lord.
Ex 5:18 Get out now and get to work; for no straw shall be given you, yet you shall deliver the full quota of bricks.
Ex 5:19 And the Hebrew foremen saw that they were in an evil situation when it was said, You shall not diminish in the least your full daily quota of bricks.
Ex 5:20 And the foremen met Moses and Aaron, who were standing in the way as they came forth from Pharaoh.

Ex 5:21 And the foremen said to them, The Lord look upon you and judge, because you have made us a rotten stench to be detested by Pharaoh and his servants and have put a sword in their hand to slay us.
Ex 5:22 Then Moses turned again to the Lord and said, O Lord, why have You dealt evil to this people? Why did You ever send me?
Ex 5:23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done evil to this people, neither have You delivered Your people at all.
Ex 6:1 THEN THE Lord said to Moses, Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for [compelled] by a strong hand he will [not only] let them go, but he will drive them out of his land with a strong hand.
Ex 6:2 And God said to Moses, I am the Lord.
Ex 6:3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as God Almighty [El-Shaddai], but by My name the Lord [Yahweh--the redemptive name of God] I did not make Myself known to them [in acts and great miracles].
Ex 6:4 I have also established My covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their temporary residence in which they were strangers.
Ex 6:5 I have also heard the groaning of the Israelites whom the Egyptians have enslaved; and I have [earnestly] remembered My covenant [with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob].
Ex 6:6 Accordingly, say to the Israelites, I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will free you from their bondage, and I will rescue you with an outstretched arm [with special and vigorous action] and by mighty acts of judgment.
Ex 6:7 And I will take you to Me for a people, and I will be to you a God; and you shall know that it is I, the Lord your God, Who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.
Ex 6:8 And I will bring you into the land concerning which I lifted up My hand {and} swore that I would give it to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you for a heritage. I am the Lord [you have the pledge of My changeless omnipotence and faithfulness].
Ex 6:9 Moses told this to the Israelites, but they refused to listen to Moses because of their impatience {and} anguish of spirit and because of their cruel bondage.
Ex 6:10 The Lord said to Moses,
Ex 6:11 Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his land.
Ex 6:12 But Moses said to the Lord, Behold, [my own people] the Israelites have not listened to me; how then shall Pharaoh give heed to me, who am of deficient {and} impeded speech?
Ex 6:13 But the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, and gave them a command for the Israelites and for Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.
Ex 6:14 These are the heads of their clans. The sons of Reuben, Israel's firstborn: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi; these are the families of Reuben.
Ex 6:15 The sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman; these are the families of Simeon.
Ex 6:16 These are the names of the sons of Levi according to their births: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari; and Levi lived 137 years.
Ex 6:17 The sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimi, by their families.
Ex 6:18 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel; and Kohath lived 133 years.
Ex 6:19 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of Levi according to their generations.
Ex 6:20 Amram took Jochebed his father's sister as wife, and she bore him Aaron and Moses; and Amram lived 137 years.
Ex 6:21 The sons of Izhar: Korah, Nepheg, and Zichri.
Ex 6:22 The sons of Uzziel: Mishael, Elzaphan, and Sithri.
Ex 6:23 Aaron took Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab and sister of Nahshon, as wife; she bore him Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
Ex 6:24 The sons of Korah: Assir, Elkanah, and Abiasaph. These are the families of the Korahites.
Ex 6:25 Eleazar, Aaron's son, took one of the daughters of Putiel as wife; and she bore him Phinehas. These are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites by their families.
Ex 6:26 These are the [same] Aaron and Moses to whom the Lord said, Bring out the Israelites from the land of Egypt by their hosts,
Ex 6:27 And who spoke to [the] Pharaoh king of Egypt about bringing the Israelites out of Egypt; these are that Moses and Aaron.
Ex 6:28 On the day when the Lord spoke to Moses in Egypt,

Ex 6:29 The Lord said to Moses, I am the Lord; tell Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you.
Ex 6:30 But Moses said to the Lord, Behold, I am of deficient {and} impeded speech; how then shall Pharaoh listen to me?
Ex 7:1 THE LORD said to Moses, Behold, I make you as God to Pharaoh [to declare My will and purpose to him]; and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.
Ex 7:2 You shall speak all that I command you, and Aaron your brother shall tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his land.
Ex 7:3 And I will make Pharaoh's heart stubborn {and} hard, and multiply My signs, My wonders, {and} miracles in the land of Egypt.
Ex 7:4 But Pharaoh will not listen to you, and I will lay My hand upon Egypt and bring forth My hosts, My people the Israelites, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment.
Ex 7:5 The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord when I stretch forth My hand upon Egypt and bring out the Israelites from among them.
Ex 7:6 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the Lord commanded them.
Ex 7:7 Now Moses was 80 years old and Aaron 83 years old when they spoke to Pharaoh.
Ex 7:8 And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron,
Ex 7:9 When Pharaoh says to you, Prove [your authority] by a miracle, then tell Aaron, Throw your rod down before Pharaoh, that it may become a serpent.
Ex 7:10 So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did as the Lord had commanded; Aaron threw down his rod before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent.
Ex 7:11 Then Pharaoh called for the wise men [skilled in magic and divination] and the sorcerers (wizards and jugglers). And they also, these magicians of Egypt, did similar things with their enchantments {and} secret arts.
Ex 7:12 For they cast down every man his rod and they became serpents; but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.
Ex 7:13 But Pharaoh's heart was hardened {and} stubborn and he would not listen to them, just as the Lord had said.
Ex 7:14 Then the Lord said to Moses, Pharaoh's heart is hard {and} stubborn; he refuses to let the people go.
Ex 7:15 Go to Pharaoh in the morning; he will be going out to the water; wait for him by the river's brink; and the rod which was turned to a serpent you shall take in your hand.
Ex 7:16 And say to him, The Lord, the God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness; and behold, heretofore you have not listened.
Ex 7:17 Thus says the Lord, In this you shall know, recognize, {and} understand that I am the Lord: behold, I will smite with the rod in my hand the waters in the [Nile] River, and they shall be turned to blood.
Ex 7:18 The fish in the river shall die, the river shall become foul smelling, and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink from it.
Ex 7:19 And the Lord said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Take your rod and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their streams, rivers, pools, and ponds of water, that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, in containers both of wood and of stone.
Ex 7:20 Moses and Aaron did as the Lord commanded; [Aaron] lifted up the rod and smote the waters in the river in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and all the waters in the river were turned to blood.
Ex 7:21 And the fish in the river died; and the river became foul smelling, and the Egyptians could not drink its water, and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.
Ex 7:22 But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their enchantments {and} secret arts; and Pharaoh's heart was made hard {and} obstinate, and he did not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the Lord had said.
Ex 7:23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house; neither did he take even this to heart.
Ex 7:24 And all the Egyptians dug round about the river for water to drink, for they could not drink the water of the [Nile].
Ex 7:25 Seven days passed after the Lord had smitten the river.
Ex 8:1 THEN THE Lord said to Moses, Go to Pharaoh and say to him, Thus says the Lord, Let My people go, that they may serve Me.
Ex 8:2 And if you refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite your entire land with frogs;
Ex 8:3 And the river shall swarm with frogs which shall go up and come into your house, into your bedchamber and on your bed, and into the houses of your servants and upon your people, and into your ovens, your kneading bowls, {and} your dough.
Ex 8:4 And the frogs shall come up on you and on your people and all your servants.
Ex 8:5 And the Lord said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Stretch out your hand with your rod over the rivers, the streams

{and} canals, and over the pools, and cause frogs to come up on the land of Egypt.
Ex 8:6 So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land.
Ex 8:7 But the magicians did the same thing with their enchantments {and} secret arts, and brought up [more] frogs upon the land of Egypt.
Ex 8:8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Entreat the Lord, that He may take away the frogs from me and my people; and I will let the people go that they may sacrifice to the Lord.
Ex 8:9 Moses said to Pharaoh, Glory over me in this: dictate when I shall pray [to the Lord] for you, your servants, and your people, that the frogs may be destroyed from you and your houses and remain only in the river.
Ex 8:10 And [Pharaoh] said, Tomorrow. [Moses] said, Let it be as you say, that you may know that there is no one like the Lord our God.
Ex 8:11 And the frogs shall depart from you and your houses and from your servants and your people; they shall remain in the river only.
Ex 8:12 So Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and Moses cried to the Lord [as he had agreed with Pharaoh] concerning the frogs which He had brought against him.
Ex 8:13 And the Lord did according to the word of Moses, and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the courtyards {and} villages, and out of the fields.
Ex 8:14 [The people] gathered them together in heaps, and the land was loathsome {and} stank.
Ex 8:15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was temporary relief, he made his heart stubborn {and} hard and would not listen {or} heed them, just as the Lord had said.
Ex 8:16 Then the Lord said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Stretch out your rod and strike the dust of the ground, that it may become biting gnats {or} mosquitoes throughout all the land of Egypt.
Ex 8:17 And they did so; Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and there came biting gnats {or} mosquitoes on man and beast; all the dust of the land became biting gnats {or} mosquitoes throughout all the land of Egypt.
Ex 8:18 The magicians tried by their enchantments {and} secret arts to bring forth gnats {or} mosquitoes, but they could not; and there were gnats {or} mosquitoes on man and beast.
Ex 8:19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, This is the finger of God! But Pharaoh's heart was hardened {and} strong and he would not listen to them, just as the Lord had said.
Ex 8:20 Then the Lord said to Moses, Rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh as he comes forth to the water; and say to him, Thus says the Lord, Let My people go, that they may serve Me.
Ex 8:21 Else, if you will not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms [of bloodsucking gadflies] upon you, your servants, and your people, and into your houses; and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms [of bloodsucking gadflies], and also the ground on which they stand.
Ex 8:22 But on that day I will sever {and} set apart the land of Goshen in which My people dwell, that no swarms [of gadflies] shall be there, so that you may know that I am the Lord in the midst of the earth.
Ex 8:23 And I will put a division {and} a sign of deliverance between My people and your people. By tomorrow shall this sign be in evidence.
Ex 8:24 And the Lord did so; and there came heavy {and} oppressive swarms [of bloodsucking gadflies] into the house of Pharaoh and his servants' houses; and in all of Egypt the land was corrupted {and} ruined by reason of the great invasion [of gadflies].
Ex 8:25 And Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Go, sacrifice to your God [here] in the land [of Egypt].
Ex 8:26 And Moses said, It is not suitable {or} right to do that; for the animals the Egyptians hold sacred and will not permit to be slain are those which we are accustomed to sacrifice to the Lord our God; if we did this before the eyes of the Egyptians, would they not stone us?
Ex 8:27 We will go a three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the Lord our God, as He will command us.
Ex 8:28 So Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the Lord your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. Entreat [your God] for me.
Ex 8:29 Moses said, I go out from you, and I will entreat the Lord that the swarms [of bloodsucking gadflies] may depart from Pharaoh, his servants, and his people tomorrow; only let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the Lord.
Ex 8:30 So Moses went out from Pharaoh and entreated the Lord.
Ex 8:31 And the Lord did as Moses had spoken: He removed the swarms [of attacking gadflies] from Pharaoh, from his servants, and his people; there remained not one.

Ex 8:32 But Pharaoh hardened his heart {and} made it stubborn this time also, nor would he let the people go.
Ex 9:1 THEN THE Lord said to Moses, Go to Pharaoh and tell him, Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews: Let My people go, that they may serve Me.
Ex 9:2 If you refuse to let them go and still hold them,
Ex 9:3 Behold, the hand of the Lord [will fall] upon your livestock which are out in the field, upon the horses, the donkeys, the camels, the herds and the flocks; there shall be a very severe plague.
Ex 9:4 But the Lord shall make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt, and nothing shall die of all that belongs to the Israelites.
Ex 9:5 And the Lord set a time, saying, Tomorrow the Lord will do this thing in the land.
Ex 9:6 And the Lord did that the next day, and all [kinds of] the livestock of Egypt died; but of the livestock of the Israelites not one died.
Ex 9:7 Pharaoh sent to find out, and behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was hardened [his mind was set] and he did not let the people go.
Ex 9:8 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, Take handfuls of ashes {or} soot from the brickkiln and let Moses sprinkle them toward the heavens in the sight of Pharaoh.
Ex 9:9 And it shall become small dust over all the land of Egypt, and become boils breaking out in sores on man and beast in all the land [occupied by the Egyptians].
Ex 9:10 So they took ashes {or} soot of the kiln and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses threw them toward the sky, and it became boils erupting in sores on man and beast.
Ex 9:11 And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of their boils; for the boils were on the magicians and all the Egyptians.
Ex 9:12 But the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, making it strong {and} obstinate, and he did not listen to them or heed them, just as the Lord had told Moses.
Ex 9:13 Then the Lord said to Moses, Rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh and say to him, Thus says the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, Let My people go, that they may serve Me.
Ex 9:14 For this time I will send all My plagues upon your heart and upon your servants and your people, that you may recognize {and} know that there is none like Me in all the earth.
Ex 9:15 For by now I could have put forth My hand and have struck you and your people with pestilence, and you would have been cut off from the earth.
Ex 9:16 But for this very purpose have I let you live, that I might show you My power, and that My name may be declared throughout all the earth.
Ex 9:17 Since you are still exalting yourself [in haughty defiance] against My people by not letting them go,
Ex 9:18 Behold, tomorrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very heavy {and} dreadful fall of hail, such as has not been in Egypt from its founding until now.
Ex 9:19 Send therefore now and gather your cattle in hastily, and all that you have in the field; for every man and beast that is in the field and is not brought home shall be struck by the hail and shall die.
Ex 9:20 Then he who feared the word of the Lord among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his livestock flee into the houses {and} shelters.
Ex 9:21 And he who ignored the word of the Lord left his servants and his livestock in the field.
Ex 9:22 The Lord said to Moses, Stretch forth your hand toward the heavens, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man and beast, and upon all the vegetation of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.
Ex 9:23 Then Moses stretched forth his rod toward the heavens, and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and fire (lightning) ran down to {and} along the ground, and the Lord rained hail upon the land of Egypt.
Ex 9:24 So there was hail and fire flashing continually in the midst of the weighty hail, such as had not been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.
Ex 9:25 The hail struck down throughout all the land of Egypt everything that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail beat down all the vegetation of the field and shattered every tree of the field.
Ex 9:26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the Israelites were, was there no hail.
Ex 9:27 And Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, I have sinned this time; the Lord is in the right and I and my people are in the wrong.
Ex 9:28 Entreat the Lord, for there has been enough of these mighty thunderings and hail [these voices of God]; I will let you go; you shall stay here no longer.
Ex 9:29 Moses said to him, As soon as I leave the city, I will stretch out my hands to the Lord; the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail, that you may know that the earth is the Lord's.

Ex 9:30 But as for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet [reverently] fear the Lord God.
Ex 9:31 The flax and the barley were smitten {and} ruined, for the barley was in the ear and the flax in bloom.
Ex 9:32 But the wheat and spelt [another wheat] were not smitten, for they ripen late and were not grown up yet.
Ex 9:33 So Moses left the city and Pharaoh, and stretched forth his hands to the Lord; and the thunder and hail ceased, and rain was no longer poured upon the earth.
Ex 9:34 But when Pharaoh saw that the rain, the hail, and the thunder had ceased, he sinned yet more, and toughened {and} stiffened his hard heart, he and his servants.
Ex 9:35 So Pharaoh's heart was strong {and} obstinate; he would not let the Israelites go, just as the Lord had said by Moses.
Ex 10:1 THE LORD said to Moses, Go to Pharaoh, for I have made his heart hard, and his servants' hearts, that I might show these My signs [of divine power] before him,
Ex 10:2 And that you may recount in the ears of your son and of your grandson what I have done in derision of the Egyptians {and} what things I have [repeatedly] done there--My signs [of divine power] done among them--that you may recognize {and} know that I am the Lord.
Ex 10:3 So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh, and said to him, Thus says the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go, that they may serve Me.
Ex 10:4 For if you refuse to let My people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your country.
Ex 10:5 And they shall cover the land so that one cannot see the ground; and they shall eat the remainder of what escaped and is left to you from the hail, and they shall eat every tree of yours that grows in the field;
Ex 10:6 The locusts shall fill your houses and those of all your servants and of all the Egyptians, as neither your fathers nor your fathers' fathers have seen from their birth until this day. Then Moses departed from Pharaoh.
Ex 10:7 And Pharaoh's servants said to him, How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the Lord their God; do you not yet understand {and} know that Egypt is destroyed?
Ex 10:8 So Moses and Aaron were brought again to Pharaoh; and he said to them, Go, serve the Lord your God; but just who are to go?
Ex 10:9 And Moses said, We will go with our young and our old, with our sons and our daughters, with our flocks and our herds [all of us and all we have], for we must hold a feast to the Lord.
Ex 10:10 Pharaoh said to them, Let the Lord be with you, if I ever let you go with your little ones! See, you have some evil purpose in mind.
Ex 10:11 Not so! You that are men, [without your families] go and serve the Lord, for that is what you want. And [Moses and Aaron] were driven from Pharaoh's presence.
Ex 10:12 Then the Lord said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up on the land of Egypt and eat all the vegetation of the land, all that the hail has left.
Ex 10:13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the Lord brought an east wind upon the land all that day and all that night; when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.
Ex 10:14 And the locusts came up over all the land of Egypt and settled down on the whole country of Egypt, a very dreadful mass of them; never before were there such locusts as these, nor will there ever be again.
Ex 10:15 For they covered the whole land, so that the ground was darkened, and they ate every bit of vegetation of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left; there remained not a green thing of the trees or the plants of the field in all the land of Egypt.
Ex 10:16 Then Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron in haste. He said, I have sinned against the Lord your God and you.
Ex 10:17 Now therefore forgive my sin, I pray you, only this once, and entreat the Lord your God only that He may remove from me this [plague of] death.
Ex 10:18 Then Moses left Pharaoh and entreated the Lord.
Ex 10:19 And the Lord turned a violent west wind, which lifted the locusts and drove them into the Red Sea; not one locust remained in all the country of Egypt.
Ex 10:20 But the Lord made Pharaoh's heart more strong {and} obstinate, and he would not let the Israelites go.
Ex 10:21 And the Lord said to Moses, Stretch out your hand toward the heavens, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness which may be felt.
Ex 10:22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and for three days a thick darkness was all over the land of Egypt.
Ex 10:23 The Egyptians could not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days; but all the Israelites had natural light in their dwellings.
Ex 10:24 And Pharaoh called to Moses, and said, Go, serve the Lord; let your little ones also go with you; it is only

your flocks and your herds that must not go.
Ex 10:25 But Moses said, You must give into our hand also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.
Ex 10:26 Our livestock also shall go with us; there shall not a hoof be left behind; for of them must we take to serve the Lord our God, and we know not with what we must serve the Lord until we arrive there.
Ex 10:27 But the Lord made Pharaoh's heart stronger {and} more stubborn, and he would not let them go.
Ex 10:28 And Pharaoh said to Moses, Get away from me! See that you never enter my presence again, for the day you see my face again you shall die!
Ex 10:29 And Moses said, You have spoken truly; I will never see your face again.
Ex 11:1 THEN THE Lord said to Moses, Yet will I bring one plague more on Pharaoh and on Egypt; afterwards he will let you go. When he lets you go from here, he will thrust you out altogether.
Ex 11:2 Speak now in the hearing of the people, and let every man solicit {and} ask of his neighbor, and every woman of her neighbor, jewels of silver and jewels of gold.
Ex 11:3 And the Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man Moses was exceedingly great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and of the people.
Ex 11:4 And Moses said, Thus says the Lord, About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt;
Ex 11:5 And all the firstborn in the land [the pride, hope, and joy] of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the maidservant who is behind the hand mill, and all the firstborn of beasts.
Ex 11:6 There shall be a great cry in all the land of Egypt, such as has never been nor ever shall be again.
Ex 11:7 But against any of the Israelites shall not so much as a dog move his tongue against man or beast, that you may know that the Lord makes a distinction between the Egyptians and Israel.
Ex 11:8 And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, Get out, and all the people who follow you! And after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in great anger.
Ex 11:9 Then the Lord said to Moses, Pharaoh will not listen to you, that My wonders {and} miracles may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.
Ex 11:10 Moses and Aaron did all these wonders {and} miracles before Pharaoh; and the Lord hardened Pharaoh's stubborn heart, and he did not let the Israelites go out of his land.
Ex 12:1 THE LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,
Ex 12:2 This month shall be to you the beginning of months, the first month of the year to you.
Ex 12:3 Tell all the congregation of Israel, On the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb {or} kid, according to [the size of] the family of which he is the father, a lamb {or} kid for each house.
Ex 12:4 And if the household is too small to consume the lamb, let him and his next door neighbor take it according to the number of persons, every man according to what each can eat shall make your count for the lamb.
Ex 12:5 Your lamb {or} kid shall be without blemish, a male of the first year; you shall take it from the sheep or the goats.
Ex 12:6 And you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall [each] kill [his] lamb in the evening.
Ex 12:7 They shall take of the blood and put it on the two side posts and on the lintel [above the door space] of the houses in which they shall eat [the Passover lamb].
Ex 12:8 They shall eat the flesh that night roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.
Ex 12:9 Eat not of it raw nor boiled at all with water, but roasted--its head, its legs, and its inner parts.
Ex 12:10 You shall let nothing of the meat remain until the morning; and the bones {and} unedible bits which remain of it until morning you shall burn with fire.
Ex 12:11 And you shall eat it thus: [as fully prepared for a journey] your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.
Ex 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment [proving their helplessness]. I am the Lord.
Ex 12:13 The blood shall be for a token {or} sign to you upon [the doorposts of] the houses where you are, [that] when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall be upon you to destroy you when I smite the land of Egypt.
Ex 12:14 And this day shall be to you for a memorial. You shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations, keep it as an ordinance forever.
Ex 12:15 [In celebration of the Passover in future years] seven days shall you eat unleavened bread; even the first day you shall put away leaven [symbolic of corruption] out of your houses; for whoever eats leavened bread from the first

day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.
Ex 12:16 On the first day you shall hold a solemn {and} holy assembly, and on the seventh day there shall be a solemn {and} holy assembly; no kind of work shall be done in them, save [preparation of] that which every person must eat--that only may be done by you.
Ex 12:17 And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day have I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt; therefore shall you observe this day throughout your generations as an ordinance forever.
Ex 12:18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread [and continue] until the twenty-first day of the month at evening.
Ex 12:19 Seven days no leaven [symbolic of corruption] shall be found in your houses; whoever eats what is leavened shall be excluded from the congregation of Israel, whether a stranger or native-born.
Ex 12:20 You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread [during that week].
Ex 12:21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said to them, Go forth, select and take a lamb according to your families and kill the Passover [lamb].
Ex 12:22 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood in the basin, and touch the lintel above the door and the two side posts with the blood; and none of you shall go out of his house until morning.
Ex 12:23 For the Lord will pass through to slay the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood upon the lintel and the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to slay you.
Ex 12:24 You shall observe this rite for an ordinance to you and to your sons forever.
Ex 12:25 When you come to the land which the Lord will give you, as He has promised, you shall keep this service.
Ex 12:26 When your children shall say to you, What do you mean by this service?
Ex 12:27 You shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, for He passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt when He slew the Egyptians but spared our houses. And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.
Ex 12:28 The Israelites went and, as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.
Ex 12:29 At midnight the Lord slew every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the prisoner in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock.
Ex 12:30 Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not one dead.
Ex 12:31 He called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, get out from among my people, both you and the Israelites; and go, serve the Lord, as you said.
Ex 12:32 Also take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone! And [ask your God to] bless me also.
Ex 12:33 The Egyptians were urgent with the people to depart, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We are all dead men.
Ex 12:34 The people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading bowls being bound up in their clothes on their shoulders.
Ex 12:35 The Israelites did according to the word of Moses; and they [urgently] asked of the Egyptians jewels of silver and of gold, and clothing.
Ex 12:36 The Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they gave them what they asked. And they stripped the Egyptians [of those things].
Ex 12:37 The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about 600,000 men on foot, besides women and children.
Ex 12:38 And a mixed multitude went also with them, and very much livestock, both flocks and herds.
Ex 12:39 They baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought from Egypt; it was not leavened because they were driven from Egypt and could not delay, nor had they prepared for themselves any food.
Ex 12:40 Now the time the Israelites dwelt in Egypt was 430 years.
Ex 12:41 At the end of the 430 years, even that very day, all the hosts of the Lord went out of Egypt.
Ex 12:42 It was a night of watching unto the Lord {and} to be much observed for bringing them out of Egypt; this same night of watching unto the Lord is to be observed by all the Israelites throughout their generations.
Ex 12:43 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the Passover: No foreigner shall eat of it;
Ex 12:44 But every man's servant who is bought for money, when you have circumcised him, then may he eat of it.
Ex 12:45 A foreigner or hired servant shall not eat of it.
Ex 12:46 In one house shall it be eaten [by one company]; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside the house; neither shall you break a bone of it.
Ex 12:47 All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.
Ex 12:48 When a stranger sojourning with you wishes to keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land. But no

uncircumcised person shall eat of it.
Ex 12:49 There shall be one law for the native-born and for the stranger or foreigner who sojourns among you.
Ex 12:50 Thus did all the Israelites; as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.
Ex 12:51 And on that very day the Lord brought the Israelites out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.
Ex 13:1 THE LORD said to Moses,
Ex 13:2 Sanctify (consecrate, set apart) to Me all the firstborn [males]; whatever is first to open the womb among the Israelites, both of man and of beast, is Mine.
Ex 13:3 And Moses said to the people, [Earnestly] remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage {and} bondmen, for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out from this place; no leavened bread shall be eaten.
Ex 13:4 This day you go forth in the month Abib.
Ex 13:5 And when the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which He promised {and} swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey [a land of plenty], you shall keep this service in this month.
Ex 13:6 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread and the seventh day shall be a feast to the Lord.
Ex 13:7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen with you, neither shall there be leaven in all your territory.
Ex 13:8 You shall explain to your son on that day, This is done because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.
Ex 13:9 It shall be as a sign to you upon your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the law of the Lord may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the Lord has brought you out of Egypt.
Ex 13:10 You shall therefore keep this ordinance at this time from year to year.
Ex 13:11 And when the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as He promised {and} swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you,
Ex 13:12 You shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstlings of your livestock that are males shall be the Lord's.
Ex 13:13 Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem by [substituting for it] a lamb, or if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck; and every firstborn among your sons shall you redeem.
Ex 13:14 And when, in time to come, your son asks you, What does this mean? You shall say to him, By strength of hand the Lord brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage {and} bondmen.
Ex 13:15 For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and of livestock. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all the males that first open the womb; but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.
Ex 13:16 And it shall be as a reminder upon your hand or as frontlets between your eyes, for by a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt.
Ex 13:17 When Pharaoh let the people go, God led them not by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer; for God said, Lest the people change their purpose when they see war and return to Egypt.
Ex 13:18 But God led the people around by way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the Israelites went up marshaled [in ranks] out of the land of Egypt.
Ex 13:19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for [Joseph] had strictly sworn the Israelites, saying, Surely God will be with you, and you must carry my bones away from here with you.
Ex 13:20 They journeyed from Succoth and encamped at Etham on the edge of the wilderness.
Ex 13:21 The Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.
Ex 13:22 The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.
Ex 14:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Ex 14:2 Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the [Red] Sea, before Baal-zephon. You shall encamp opposite it by the sea.
Ex 14:3 For Pharaoh will say of the Israelites, They are entangled in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.
Ex 14:4 I will harden (make stubborn, strong) Pharaoh's heart, that he will pursue them, and I will gain honor {and} glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord. And they did so.
Ex 14:5 It was told the king of Egypt that the people had fled; and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, What is this we have done? We have let Israel go from serving us!
Ex 14:6 And he made ready his chariots and took his army,

Ex 14:7 And took 600 chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them.
Ex 14:8 The Lord made hard {and} strong the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the Israelites, for [they] left proudly {and} defiantly.
Ex 14:9 The Egyptians pursued them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the [Red] Sea by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.
Ex 14:10 When Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked up, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them; and the Israelites were exceedingly frightened and cried out to the Lord.
Ex 14:11 And they said to Moses, Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you treated us this way and brought us out of Egypt?
Ex 14:12 Did we not tell you in Egypt, Let us alone; let us serve the Egyptians? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.
Ex 14:13 Moses told the people, Fear not; stand still (firm, confident, undismayed) and see the salvation of the Lord which He will work for you today. For the Egyptians you have seen today you shall never see again.
Ex 14:14 The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace {and} remain at rest.
Ex 14:15 The Lord said to Moses, Why do you cry to Me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward!
Ex 14:16 Lift up your rod and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and the Israelites shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.
Ex 14:17 And I, behold, I will harden (make stubborn and strong) the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall go [into the sea] after them; and I will gain honor over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and horsemen.
Ex 14:18 The Egyptians shall know {and} realize that I am the Lord when I have gained honor {and} glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.
Ex 14:19 And the Angel of God Who went before the host of Israel moved and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before them and stood behind them,
Ex 14:20 Coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. It was a cloud and darkness to the Egyptians, but it gave light by night to the Israelites; and the one host did not come near the other all night.
Ex 14:21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night and made the sea dry land; and the waters were divided.
Ex 14:22 And the Israelites went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.
Ex 14:23 The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.
Ex 14:24 And in the morning watch the Lord through the pillar of fire and cloud looked down on the host of the Egyptians and discomfited [them],
Ex 14:25 And bound (clogged, took off) their chariot wheels, making them drive heavily; and the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians!
Ex 14:26 Then the Lord said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and horsemen.
Ex 14:27 So Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its strength {and} normal flow when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled into it [being met by it]; and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians {and} shook them off into the midst of the sea.
Ex 14:28 The waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that pursued them; not even one of them remained.
Ex 14:29 But the Israelites walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.
Ex 14:30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore.
Ex 14:31 And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did against the Egyptians, and the people [reverently] feared the Lord and trusted in (relied on, remained steadfast to) the Lord and to His servant Moses.
Ex 15:1 THEN MOSES and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord, saying, I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider {or} its chariot has He thrown into the sea.
Ex 15:2 The Lord is my Strength and my Song, and He has become my Salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him.
Ex 15:3 The Lord is a Man of War; the Lord is His name.
Ex 15:4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host has He cast into the sea; his chosen captains also are sunk in the Red Sea.

Ex 15:5 The floods cover them; they sank in the depths [clad in mail] like a stone.
Ex 15:6 Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power; Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
Ex 15:7 In the greatness of Your majesty You overthrow those rising against You. You send forth Your fury; it consumes them like stubble.
Ex 15:8 With the blast of Your nostrils the waters piled up, the floods stood fixed in a heap, the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.
Ex 15:9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my desire shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.
Ex 15:10 You [Lord] blew with Your wind, the sea covered them; [clad in mail] they sank as lead in the mighty waters.
Ex 15:11 Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?
Ex 15:12 You stretched out Your right hand, the earth's [sea] swallowed them.
Ex 15:13 You in Your mercy {and} loving-kindness have led forth the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation.
Ex 15:14 The peoples have heard of it; they tremble; pangs have taken hold on the inhabitants of Philistia.
Ex 15:15 Now the chiefs of Edom are dismayed; the mighty men of Moab [renowned for strength], trembling takes hold of them; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away--little by little.
Ex 15:16 Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of Your arm they are as still as a stone--till Your people pass by {and} over [into Canaan], O Lord, till the people pass by whom You have purchased.
Ex 15:17 You will bring them in [to the land] and plant them on Your own mountain, the place, O Lord, You have made for Your dwelling, the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established.
Ex 15:18 The Lord will reign forever and ever.
Ex 15:19 For the horses of Pharaoh went with his chariots and horsemen into the sea, and the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the Israelites walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea.
Ex 15:20 Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and dancing.
Ex 15:21 And Miriam responded to them, Sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously {and} is highly exalted; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.
Ex 15:22 Then Moses led Israel onward from the Red Sea and they went into the Wilderness of Shur; they went three days [thirty-three miles] in the wilderness and found no water.
Ex 15:23 When they came to Marah, they could not drink its waters for they were bitter; therefore it was named Marah [bitterness].
Ex 15:24 The people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?
Ex 15:25 And he cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree which he cast into the waters, and the waters were made sweet. There [the Lord] made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there He proved them,
Ex 15:26 Saying, If you will diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord your God and will do what is right in His sight, and will listen to {and} obey His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon you which I brought upon the Egyptians, for I am the Lord Who heals you.
Ex 15:27 And they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees; and they encamped there by the waters.
Ex 16:1 THEY SET out from Elim, and all the congregation of Israel came to the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they left the land of Egypt.
Ex 16:2 And the whole congregation of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness,
Ex 16:3 And said to them, Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.
Ex 16:4 Then the Lord said to Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from the heavens for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in My law or not.
Ex 16:5 On the sixth day they shall prepare to bring in twice as much as they gather daily.
Ex 16:6 So Moses and Aaron said to all Israel, At evening you shall know that the Lord has brought you out from the land of Egypt,
Ex 16:7 And in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, for He hears your murmurings against the Lord. For what are we, that you murmur against us?

Ex 16:8 And Moses said, [This will happen] when the Lord gives you in the evening flesh to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumblings which you murmur against Him; what are we? Your murmurings are not against us, but against the Lord.
Ex 16:9 And Moses said to Aaron, Say to all the congregation of Israel, Come near before the Lord, for He has heard your murmurings.
Ex 16:10 And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud!
Ex 16:11 The Lord said to Moses,
Ex 16:12 I have heard the murmurings of the Israelites; speak to them, saying, At twilight you shall eat meat, and between the two evenings you shall be filled with bread; and you shall know that I am the Lord your God.
Ex 16:13 In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning the dew lay round about the camp.
Ex 16:14 And when the dew had gone, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a fine, round {and} flakelike thing, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground.
Ex 16:15 When the Israelites saw it, they said one to another, Manna [What is it?]. For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, This is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat.
Ex 16:16 This is what the Lord has commanded: Let every man gather of it as much as he will need, an omer for each person, according to the number of your persons; take it, every man for those in his tent.
Ex 16:17 The [people] did so, and gathered, some more, some less.
Ex 16:18 When they measured it with an omer, he who gathered much had nothing over, and he who gathered little had no lack; each gathered according to his need.
Ex 16:19 Moses said, Let none of it be left until morning.
Ex 16:20 But they did not listen to Moses; some of them left of it until morning, and it bred worms, became foul, {and} stank; and Moses was angry with them.
Ex 16:21 They gathered it every morning, each as much as he needed, for when the sun became hot it melted.
Ex 16:22 And on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each person; and all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses.
Ex 16:23 He said to them, The Lord has said, Tomorrow is a solemn rest, a holy Sabbath to the Lord; bake and boil what you will bake and boil today; and all that remains over put aside for you to keep until morning.
Ex 16:24 They laid it aside till morning, as Moses told them; and it did not become foul, neither was it wormy.
Ex 16:25 Moses said, Eat that today, for today is a Sabbath to the Lord. Today you shall find none in the field.
Ex 16:26 Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there shall be none.
Ex 16:27 On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather, but they found none.
Ex 16:28 The Lord said to Moses, How long do you [people] refuse to keep My commandments and My laws?
Ex 16:29 See, the Lord has given you the Sabbath; therefore He gives you on the sixth day the bread for two days; let every man remain in his place; let no man leave his place on the seventh day.
Ex 16:30 So the people rested on the seventh day.
Ex 16:31 The house of Israel called the bread manna; it was like coriander seed, white, and it tasted like wafers made with honey.
Ex 16:32 Moses said, This is what the Lord commands, Take an omer of it to be kept throughout your generations, that they may see the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.
Ex 16:33 And Moses said to Aaron, Take a pot and put an omer of manna in it, and lay it up before the Lord, to be kept throughout your generations.
Ex 16:34 As the Lord commanded Moses, Aaron laid it up before the Testimony to be kept [in the ark].
Ex 16:35 And the Israelites ate manna forty years, until they came to a habitable land; they ate the manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan.
Ex 16:36 (Now an omer is the tenth of an ephah.)
Ex 17:1 ALL THE congregation of the Israelites moved on from the Wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and encamped at Rephidim; but there was no water for the people to drink.
Ex 17:2 Therefore, the people contended with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said to them, Why do you find fault with me? Why do you tempt the Lord {and} try His patience?
Ex 17:3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?
Ex 17:4 So Moses cried to the Lord, What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.
Ex 17:5 And the Lord said to Moses, Pass on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel; and

take in your hand the rod with which you smote the river [Nile], and go.
Ex 17:6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at [Mount] Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.
Ex 17:7 He called the place Massah [proof] and Meribah [contention] because of the faultfinding of the Israelites and because they tempted {and} tried the patience of the Lord, saying, Is the Lord among us or not?
Ex 17:8 Then came Amalek [descendants of Esau] and fought with Israel at Rephidim.
Ex 17:9 And Moses said to Joshua, Choose us out men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand.
Ex 17:10 So Joshua did as Moses said and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the hilltop.
Ex 17:11 When Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and when he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed.
Ex 17:12 But Moses' hands were heavy {and} grew weary. So [the other men] took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Then Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side and one on the other side; so his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.
Ex 17:13 And Joshua mowed down {and} disabled Amalek and his people with the sword.
Ex 17:14 And the Lord said to Moses, Write this for a memorial in the book and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under the heavens.
Ex 17:15 And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The Lord is my Banner;
Ex 17:16 And he said, Because [theirs] is a hand against the throne of the Lord, the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.
Ex 18:1 NOW JETHRO [Reuel], the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel His people, and that the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt.
Ex 18:2 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after Moses had sent her back [to her father],
Ex 18:3 And her two sons, of whom the name of the one was Gershom [expulsion, or a stranger there], for Moses said, I have been an alien in a strange land;
Ex 18:4 And the name of the other was Eliezer [God is help], for the God of my father, said Moses, was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh.
Ex 18:5 And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with Moses' sons and his wife to the wilderness where he was encamped at the mount of God [Horeb, or Sinai].
Ex 18:6 And he said [in a message] to Moses, I, your father-in-law Jethro, am come to you and your wife and her two sons with her.
Ex 18:7 And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed in homage and kissed him; and each asked the other of his welfare and they came into the tent.
Ex 18:8 Moses told his father-in-law all the Lord had done to Pharaoh and the Egyptians for Israel's sake and all the hardships that had come upon them by the way and how the Lord delivered them.
Ex 18:9 Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness the Lord had done to Israel in that He had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians.
Ex 18:10 Jethro said, Blessed be the Lord, Who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh, Who has delivered the people [Israel] from under the hand of the Egyptians.
Ex 18:11 Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods. Yes, in the [very] thing in which they dealt proudly [He showed Himself infinitely superior to all their gods].
Ex 18:12 And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices [to offer] to God, and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.
Ex 18:13 Next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening.
Ex 18:14 When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, What is this that you do for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?
Ex 18:15 Moses said to his father-in-law, Because the people come to me to inquire of God.
Ex 18:16 When they have a dispute they come to me, and I judge between a man and his neighbor, and I make them know the statutes of God and His laws.
Ex 18:17 Moses' father-in-law said to him, The thing that you are doing is not good.
Ex 18:18 You will surely wear out both yourself and this people with you, for the thing is too heavy for you; you are not able to perform it all by yourself.
Ex 18:19 Listen now to [me]; I will counsel you, and God will be with you. You shall represent the people before God, bringing their cases {and} causes to Him,
Ex 18:20 Teaching them the decrees and laws, showing them the way they must walk and the work they must do.

Ex 18:21 Moreover, you shall choose able men from all the people--God-fearing men of truth who hate unjust gain--and place them over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens, to be their rulers.
Ex 18:22 And let them judge the people at all times; every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they shall judge. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you.
Ex 18:23 If you will do this, and God so commands you, you will be able to endure [the strain], and all these people also will go to their [tents] in peace.
Ex 18:24 So Moses listened to {and} heeded the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said.
Ex 18:25 Moses chose able men out of all Israel and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens.
Ex 18:26 And they judged the people at all times; the hard cases they brought to Moses, but every small matter they decided themselves.
Ex 18:27 Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went his way into his own land.
Ex 19:1 IN THE third month after the Israelites left the land of Egypt, the same day, they came into the Wilderness of Sinai.
Ex 19:2 When they had departed from Rephidim and had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, they encamped there before the mountain.
Ex 19:3 And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him out of the mountain, Say this to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites:
Ex 19:4 You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.
Ex 19:5 Now therefore, if you will obey My voice in truth and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own peculiar possession {and} treasure from among {and} above all peoples; for all the earth is Mine.
Ex 19:6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation [consecrated, set apart to the worship of God]. These are the words you shall speak to the Israelites.
Ex 19:7 So Moses called for the elders of the people and told them all these words which the Lord commanded him.
Ex 19:8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord has spoken we will do. And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.
Ex 19:9 And the Lord said to Moses, Behold, I come to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you and believe you {and} remain steadfast forever. Then Moses told the words of the people to the Lord.
Ex 19:10 And the Lord said to Moses, Go and sanctify the people [set them apart for God] today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes
Ex 19:11 And be ready by the third day, for the third day the Lord will come down upon Mount Sinai [in the cloud] in the sight of all the people.
Ex 19:12 And you shall set bounds for the people round about, saying, Take heed that you go not up into the mountain or touch the border of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death.
Ex 19:13 No hand shall touch it [or the offender], but he shall surely be stoned or shot [with arrows]; whether beast or man, he shall not live. When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain.
Ex 19:14 So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and sanctified them [set them apart for God], and they washed their clothes.
Ex 19:15 And he said to the people, Be ready by the day after tomorrow; do not go near a woman.
Ex 19:16 The third morning there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled.
Ex 19:17 Then Moses brought the people from the camp to meet God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.
Ex 19:18 Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, for the Lord descended upon it in fire; its smoke ascended like that of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.
Ex 19:19 As the trumpet blast grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and God answered him with a voice.
Ex 19:20 The Lord came down upon Mount Sinai to the top of the mountain, and the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.
Ex 19:21 The Lord said to Moses, Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to the Lord to gaze and many of them perish.
Ex 19:22 And also let the priests, who come near to the Lord, sanctify (set apart) themselves [for God], lest the Lord break forth against them.
Ex 19:23 And Moses said to the Lord, The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for You Yourself charged us, saying, Set bounds about the mountain and sanctify it [set it apart for God].
Ex 19:24 Then the Lord said to him, Go, get down and you shall come up, you and Aaron with you; but let not the

priests and the people break through to come up to the Lord, lest He break forth against them.
Ex 19:25 So Moses went down to the people and told them.
Ex 20:1 THEN GOD spoke all these words:
Ex 20:2 I am the Lord your God, Who has brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
Ex 20:3 You shall have no other gods before {or} besides Me.
Ex 20:4 You shall not make yourself any graven image [to worship it] or any likeness of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;
Ex 20:5 You shall not bow down yourself to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me,
Ex 20:6 But showing mercy {and} steadfast love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.
Ex 20:7 You shall not use {or} repeat the name of the Lord your God in vain [that is, lightly or frivolously, in false affirmations or profanely]; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.
Ex 20:8 [Earnestly] remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy (withdrawn from common employment and dedicated to God).
Ex 20:9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
Ex 20:10 But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, your daughter, your manservant, your maidservant, your domestic animals, or the sojourner within your gates.
Ex 20:11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it [set it apart for His purposes].
Ex 20:12 Regard (treat with honor, due obedience, and courtesy) your father and mother, that your days may be long in the land the Lord your God gives you.
Ex 20:13 You shall not commit murder.
Ex 20:14 You shall not commit adultery.
Ex 20:15 You shall not steal.
Ex 20:16 You shall not witness falsely against your neighbor.
Ex 20:17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house, your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.
Ex 20:18 Now all the people perceived the thunderings and the lightnings and the noise of the trumpet and the smoking mountain, and as [they] looked they trembled with fear {and} fell back and stood afar off.
Ex 20:19 And they said to Moses, You speak to us and we will listen, but let not God speak to us, lest we die.
Ex 20:20 And Moses said to the people, Fear not; for God has come to prove you, so that the [reverential] fear of Him may be before you, that you may not sin.
Ex 20:21 And the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.
Ex 20:22 And the Lord said to Moses, Thus shall you say to the Israelites, You have seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven.
Ex 20:23 You shall not make [gods to share] with Me [My glory and your worship]; gods of silver or gods of gold you shall not make for yourselves.
Ex 20:24 An altar of earth you shall make to Me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I record My name and cause it to be remembered I will come to you and bless you.
Ex 20:25 And if you will make Me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stone, for if you lift up a tool upon it you have polluted it.
Ex 20:26 Neither shall you go up by steps to My altar, that your nakedness be not exposed upon it.
Ex 21:1 NOW THESE are the ordinances you [Moses] shall set before [the Israelites].
Ex 21:2 If you buy a Hebrew servant [as the result of debt or theft], he shall serve six years, and in the seventh he shall go out free, paying nothing.
Ex 21:3 If he came [to you] by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he came married, then his wife shall go out with him.
Ex 21:4 If his master has given him a wife and she has borne him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out [of your service] alone.
Ex 21:5 But if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go free,
Ex 21:6 Then his master shall bring him to God [the judges as His agents]; he shall bring him to the door or doorpost and shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him for life.

Ex 21:7 If a man sells his daughter to be a maidservant {or} bondwoman, she shall not go out [in six years] as menservants do.
Ex 21:8 If she does not please her master who has not espoused her to himself, he shall let her be redeemed. To sell her to a foreign people he shall have no power, for he has dealt faithlessly with her.
Ex 21:9 And if he espouses her to his son, he shall deal with her as with a daughter.
Ex 21:10 If he marries again, her food, clothing, and privilege as a wife shall he not diminish.
Ex 21:11 And if he does not do these three things for her, then shall she go out free, without payment of money.
Ex 21:12 Whoever strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death.
Ex 21:13 But if he did not lie in wait for him, but God allowed him to fall into his hand, then I will appoint you a place to which he may flee [for protection until duly tried].
Ex 21:14 But if a man comes willfully upon another to slay him craftily, you shall take him from My altar [to which he may have fled for protection], that he may die.
Ex 21:15 Whoever strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.
Ex 21:16 Whoever kidnaps a man, whether he sells him or is found with him in his possession, shall surely be put to death.
Ex 21:17 Whoever curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.
Ex 21:18 If men quarrel and one strikes another with a stone or with his fist and he does not die but keeps his bed,
Ex 21:19 If he rises again and walks about leaning upon his staff, then he that struck him shall be clear, except he must pay for the loss of his time and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed.
Ex 21:20 And if a man strikes his servant or his maid with a rod and he [or she] dies under his hand, he shall surely be punished.
Ex 21:21 But if the servant lives on for a day or two, the offender shall not be punished, for he [has injured] his own property.
Ex 21:22 If men contend with each other, and a pregnant woman [interfering] is hurt so that she has a miscarriage, yet no further damage follows, [the one who hurt her] shall surely be punished with a fine [paid] to the woman's husband, as much as the judges determine.
Ex 21:23 But if any damage follows, then you shall give life for life,
Ex 21:24 Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,
Ex 21:25 Burn for burn, wound for wound, and lash for lash.
Ex 21:26 And if a man hits the eye of his servant or the eye of his maid so that it is destroyed, he shall let him go free for his eye's sake.
Ex 21:27 And if he knocks out his manservant's tooth or his maidservant's tooth, he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake.
Ex 21:28 If an ox gores a man or a woman to death, then the ox shall surely be stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be clear.
Ex 21:29 But if the ox has tried to gore before, and its owner has been warned but has not kept it closed in and it kills a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned and its owner also put to death.
Ex 21:30 If a ransom is put on [the man's] life, then he shall give for the redemption of his life whatever is laid upon him.
Ex 21:31 If the [man's ox] has gored another's son or daughter, he shall be dealt with according to this same rule.
Ex 21:32 If the ox gores a manservant or a maidservant, the owner shall give to their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.
Ex 21:33 If a man leaves a pit open or digs a pit and does not cover it and an ox or a donkey falls into it,
Ex 21:34 The owner of the pit shall make it good; he shall give money to the animal's owner, but the dead beast shall be his.
Ex 21:35 If one man's ox hurts another's so that it dies, they shall sell the live ox and divide the price of it; the dead ox also they shall divide between them.
Ex 21:36 Or if it is known that the ox has gored in the past, and its owner has not kept it closed in, he shall surely pay ox for ox, and the dead beast shall be his.
Ex 22:1 IF A man steals an ox or sheep and kills or sells it, he shall pay five oxen for an ox, or four sheep for a sheep.
Ex 22:2 If a thief is found breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there shall be no blood shed for him.
Ex 22:3 But if the sun has risen [so he can be seen], blood must be shed for slaying him. The thief [if he lives] must make full restitution; if he has nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.
Ex 22:4 If the beast which he stole is found in his possession alive, whether it is ox or ass or sheep, he shall restore

double.
Ex 22:5 If a man causes a field or vineyard to be grazed over or lets his beast loose and it feeds in another man's field, he shall make restitution of the best of his own field or his own vineyard.
Ex 22:6 If fire breaks out and catches so that the stacked grain or standing grain or the field be consumed, he who kindled the fire shall make full restitution.
Ex 22:7 If a man delivers to his neighbor money or goods to keep and it is stolen out of the neighbor's house, then, if the thief is found, he shall pay double.
Ex 22:8 But if the thief is not found, the house owner shall appear before God [the judges as His agents] to find whether he stole his neighbor's goods.
Ex 22:9 For every unlawful deed, whether it concerns ox, donkey, sheep, clothing, or any lost thing at all, which another identifies as his, the cause of both parties shall come before God [the judges]. Whomever [they] shall condemn shall pay his neighbor double.
Ex 22:10 If a man delivers to his neighbor a donkey or an ox or a sheep or any beast to keep and it dies or is hurt or driven away, no man seeing it,
Ex 22:11 Then an oath before the Lord shall be required between the two that the man has not taken his neighbor's property; and the owner of it shall accept his word and not require him to make good the loss.
Ex 22:12 But if it is stolen when in his care, he shall make restitution to its owner.
Ex 22:13 If it be torn in pieces [by some wild beast or by accident], let him bring [the mangled carcass] for witness; he shall not make good what was torn.
Ex 22:14 And if a man borrows anything of his neighbor and it gets hurt or dies without its owner being with it, the borrower shall make full restitution.
Ex 22:15 But if the owner is with it [when the damage is done], the borrower shall not make it good. If it is a hired thing, the damage is included in its hire.
Ex 22:16 If a man seduces a virgin not betrothed and lies with her, he shall surely pay a dowry for her to become his wife.
Ex 22:17 If her father utterly refuses to give her to him, he shall pay money equivalent to the dowry of virgins.
Ex 22:18 You shall not allow a woman to live who practices sorcery.
Ex 22:19 Whoever lies carnally with a beast shall surely be put to death.
Ex 22:20 He who sacrifices to any god but the Lord only shall be utterly destroyed.
Ex 22:21 You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.
Ex 22:22 You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child.
Ex 22:23 If you afflict them in any way and they cry at all to Me, I will surely hear their cry;
Ex 22:24 And My wrath shall burn; I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall be widows and your children fatherless.
Ex 22:25 If you lend money to any of My people with you who is poor, you shall not be to him as a creditor, neither shall you require interest from him.
Ex 22:26 If you ever take your neighbor's garment in pledge, you shall give it back to him before the sun goes down;
Ex 22:27 For that is his only covering, his clothing for his body. In what shall he sleep? When he cries to Me, I will hear, for I am gracious {and} merciful.
Ex 22:28 You shall not revile God [the judges as His agents] or esteem lightly {or} curse a ruler of your people.
Ex 22:29 You shall not delay to bring to Me from the fullness [of your harvested grain] and the outflow [of your grape juice {and} olive oil]; give Me the firstborn of your sons [or redeem them].
Ex 22:30 Likewise shall you do with your oxen {and} your sheep. Seven days the firstborn [beast] shall be with its mother; on the eighth day you shall give it to Me.
Ex 22:31 And you shall be holy men [consecrated] to Me; therefore you shall not eat any flesh that is torn by beasts in the field; you shall throw it to the dogs.
Ex 23:1 YOU SHALL not repeat {or} raise a false report; you shall not join with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.
Ex 23:2 You shall not follow a crowd to do evil; nor shall you bear witness at a trial so as to side with a multitude to pervert justice.
Ex 23:3 Neither shall you be partial to a poor man in his trial [just because he is poor].
Ex 23:4 If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again.
Ex 23:5 If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying [helpless] under his load, you shall refrain from leaving the man to cope with it alone; you shall help him to release the animal.

Ex 23:6 You shall not pervert the justice due to your poor in his cause.
Ex 23:7 Keep far from a false matter and [be very careful] not to condemn to death the innocent and the righteous, for I will not justify {and} acquit the wicked.
Ex 23:8 You shall take no bribe, for the bribe blinds those who have sight and perverts the testimony {and} the cause of the righteous.
Ex 23:9 Also you shall not oppress a temporary resident, for you know the heart of a stranger {and} sojourner, seeing you were strangers {and} sojourners in Egypt.
Ex 23:10 Six years you shall sow your land and reap its yield.
Ex 23:11 But the seventh year you shall release it {and} let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat [what the land voluntarily yields], and what they leave the wild beasts shall eat. In like manner you shall deal with your vineyard and olive grove.
Ex 23:12 Six days you shall do your work, but the seventh day you shall rest and keep Sabbath, that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your bondwoman, and the alien, may be refreshed.
Ex 23:13 In all I have said to you take heed; do not mention the name of other gods [either in blessing or cursing]; do not let such speech be heard from your mouth.
Ex 23:14 Three times in the year you shall keep a feast to Me.
Ex 23:15 You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. None shall appear before Me empty-handed.
Ex 23:16 Also you shall keep the Feast of Harvest [Pentecost], [acknowledging] the firstfruits of your toil, of what you sow in the field. And [third] you shall keep the Feast of Ingathering [Booths or Tabernacles] at the end of the year, when you gather in the fruit of your labors from the field.
Ex 23:17 Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord God.
Ex 23:18 You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread [but keep it unmixed], neither shall the fat of My feast remain all night until morning.
Ex 23:19 The first of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk.
Ex 23:20 Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep {and} guard you on the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared.
Ex 23:21 Give heed to Him, listen to {and} obey His voice; be not rebellious before Him {or} provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgression; for My Name is in Him.
Ex 23:22 But if you will indeed listen to and obey His voice and all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.
Ex 23:23 When My Angel goes before you and brings you to the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, and I reject them {and} blot them out,
Ex 23:24 You shall not bow down to their gods or serve them or do after their works; but you shall utterly overthrow them and break down their pillars {and} images.
Ex 23:25 You shall serve the Lord your God; He shall bless your bread and water, and I will take sickness from your midst.
Ex 23:26 None shall lose her young by miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.
Ex 23:27 I will send My terror before you and will throw into confusion all the people to whom you shall come, and I will make all your foes turn from you [in flight].
Ex 23:28 And I will send hornets before you which shall drive out the Hivite, Canaanite, and Hittite from before you.
Ex 23:29 I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate [for lack of attention] and the wild beasts multiply against you.
Ex 23:30 Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased {and} are numerous enough to take possession of the land.
Ex 23:31 I will set your borders from the Red Sea to the Sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the river [Euphrates]; for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand and you shall drive them out before you.
Ex 23:32 You shall make no covenant with them or with their gods.
Ex 23:33 They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against Me; for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you.
Ex 24:1 GOD SAID to Moses, Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu [Aaron's sons], and seventy of Israel's elders, and worship at a distance.

Ex 24:2 Moses alone shall come near the Lord; the others shall not come near, and neither shall the people come up with him.
Ex 24:3 Moses came and told the people all that the Lord had said and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, All that the Lord has spoken we will do.
Ex 24:4 Moses wrote all the words of the Lord. He rose up early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve pillars representing Israel's twelve tribes.
Ex 24:5 And he sent young Israelite men, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord.
Ex 24:6 And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he dashed against the altar.
Ex 24:7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people; and they said, All that the Lord has said we will do, and we will be obedient.
Ex 24:8 And Moses took the [remaining half of the] blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.
Ex 24:9 Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up [the mountainside].
Ex 24:10 And they saw the God of Israel [that is, a convincing manifestation of His presence], and under His feet it was like pavement of bright sapphire stone, like the very heavens in clearness.
Ex 24:11 And upon the nobles of the Israelites He laid not His hand [to conceal Himself from them, to rebuke their daring, or to harm them]; but they saw [the manifestation of the presence of] God, and ate and drank.
Ex 24:12 And the Lord said to Moses, Come up to Me into the mountain and be there, and I will give you tables of stone, with the law and the commandments which I have written that you may teach them.
Ex 24:13 So Moses rose up with Joshua his attendant; and Moses went up into the mountain of God.
Ex 24:14 And he said to the elders, Tarry here for us until we come back to you; remember, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a cause, let him go to them.
Ex 24:15 Then Moses went up into the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.
Ex 24:16 The glory of the Lord rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day [God] called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.
Ex 24:17 And the glory of the Lord appeared to the Israelites like devouring fire on the top of the mountain.
Ex 24:18 Moses entered into the midst of the cloud and went up the mountain, and Moses was on the mountain forty days and nights.
Ex 25:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Ex 25:2 Speak to the Israelites, that they take for Me an offering. From every man who gives it willingly {and} ungrudgingly with his heart you shall take My offering.
Ex 25:3 This is the offering you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze,
Ex 25:4 Blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff] and fine twined linen and goats' hair,
Ex 25:5 Rams' skins tanned red, goatskins, dolphin {or} porpoise skins, acacia wood,
Ex 25:6 Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil and for sweet incense,
Ex 25:7 Onyx stones, and stones for setting in the ephod and in the breastplate.
Ex 25:8 Let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.
Ex 25:9 And you shall make it according to all that I show you, the pattern of the tabernacle {or} dwelling and the pattern of all the furniture of it.
Ex 25:10 They shall make an ark of acacia wood: two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high.
Ex 25:11 You shall overlay the ark with pure gold, inside and out, and make a gold crown, a rim {or} border, around its top.
Ex 25:12 You shall cast four gold rings and attach them to the four lower corners of it, two rings on either side.
Ex 25:13 You shall make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold,
Ex 25:14 And put the poles through the rings on the ark's sides, by which to carry it.
Ex 25:15 The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be removed from it [that the ark be not touched].
Ex 25:16 And you shall put inside the ark the Testimony [the Ten Commandments] which I will give you.
Ex 25:17 And you shall make a mercy seat (a covering) of pure gold, two cubits and a half long and a cubit and a half wide.
Ex 25:18 And you shall make two cherubim (winged angelic figures) of [solid] hammered gold on the two ends of the mercy seat.
Ex 25:19 Make one cherub on each end, making the cherubim of one piece with the mercy seat, on the two ends of it.

Ex 25:20 And the cherubim shall spread out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, facing each other and looking down toward the mercy seat.
Ex 25:21 You shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony [the Ten Commandments] that I will give you.
Ex 25:22 There I will meet with you and, from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are upon the ark of the Testimony, I will speak intimately with you of all which I will give you in commandment to the Israelites.
Ex 25:23 Also, make a table of acacia wood, two cubits long, one cubit wide, and a cubit and a half high [for the showbread].
Ex 25:24 You shall overlay it with pure gold and make a crown, a rim {or} molding, of gold around the top of it;
Ex 25:25 And make a frame of a handbreadth around {and} below the top of it and put around it a gold molding as a border.
Ex 25:26 You shall make for it four rings of gold and fasten them at the four corners that are on the table's four legs.
Ex 25:27 Close against the frame shall the rings be as places for the poles to pass to carry the table [of showbread].
Ex 25:28 You shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold, that the table may be carried with them.
Ex 25:29 And you shall make its plates [for showbread] and cups [for incense], and its flagons and bowls [for liquids in sacrifice]; make them of pure gold.
Ex 25:30 And you shall set the showbread (the bread of the Presence) on the table before Me always.
Ex 25:31 You shall make a lampstand of pure gold. Of beaten {and} turned work shall the lampstand be made, both its base and its shaft; its cups, its knobs, and its flowers shall be of one piece with it.
Ex 25:32 Six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the lampstand out of the one side and three branches out of its other side;
Ex 25:33 Three cups made like almond blossoms, each with a knob and a flower on one branch, and three cups made like almond blossoms on the other branch with a knob and a flower; so for the six branches coming out of the lampstand;
Ex 25:34 And on the [center shaft] itself you shall [make] four cups like almond blossoms with their knobs and their flowers.
Ex 25:35 Also make a knob [on the shaft] under each pair of the six branches going out from the lampstand and one piece with it;
Ex 25:36 Their knobs and their branches shall be of one piece with it; the whole of it one beaten work of pure gold.
Ex 25:37 And you shall make the lamps of the [lampstand] to include a seventh one [at the top of the shaft]. [The priests] shall set up the [seven] lamps of it so they may give light in front of it.
Ex 25:38 Its snuffers and its ashtrays shall be of pure gold.
Ex 25:39 Use a talent of pure gold for it, including all these utensils.
Ex 25:40 And see to it that you copy [exactly] their pattern which was shown you on the mountain.
Ex 26:1 MOREOVER, YOU shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains; of fine twined linen, and blue and purple and scarlet [stuff], with cherubim skillfully embroidered shall you make them.
Ex 26:2 The length of one curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits and the breadth of one curtain four cubits; each of the curtains shall measure the same.
Ex 26:3 The five curtains shall be coupled to one another, and the other five curtains shall be coupled to one another.
Ex 26:4 And you shall make loops of blue on the edge of the last curtain in the first set, and likewise in the second set.
Ex 26:5 Fifty loops you shall make on the one curtain and fifty loops on the edge of the last curtain that is in the second coupling {or} set, so that the loops on one correspond to the loops on the other.
Ex 26:6 And you shall make fifty clasps of gold and fasten the curtains together with the clasps; then the tabernacle shall be one whole.
Ex 26:7 And make curtains of goats' hair to be a [second] covering over the tabernacle; eleven curtains shall you make.
Ex 26:8 One curtain shall be thirty cubits long and four cubits wide; and the eleven curtains shall all measure the same.
Ex 26:9 You shall join together five curtains by themselves and six curtains by themselves, and shall double over the sixth curtain in the front of the tabernacle [to make a closed door].
Ex 26:10 And make fifty loops on the edge of the outmost curtain in the one set and fifty loops on the edge of the outmost curtain in the second set.
Ex 26:11 You shall make fifty clasps of bronze and put the clasps into the loops and couple the tent together, that it may be one whole.

Ex 26:12 The surplus that remains of the tent curtains, the half curtain that remains, shall hang over the back of the tabernacle.
Ex 26:13 And the cubit on the one side and the cubit on the other side of what remains in the length of the curtains of the tent shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle, on this side and that side, to cover it.
Ex 26:14 You shall make a [third] covering for the tent of rams' skins tanned red, and a [fourth] covering above that of dolphin {or} porpoise skins.
Ex 26:15 And you shall make the upright frame for the tabernacle of boards of acacia wood.
Ex 26:16 Ten cubits shall be the length of a board and a cubit and a half shall be the breadth of one board.
Ex 26:17 Make two tenons in each board for dovetailing {and} fitting together; so shall you do for all the tabernacle boards.
Ex 26:18 And make the boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards for the south side;
Ex 26:19 And you shall make forty silver sockets under the twenty boards, two sockets under each board for its two tenons.
Ex 26:20 And for the north side of the tabernacle there shall be twenty boards
Ex 26:21 And their forty silver sockets, two sockets under each board.
Ex 26:22 For the back or west side of the tabernacle you shall make six boards.
Ex 26:23 Make two boards for the corners of the tabernacle in the rear on both sides.
Ex 26:24 They shall be coupled down below and coupled together on top with one ring. Thus shall it be for both of them; they shall form the two corners.
Ex 26:25 And that will be eight boards and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets, two sockets under each board.
Ex 26:26 And you shall make bars of acacia wood: five for the boards of one side,
Ex 26:27 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the rear end of the tabernacle, for the back wall to the west.
Ex 26:28 And the middle bar halfway up the boards shall pass through from end to end.
Ex 26:29 You shall overlay the boards with gold and make their rings of gold to hold the bars and overlay the bars with gold.
Ex 26:30 You shall erect the tabernacle after the plan of it shown you on the mountain.
Ex 26:31 And make a veil of blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff] and fine twined linen, skillfully worked with cherubim on it.
Ex 26:32 You shall hang it on four pillars of acacia wood overlaid with gold, with gold hooks, on four sockets of silver.
Ex 26:33 And you shall hang the veil from the clasps and bring the ark of the Testimony into place within the veil; and the veil shall separate for you the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place.
Ex 26:34 And you shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy Place.
Ex 26:35 And you shall set the table [for the showbread] outside the veil [in the Holy Place] on the north side and the lampstand opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle.
Ex 26:36 You shall make a hanging [to form a screen] for the door of the tent of blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff] and fine twined linen, embroidered.
Ex 26:37 You shall make five pillars of acacia wood to support the hanging curtain and overlay them with gold; their hooks shall be of gold, and you shall cast five [base] sockets of bronze for them.
Ex 27:1 AND MAKE the altar of acacia wood, five cubits square and three cubits high [within reach of all].
Ex 27:2 Make horns for it on its four corners; they shall be of one piece with it, and you shall overlay it with bronze.
Ex 27:3 You shall make pots to take away its ashes, and shovels, basins, forks, and firepans; make all its utensils of bronze.
Ex 27:4 Also make for it a grate, a network of bronze; and on the net you shall make four bronze rings at its four corners.
Ex 27:5 And you shall put it under the ledge of the altar, so that the net will extend halfway down the altar.
Ex 27:6 And make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood overlaid with bronze.
Ex 27:7 The poles shall be put through the rings on the two sides of the altar, with which to carry it.
Ex 27:8 You shall make [the altar] hollow with slabs {or} planks; as shown you on the mountain, so shall it be made.
Ex 27:9 And you shall make the court of the tabernacle. On the south side the court shall have hangings of fine twined linen, a hundred cubits long for one side;
Ex 27:10 Their pillars shall be twenty and their sockets twenty, of bronze, but the hooks of the pillars and their joinings shall be of silver;

Ex 27:11 Likewise for the north side hangings, a hundred cubits long, and their twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of bronze, but the hooks of the pillars and their joinings shall be of silver.
Ex 27:12 And for the breadth of the court on the west side there shall be hangings of fifty cubits, with ten pillars and ten sockets.
Ex 27:13 The breadth of the court to the front, the east side, shall be fifty cubits.
Ex 27:14 The hangings for one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits, with three pillars and three sockets.
Ex 27:15 On the other side the hangings shall be fifteen cubits, with three pillars and three sockets.
Ex 27:16 And for the gate of the court there shall be a hanging [for a screen] twenty cubits long, of blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff] and fine twined linen, embroidered. It shall have four pillars and four sockets for them.
Ex 27:17 All the pillars round about the court shall be joined together with silver rods; their hooks shall be of silver and their sockets of bronze.
Ex 27:18 The length of the court shall be a hundred cubits and the breadth fifty and the height five cubits, [with hangings of] fine twined linen and sockets of bronze.
Ex 27:19 All the tabernacle's utensils {and} instruments used in all its service, and all its pegs and all the pegs for the court, shall be of bronze.
Ex 27:20 You shall command the Israelites to provide you with pure oil of crushed olives for the light, to cause it to burn continually [every night].
Ex 27:21 In the Tent of Meeting [of God with His people], outside the veil which sets apart the Testimony, Aaron and his sons shall keep it burning from evening to morning before the Lord. It shall be a statute to be observed on behalf of the Israelites throughout their generations.
Ex 28:1 FROM AMONG the Israelites take your brother Aaron and his sons with him, that he may minister to Me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.
Ex 28:2 And you shall make for Aaron your brother sacred garments [appointed official dress set apart for special holy services] for honor and for beauty.
Ex 28:3 Tell all who are expert, whom I have endowed with skill {and} good judgment, that they shall make Aaron's garments to sanctify him for My priesthood.
Ex 28:4 They shall make these garments: a breastplate, an ephod [a distinctive vestment to which the breastplate was to be attached], a robe, long {and} sleeved tunic of checkerwork, a turban, and a sash {or} band. They shall make sacred garments for Aaron your brother and his sons to minister to Me in the priest's office.
Ex 28:5 They shall receive [from the people] {and} use gold, and blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff], and fine linen.
Ex 28:6 And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff], and fine twined linen, skillfully woven {and} worked.
Ex 28:7 It shall have two shoulder straps to join the two [back and front] edges, that it may be held together.
Ex 28:8 The skillfully woven girding band which is on the ephod shall be made of the same, of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff], and fine twined linen.
Ex 28:9 And you shall take two onyx {or} beryl stones and engrave on them the names of the twelve sons of Israel;
Ex 28:10 Six of their names on one stone and the six names of the rest on the other stone, arranged in order of their birth.
Ex 28:11 With the work of a stone engraver, like the engravings of a signet, you shall engrave the two stones according to the names of the sons of Israel. You shall have them set in sockets {or} rosettes of gold.
Ex 28:12 And you shall put the two stones upon the [two] shoulder straps of the ephod [of the high priest] as memorial stones for Israel; and Aaron shall bear their names upon his two shoulders as a memorial before the Lord.
Ex 28:13 And you shall make sockets {or} rosettes of gold for settings,
Ex 28:14 And two chains of pure gold, like cords shall you twist them, and fasten the corded chains to the settings.
Ex 28:15 You shall make a breastplate of judgment, in skilled work; like the workmanship of the ephod shall you make it, of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff], and of fine twined linen.
Ex 28:16 The breastplate shall be square {and} doubled; a span [nine inches] shall be its length and a span shall be its breadth.
Ex 28:17 You shall set in it four rows of stones: a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle shall be the first row;
Ex 28:18 The second row an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond [so called at that time];
Ex 28:19 The third row a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst;
Ex 28:20 And the fourth row a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper; they shall be set in gold filigree.
Ex 28:21 And the stones shall be twelve, according to the names of the sons of Israel, like the engravings of a signet, each with its name for the twelve tribes.

Ex 28:22 You shall make for the breastplate chains of pure gold twisted like cords.
Ex 28:23 You shall make on the breastplate two rings of gold and put [them] on the two edges of the breastplate.
Ex 28:24 And you shall put the two twisted, cordlike chains of gold in the two rings which are on the edges of the breastplate.
Ex 28:25 The other two ends of the two twisted, cordlike chains you shall fasten in the two sockets {or} rosettes in front, putting them on the shoulder straps of the ephod;
Ex 28:26 And make two rings of gold and put them at the two ends of the breastplate on its inside edge next to the ephod.
Ex 28:27 Two gold rings you shall make and attach them to the lower part of the two shoulder pieces of the ephod in front, close by where they join, above the skillfully woven girdle {or} band of the ephod.
Ex 28:28 And they shall bind the breastplate by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it may be above the skillfully woven girding band of the ephod, and that the breastplate may not become loose from the ephod.
Ex 28:29 So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart when he goes into the Holy Place, to bring them in continual remembrance before the Lord.
Ex 28:30 In the breastplate of judgment you shall put the Urim and the Thummim [unspecified articles used when the high priest asked God's counsel for all Israel]; they shall be upon Aaron's heart when he goes in before the Lord, and Aaron shall bear the judgment (rights, judicial decisions) of the Israelites upon his heart before the Lord continually.
Ex 28:31 Make the robe [to be worn beneath] the ephod all of blue.
Ex 28:32 There shall be a hole in the center of it [to slip over the head], with a binding of woven work around the hole, like the opening in a coat of mail {or} a garment, that it may not fray {or} tear.
Ex 28:33 And you shall make pomegranates of blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff] around about its skirts, with gold bells between them;
Ex 28:34 A gold bell and a pomegranate, a gold bell and a pomegranate, round about on the skirts of the robe.
Ex 28:35 Aaron shall wear the robe when he ministers, and its sound shall be heard when he goes [alone] into the Holy of Holies before the Lord and when he comes out, lest he die there.
Ex 28:36 And you shall make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLY TO THE LORD.
Ex 28:37 You shall fasten it on the front of the turban with a blue cord.
Ex 28:38 It shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may take upon himself {and} bear [any] iniquity [connected with] the holy things which the Israelites shall give {and} dedicate; and it shall always be upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the Lord [in the priest's person].
Ex 28:39 And you shall weave the long {and} sleeved tunic of checkerwork of fine linen {or} silk and make a turban of fine linen {or} silk; and you shall make a girdle, the work of the embroiderer.
Ex 28:40 For Aaron's sons you shall make long {and} sleeved tunics and belts {or} sashes and caps, for glory {and} honor and beauty.
Ex 28:41 And you shall put them on Aaron your brother and his sons with him, and shall anoint them and ordain and sanctify them [set them apart for God], that they may serve Me as priests.
Ex 28:42 You shall make for them [white] linen trunks to cover their naked flesh, reaching from the waist to the thighs.
Ex 28:43 And they shall be on Aaron and his sons when they go into the Tent of Meeting or when they come near to the altar to minister in the Holy Place, lest they bring iniquity upon themselves and die; it shall be a statute forever to Aaron and to his descendants after him.
Ex 29:1 THIS IS what you shall do to consecrate (set them apart) that they may serve Me as priests. Take one young bull and two rams, all without blemish,
Ex 29:2 And unleavened bread and unleavened cakes mixed with oil and unleavened wafers spread with oil; of fine flour shall you make them.
Ex 29:3 You shall put them in one basket and bring them in [it], and bring also the bull and the two rams;
Ex 29:4 And bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the Tent of Meeting [out where the laver is] and wash them with water.
Ex 29:5 Then take the garments and put on Aaron the long {and} sleeved tunic and the robe of the ephod and the ephod and the breastplate, and gird him with the skillfully woven girding band of the ephod.
Ex 29:6 And you shall put the turban {or} miter upon his head and put the holy crown upon the turban.
Ex 29:7 Then take the anointing oil and pour it on his head and anoint him.
Ex 29:8 And bring his sons and put long {and} sleeved tunics on them.

Ex 29:9 And you shall gird them with sashes {or} belts, Aaron and his sons, and bind caps on them; and the priest's office shall be theirs by a perpetual statute. Thus you shall ordain {and} consecrate Aaron and his sons.
Ex 29:10 Then bring the bull before the Tent of Meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands upon its head.
Ex 29:11 And you shall kill the bull before the Lord by the door of the Tent of Meeting.
Ex 29:12 And you shall take of the blood of the bull and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger, and pour out all the blood at the base of the altar.
Ex 29:13 And take all the fat that covers the entrails, and the appendage that is on the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, and burn them on the altar.
Ex 29:14 But the flesh of the bull, its hide, and the contents of its entrails you shall burn with fire outside the camp; it is a sin offering.
Ex 29:15 You shall also take one of the rams, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands upon the head of the ram.
Ex 29:16 And you shall kill the ram and you shall take its blood and throw it against the altar round about.
Ex 29:17 And you shall cut the ram in pieces and wash its entrails and legs and put them with its pieces and its head,
Ex 29:18 And you shall burn the whole ram upon the altar. It is a burnt offering to the Lord; it is a sweet {and} satisfying fragrance, an offering made by fire to the Lord.
Ex 29:19 And you shall take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands upon the head of the ram;
Ex 29:20 Then you shall kill the ram and take part of its blood and put it on the tip of the right ears of Aaron and his sons and on the thumb of their right hands and on the great toe of their right feet, and dash the rest of the blood against the altar round about.
Ex 29:21 Then you shall take part of the blood that is on the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it upon Aaron and his garments and on his sons and their garments; and he and his garments and his sons and their garments shall be sanctified {and} made holy.
Ex 29:22 Also you shall take the fat of the ram, the fat tail, the fat that covers the entrails, the appendage on the liver, the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, and the right thigh; for it is a ram of consecration {and} ordination.
Ex 29:23 Take also one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that is before the Lord.
Ex 29:24 And put all these in the hands of Aaron and his sons and they shall wave them for a wave offering before the Lord.
Ex 29:25 Then you shall take them from their hands, add them to the burnt offering, and burn them on the altar for a sweet {and} satisfying fragrance before the Lord; it is an offering made by fire to the Lord.
Ex 29:26 And take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration {and} ordination and wave it for a wave offering before the Lord; and it shall be your portion [Moses].
Ex 29:27 And you shall sanctify (set apart for God) the waved breast of the ram used in the ordination and the waved thigh of the priests' portion, since it is for Aaron and his sons.
Ex 29:28 It shall be for Aaron and his sons as their due portion from the Israelites perpetually, an offering from the Israelites of their peace {and} thanksgiving sacrifices, their offering to the Lord.
Ex 29:29 The holy garments of Aaron shall pass to his descendants who succeed him, to be anointed in them and to be consecrated {and} ordained in them.
Ex 29:30 And that son who is [high] priest in his stead shall put them on [each day for] seven days when he comes into the Tent of Meeting to minister in the Holy Place.
Ex 29:31 You shall take the ram of the consecration {and} ordination and boil its flesh in a holy {and} set-apart place.
Ex 29:32 Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram and the bread in the basket, at the door of the Tent of Meeting.
Ex 29:33 They shall eat those things with which atonement was made, to ordain and consecrate them; but a stranger (layman) shall not eat of them because they are holy (set apart to the worship of God).
Ex 29:34 And if any of the flesh or bread for the ordination remains until morning, you shall burn it with fire; it shall not be eaten, because it is holy (set apart to the worship of God).
Ex 29:35 Thus shall you do to Aaron and to his sons according to all I have commanded you; during seven days shall you ordain them.
Ex 29:36 You shall offer every day a bull as a sin offering for atonement. And you shall cleanse the altar by making atonement for it, and anoint it to consecrate it.
Ex 29:37 Seven days you shall make atonement for the altar and sanctify it [set it apart for God]; and the altar shall be most holy; whoever {or} whatever touches the altar must be holy (set apart for God's service).
Ex 29:38 Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs a year old shall be offered day by day continually.

Ex 29:39 One lamb you shall offer in the morning and the other lamb in the evening;
Ex 29:40 And with the one lamb a tenth measure of fine flour mixed with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and a fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering [to be poured out].
Ex 29:41 And the other lamb you shall offer at evening, and do with it as with the cereal offering of the morning and with the drink offering, for a sweet {and} satisfying fragrance, an offering made by fire to the Lord.
Ex 29:42 This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the Tent of Meeting before the Lord, where I will meet with you to speak there to you.
Ex 29:43 There I will meet with the Israelites, and the Tent of Meeting shall be sanctified by My glory [the Shekinah, God's visible presence].
Ex 29:44 And I will sanctify the Tent of Meeting and the altar; I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons to minister to Me in the priest's office.
Ex 29:45 And I will dwell among the Israelites and be their God.
Ex 29:46 And they shall know [from personal experience] that I am the Lord their God, Who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them; I am the Lord their God.
Ex 30:1 AND YOU shall make an altar to burn incense upon; of acacia wood you shall make it.
Ex 30:2 A cubit shall be its length and a cubit its breadth; its top shall be square and it shall be two cubits high. Its horns shall be of one piece with it.
Ex 30:3 And you shall overlay it with pure gold, its top and its sides round about and its horns, and you shall make a crown (a rim or molding) of gold around it.
Ex 30:4 You shall make two golden rings under the rim of it, on the two ribs on the two opposite sides of it; and they shall be holders for the poles with which to carry it.
Ex 30:5 And you shall make the poles of acacia wood, overlaid with gold.
Ex 30:6 You shall put the altar [of incense] in front {and} outside of the veil that screens the ark of the Testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the Testimony (the Law, the tables of stone), where I will meet with you.
Ex 30:7 And Aaron shall burn on it incense of sweet spices; every morning when he trims {and} fills the lamps he shall burn it.
Ex 30:8 And when Aaron lights the lamps in the evening, he shall burn it, a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations.
Ex 30:9 You shall offer no unholy incense on the altar nor burnt sacrifice nor cereal offering; and you shall pour no libation (drink offering) on it.
Ex 30:10 Aaron shall make atonement upon the horns of it once a year; with the blood of the sin offering of atonement once in the year shall he make atonement upon {and} for it throughout your generations. It is most holy to the Lord.
Ex 30:11 And the Lord said to Moses,
Ex 30:12 When you take the census of the Israelites, every man shall give a ransom for himself to the Lord when you number them, that no plague may fall upon them when you number them.
Ex 30:13 This is what everyone shall give as he joins those already numbered: a half shekel, in terms of the sanctuary shekel, a shekel being twenty gerahs; a half shekel as an offering to the Lord.
Ex 30:14 Everyone from twenty years old and upward, as he joins those already numbered, shall give this offering to the Lord.
Ex 30:15 The rich shall not give more and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel when [you] give this offering to the Lord to make atonement for yourselves.
Ex 30:16 And you shall take the atonement money of the Israelites and use it [exclusively] for the service of the Tent of Meeting, that it may bring the Israelites to remembrance before the Lord, to make atonement for yourselves.
Ex 30:17 And the Lord said to Moses,
Ex 30:18 You shall also make a laver {or} large basin of bronze, and its base of bronze, for washing; and you shall put it [outside in the court] between the Tent of Meeting and the altar [of burnt offering], and you shall put water in it;
Ex 30:19 There Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet.
Ex 30:20 When they go into the Tent of Meeting, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire to the Lord,
Ex 30:21 So they shall wash their hands and their feet, lest they die; it shall be a perpetual statute for [Aaron] and his descendants throughout their generations.
Ex 30:22 Moreover, the Lord said to Moses,
Ex 30:23 Take the best spices: of liquid myrrh 500 shekels, of sweet-scented cinnamon half as much, 250 shekels, of fragrant calamus 250 shekels,

Ex 30:24 And of cassia 500 shekels, in terms of the sanctuary shekel, and of olive oil a hin.
Ex 30:25 And you shall make of these a holy anointing oil, a perfume compounded after the art of the perfumer; it shall be a sacred anointing oil.
Ex 30:26 And you shall anoint the Tent of Meeting with it, and the ark of the Testimony,
Ex 30:27 And the [showbread] table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense,
Ex 30:28 And the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver [for cleansing] and its base.
Ex 30:29 You shall sanctify (separate) them, that they may be most holy; whoever {and} whatever touches them must be holy (set apart to God).
Ex 30:30 And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons and sanctify (separate) them, that they may minister to Me as priests.
Ex 30:31 And say to the Israelites, This is a holy anointing oil [symbol of the Holy Spirit], sacred to Me alone throughout your generations.
Ex 30:32 It shall not be poured upon a layman's body, nor shall you make any other like it in composition; it is holy, and you shall hold it sacred.
Ex 30:33 Whoever compounds any like it or puts any of it upon an outsider shall be cut off from his people.
Ex 30:34 Then the Lord said to Moses, Take sweet spices--stacte, onycha, and galbanum, sweet spices with pure frankincense, an equal amount of each--
Ex 30:35 And make of them incense, a perfume after the perfumer's art, seasoned with salt {and} mixed, pure and sacred.
Ex 30:36 You shall beat some of it very small and put some of it before the Testimony in the Tent of Meeting, where I will meet with you; it shall be to you most holy.
Ex 30:37 And the incense which you shall make according to its composition you shall not make for yourselves; it shall be to you holy to the Lord.
Ex 30:38 Whoever makes any like it for perfume shall be cut off from his people.
Ex 31:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Ex 31:2 See, I have called by name Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.
Ex 31:3 And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom {and} ability, in understanding {and} intelligence, and in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship,
Ex 31:4 To devise skillful works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze,
Ex 31:5 And in cutting of stones for setting, and in carving of wood, to work in all kinds of craftsmanship.
Ex 31:6 And behold, I have appointed with him Aholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and to all who are wisehearted I have given wisdom {and} ability to make all that I have commanded you:
Ex 31:7 The Tent of Meeting, the ark of the Testimony, the mercy seat that is on it, all the furnishings of the tent--
Ex 31:8 The table [of the showbread] and its utensils, the pure lampstand with all its utensils, the altar of incense,
Ex 31:9 The altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, the laver and its base--
Ex 31:10 The finely worked garments, the holy garments for Aaron the [high] priest and for his sons to minister as priests,
Ex 31:11 And the anointing oil and incense of sweet spices for the Holy Place. According to all that I have commanded you shall they do.
Ex 31:12 And the Lord said to Moses,
Ex 31:13 Say to the Israelites, Truly you shall keep My Sabbaths, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you [set you apart for Myself].
Ex 31:14 You shall keep the Sabbath therefore, for it is holy to you; everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does work on the Sabbath shall be cut off from among his people.
Ex 31:15 Six days may work be done, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, sacred to the Lord; whoever does work on the Sabbath day shall surely be put to death.
Ex 31:16 Wherefore the Israelites shall keep the Sabbath to observe it throughout their generations, a perpetual covenant.
Ex 31:17 It is a sign between Me and the Israelites forever; for in six days the Lord made the heavens and earth, and on the seventh day He ceased and was refreshed.
Ex 31:18 And He gave to Moses, when He had ceased communing with him on Mount Sinai, the two tables of the Testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.
Ex 32:1 WHEN THE people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, [they] gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, Up, make us gods to go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the

land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.
Ex 32:2 So Aaron replied, Take the gold rings from the ears of your wives, your sons, and daughters, and bring them to me.
Ex 32:3 So all the people took the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron.
Ex 32:4 And he received the gold at their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made it a molten calf; and they said, These are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt!
Ex 32:5 And when Aaron saw the molten calf, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, Tomorrow shall be a feast to the Lord.
Ex 32:6 And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.
Ex 32:7 The Lord said to Moses, Go down, for your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves;
Ex 32:8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, These are your gods, O Israel, that brought you up out of the land of Egypt!
Ex 32:9 And the Lord said to Moses, I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people;
Ex 32:10 Now therefore let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and that I may destroy them; but I will make of you a great nation.
Ex 32:11 But Moses besought the Lord his God, and said, Lord, why does Your wrath blaze hot against Your people, whom You have brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand?
Ex 32:12 Why should the Egyptians say, For evil He brought them forth, to slay them in the mountains and consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and change Your mind concerning this evil against Your people.
Ex 32:13 [Earnestly] remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self and said to them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give to your seed, and they shall inherit it forever.
Ex 32:14 Then the Lord turned from the evil which He had thought to do to His people.
Ex 32:15 And Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tables of the Testimony in his hand, tables {or} tablets that were written on both sides.
Ex 32:16 The tables were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.
Ex 32:17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp.
Ex 32:18 But Moses said, It is not the sound of shouting for victory, neither is it the sound of the cry of the defeated, but the sound of singing that I hear.
Ex 32:19 And as soon as he came near to the camp he saw the calf and the dancing. And Moses' anger blazed hot and he cast the tables out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.
Ex 32:20 And he took the calf they had made and burned it in the fire, and ground it to powder and scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.
Ex 32:21 And Moses said to Aaron, What did this people do to you, that you have brought so great a sin upon them?
Ex 32:22 And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord blaze hot; you know the people, that they are set on evil.
Ex 32:23 For they said to me, Make us gods which shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.
Ex 32:24 I said to them, Those who have any gold, let them take it off. So they gave it to me; then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.
Ex 32:25 And when Moses saw that the people were unruly {and} unrestrained (for Aaron had let them get out of control, so that they were a derision {and} object of shame among their enemies),
Ex 32:26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Whoever is on the Lord's side, let him come to me. And all the Levites [the priestly tribe] gathered together to him.
Ex 32:27 And he said to them, Thus says the Lord God of Israel, Every man put his sword on his side and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.
Ex 32:28 And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses; and there fell of the people that day about 3000 men.
Ex 32:29 And Moses said [to the Levites, By your obedience to God's command] you have consecrated yourselves

today [as priests] to the Lord, each man [at the cost of being] against his own son and his own brother, that the Lord may restore {and} bestow His blessing upon {you} this day.
Ex 32:30 The next day Moses said to the people, You have sinned a great sin. And now I will go up to the Lord; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.
Ex 32:31 So Moses returned to the Lord, and said, Oh, these people have sinned a great sin and have made themselves gods of gold!
Ex 32:32 Yet now, if You will forgive their sin--and if not, blot me, I pray You, out of Your book which You have written!
Ex 32:33 But the Lord said to Moses, Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him [not you] out of My book.
Ex 32:34 But now go, lead the people to the place of which I have told you. Behold, My Angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I punish I will visit their sin upon them!
Ex 32:35 And the Lord sent a plague upon the people because they made the calf which Aaron fashioned for them.
Ex 33:1 THE LORD said to Moses, Depart, go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought from the land of Egypt, to the land which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, To your descendants I will give it.
Ex 33:2 I will send an Angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanite, Amorite, Hittite, Perizzite, Hivite, and Jebusite.
Ex 33:3 Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, for you are a stiff-necked people, lest I destroy you on the way.
Ex 33:4 When the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned and no man put on his ornaments.
Ex 33:5 For the Lord had said to Moses, Say to the Israelites, You are a stiff-necked people! If I should come among you for one moment, I would consume {and} destroy you. Now therefore [penitently] leave off your ornaments, that I may know what to do with you.
Ex 33:6 And the Israelites left off all their ornaments, from Mount Horeb onward.
Ex 33:7 Now Moses used to take [his own] tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting [of God with His own people]. And everyone who sought the Lord went out to [that temporary] tent of meeting which was outside the camp.
Ex 33:8 When Moses went out to the tent of meeting, all the people rose and stood, every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses until he had gone into the tent.
Ex 33:9 When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the door of the tent, and the Lord would talk with Moses.
Ex 33:10 And all the people saw the pillar of cloud stand at the tent door, and all the people rose up and worshiped, every man at his tent door.
Ex 33:11 And the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. Moses returned to the camp, but his minister Joshua son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the [temporary prayer] tent.
Ex 33:12 Moses said to the Lord, See, You say to me, Bring up this people, but You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You said, I know you by name and you have also found favor in My sight.
Ex 33:13 Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You [progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with You, perceiving and recognizing and understanding more strongly and clearly] and that I may find favor in Your sight. And [Lord, do] consider that this nation is Your people.
Ex 33:14 And the Lord said, My Presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.
Ex 33:15 And Moses said to the Lord, If Your Presence does not go with me, do not carry us up from here!
Ex 33:16 For by what shall it be known that I and Your people have found favor in Your sight? Is it not in Your going with us so that we are distinguished, I and Your people, from all the other people upon the face of the earth?
Ex 33:17 And the Lord said to Moses, I will do this thing also that you have asked, for you have found favor, loving-kindness, {and} mercy in My sight and I know you personally {and} by name.
Ex 33:18 And Moses said, I beseech You, show me Your glory.
Ex 33:19 And God said, I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim My name, THE LORD, before you; for I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy {and} loving-kindness on whom I will show mercy {and} loving-kindness.
Ex 33:20 But, He said, You can not see My face, for no man shall see Me and live.
Ex 33:21 And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place beside Me, and you shall stand upon the rock,
Ex 33:22 And while My glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by.

Ex 33:23 Then I will take away My hand and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen.
Ex 34:1 THE LORD said to Moses, Cut two tables of stone like the first, and I will write upon these tables the words that were on the first tables, which you broke.
Ex 34:2 Be ready and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to Me on the top of the mountain.
Ex 34:3 And no man shall come up with you, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mountain; neither let flocks or herds feed before that mountain.
Ex 34:4 So Moses cut two tables of stone like the first, and he rose up early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tables of stone.
Ex 34:5 And the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there and proclaimed the name of the Lord.
Ex 34:6 And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord! the Lord! a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving-kindness and truth,
Ex 34:7 Keeping mercy {and} loving-kindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but Who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children, to the third and fourth generation.
Ex 34:8 And Moses made haste to bow his head toward the earth and worshiped.
Ex 34:9 And he said, If now I have found favor {and} loving-kindness in Your sight, O Lord, let the Lord, I pray You, go in the midst of us, although it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for Your inheritance.
Ex 34:10 And the Lord said, Behold, I lay down [afresh the terms of the mutual agreement between Israel and Me] a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels (wonders, miracles) such as have not been wrought {or} created in all the earth or in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the Lord; for it is a terrible thing [fearful and full of awe] that I will do with you.
Ex 34:11 Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I drive out before you the Amorite, Canaanite, Hittite, Perizzite, Hivite, and Jebusite.
Ex 34:12 Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant {or} mutual agreement with the inhabitants of the land to which you go, lest it become a snare in the midst of you.
Ex 34:13 But you shall destroy their altars, dash in pieces their pillars (obelisks, images), and cut down their Asherim [symbols of the goddess Asherah];
Ex 34:14 For you shall worship no other god; for the Lord, Whose name is Jealous, is a jealous (impassioned) God,
Ex 34:15 Lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and when they play the harlot after their gods and sacrifice to their gods and one invites you, you eat of his food sacrificed to idols,
Ex 34:16 And you take of their daughters for your sons, and their daughters play the harlot after their gods and make your sons play the harlot after their gods.
Ex 34:17 You shall make for yourselves no molten gods.
Ex 34:18 The Feast of Unleavened Bread you shall keep. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, in the time of the month of Abib; for in the month of Abib you came out of Egypt.
Ex 34:19 All the males that first open the womb among your livestock are Mine, whether ox or sheep.
Ex 34:20 But the firstling of a donkey [an unclean beast] you shall redeem with a lamb {or} kid, and if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem. And none of you shall appear before Me empty-handed.
Ex 34:21 Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest [on the Sabbath].
Ex 34:22 You shall observe the Feast of Weeks, the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end.
Ex 34:23 Three times in the year shall all your males appear before the Lord God, the God of Israel.
Ex 34:24 For I will cast out the nations before you and enlarge your borders; neither shall any man desire [and molest] your land when you go up to appear before the Lord your God three times in the year.
Ex 34:25 You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leaven; neither shall the sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover be left until morning.
Ex 34:26 The first of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring to the house of the Lord your God. You shall not boil a kid in his mother's milk.
Ex 34:27 And the Lord said to Moses, Write these words, for after the purpose {and} character of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.

Ex 34:28 Moses was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he ate no bread and drank no water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.
Ex 34:29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tables of the Testimony in his hand, he did not know that the skin of his face shone {and} sent forth beams by reason of his speaking with the Lord.
Ex 34:30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they feared to come near him.
Ex 34:31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and [he] talked with them.
Ex 34:32 Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all the Lord had said to him in Mount Sinai.
Ex 34:33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.
Ex 34:34 But when Moses went in before the Lord to speak with Him, he took the veil off until he came out. And he came out and told the Israelites what he was commanded.
Ex 34:35 The Israelites saw the face of Moses, how the skin of it shone; and Moses put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with God.
Ex 35:1 MOSES GATHERED all the congregation of the Israelites together and said to them, These are the things which the Lord has commanded that you do:
Ex 35:2 Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day shall be to you a holy day, a Sabbath of rest to the Lord; whoever works [on that day] shall be put to death.
Ex 35:3 You shall kindle no fire in all your dwellings on the Sabbath day.
Ex 35:4 And Moses said to all the congregation of the Israelites, This is what the Lord commanded:
Ex 35:5 Take from among you an offering to the Lord. Whoever is of a willing {and} generous heart, let him bring the Lord's offering: gold, silver, and bronze;
Ex 35:6 Blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff], fine linen; goats' hair;
Ex 35:7 And rams' skins tanned red, and skins of dolphins {or} porpoises; and acacia wood;
Ex 35:8 And oil for the light; and spices for anointing oil and for fragrant incense;
Ex 35:9 And onyx stones and other stones to be set for the ephod and the breastplate.
Ex 35:10 And let every able {and} wisehearted man among you come and make all that the Lord has commanded:
Ex 35:11 The tabernacle, its tent and its covering, its hooks, its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets {or} bases;
Ex 35:12 The ark and its poles, with the mercy seat, and the veil of the screen;
Ex 35:13 The table and its poles and all its utensils, and the showbread (the bread of the Presence);
Ex 35:14 The lampstand also for the light, and its utensils and its lamps, and the oil for the light;
Ex 35:15 And the incense altar and its poles, the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, the hanging {or} screen for the door at the entrance of the tabernacle;
Ex 35:16 The altar of burnt offering, with its bronze grating, its poles and all its utensils, the laver and its base;
Ex 35:17 The court's hangings, its pillars and their sockets {or} bases, and the hanging {or} screen for the gate of the court;
Ex 35:18 The pegs of the tabernacle and of the court, and their cords,
Ex 35:19 The finely wrought garments for ministering in the Holy Place, the holy garments for Aaron the [high] priest and for his sons to minister as priests.
Ex 35:20 Then all the congregation of the Israelites left Moses' presence.
Ex 35:21 And they came, each one whose heart stirred him up and whose spirit made him willing, and brought the Lord's offering to be used for the [new] Tent of Meeting, for all its service, and the holy garments.
Ex 35:22 They came, both men and women, all who were willinghearted, and brought brooches, earrings {or} nose rings, signet rings, and armlets {or} necklaces, all jewels of gold, everyone bringing an offering of gold to the Lord.
Ex 35:23 And everyone with whom was found blue or purple or scarlet [stuff], or fine linen, or goats' hair, or rams' skins made red [in tanning], or dolphin {or} porpoise skins brought them.
Ex 35:24 Everyone who could make an offering of silver or bronze brought it as the Lord's offering, and every man with whom was found any acacia wood for any work of the service brought it.
Ex 35:25 All the women who had ability {and} were wisehearted spun with their hands and brought what they had spun of blue and purple and scarlet [stuff] and fine linen;
Ex 35:26 And all the women who had ability {and} whose hearts stirred them up in wisdom spun the goats' hair.
Ex 35:27 The leaders brought onyx stones and stones to be set for the ephod and for the breastplate,
Ex 35:28 And spice, and oil for the light and for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense.

Ex 35:29 The Israelites brought a freewill offering to the Lord, all men and women whose hearts made them willing {and} moved them to bring anything for any of the work which the Lord had commanded by Moses to be done.
Ex 35:30 And Moses said to the Israelites, See, the Lord called by name Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;
Ex 35:31 And He has filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability {and} wisdom, with intelligence {and} understanding, and with knowledge and all craftsmanship,
Ex 35:32 To devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze,
Ex 35:33 In cutting of stones for setting, and in carving of wood, for work in every skilled craft.
Ex 35:34 And God has put in Bezalel's heart that he may teach, both he and Aholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.
Ex 35:35 He has filled them with wisdom of heart {and} ability to do all manner of craftsmanship, of the engraver, of the skillful workman, of the embroiderer in blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff] and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of those who do or design any skilled work.
Ex 36:1 BEZALEL AND Aholiab and every wisehearted man in whom the Lord has put wisdom and understanding to know how to do all the work for the service of the sanctuary shall work according to all that the Lord has commanded.
Ex 36:2 And Moses called Bezalel and Aholiab and every able {and} wisehearted man in whose mind the Lord had put wisdom {and} ability, everyone whose heart stirred him up to come to do the work;
Ex 36:3 And they received from Moses all the freewill offerings which the Israelites had brought for doing the work of the sanctuary, to prepare it for service. And they continued to bring him freewill offerings every morning.
Ex 36:4 And all the wise {and} able men who were doing the work on the sanctuary came, every man from the work he was doing,
Ex 36:5 And they said to Moses, The people bring much more than enough for doing the work which the Lord commanded to do.
Ex 36:6 So Moses commanded and it was proclaimed in all the camp, Let no man or woman do anything more for the sanctuary offering. So the people were restrained from bringing,
Ex 36:7 For the stuff they had was sufficient to do all the work and more.
Ex 36:8 And all the able {and} wisehearted men among them who did the work on the tabernacle made ten curtains of fine twined linen and blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff], with cherubim skillfully worked on them.
Ex 36:9 The length of each curtain was twenty-eight cubits and its breadth four cubits; all the curtains were one size.
Ex 36:10 [Bezalel] coupled five curtains one to another and the other five curtains he coupled one to another.
Ex 36:11 And he made loops of blue on the outer edge of the last curtain in the first set; this he did also on the inner edge of the first curtain in the second set.
Ex 36:12 Fifty loops he made in the one curtain and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which was the second set; the loops were opposite one another.
Ex 36:13 And he made fifty clasps of gold and coupled the curtains together with the clasps so that the tabernacle became one unit.
Ex 36:14 And he made eleven curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle.
Ex 36:15 The length of one curtain was thirty cubits and four cubits was the breadth; the eleven curtains were of equal size.
Ex 36:16 And he coupled five curtains by themselves and the other six curtains by themselves.
Ex 36:17 And he made fifty loops on the outmost edge of the curtain to be coupled and fifty loops he made on the inner edge of the second curtain to be coupled.
Ex 36:18 He made fifty clasps of bronze to couple the tent together into one whole.
Ex 36:19 He made a covering for the tent of rams' skins tanned red, and above it a covering of dolphin {or} porpoise skins.
Ex 36:20 He made boards of acacia wood for the upright framework of the tabernacle.
Ex 36:21 The length of a board was ten cubits and the breadth one cubit and a half.
Ex 36:22 Each board had two tenons (projections) to fit into a mortise to form a clutch; he did this for all the boards of the tabernacle.
Ex 36:23 And he made thus the boards [for frames] for the tabernacle: twenty boards for the south side,
Ex 36:24 And he made under the twenty boards forty sockets {or} bases of silver, two sockets under one board for its two tenons {or} hands, and two sockets under another board for its two tenons.
Ex 36:25 For the other side of the tabernacle, the north side, he made twenty boards
Ex 36:26 And their forty sockets {or} bases of silver, two sockets under [the end of] each board.

Ex 36:27 And for the rear or west side of the tabernacle he made six [frame] boards.
Ex 36:28 And two boards he made for each corner of the tabernacle in the rear.
Ex 36:29 They were separate below but linked together at the top with one ring; thus he made both of them in both corners.
Ex 36:30 There were eight boards with sixteen sockets {or} bases of silver, and under [the end of] each board two sockets.
Ex 36:31 He made bars of acacia wood, five for the [frame] boards of the one side of the tabernacle,
Ex 36:32 And five bars for the boards of its other side, and five bars for the boards at the rear or west side.
Ex 36:33 And he made the middle bar pass through halfway up the boards from one end to the other.
Ex 36:34 He overlaid the boards and the bars with gold and made their rings of gold as places for the bars.
Ex 36:35 And he made the veil of blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff] and fine twined linen, with cherubim skillfully worked.
Ex 36:36 For [the veil] he made four pillars of acacia [wood] and overlaid them with gold; their hooks were of gold, and he cast for them four sockets {or} bases of silver.
Ex 36:37 And he made a screen for the tent door of blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff] and fine twined linen, embroidered,
Ex 36:38 And he made the five pillars of it with their hooks, and overlaid their ornamental tops and joinings with gold, but their five sockets were of bronze.
Ex 37:1 BEZALEL MADE the ark of acacia wood--two cubits and a half was the length of it, a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it.
Ex 37:2 He overlaid it with pure gold within and without and made a molding {or} crown of gold to go around the top of it.
Ex 37:3 He cast four rings of gold for its four corners, two rings on either side.
Ex 37:4 He made poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold.
Ex 37:5 He put the poles through the rings at the sides of the ark to carry it.
Ex 37:6 [Bezalel] made the mercy seat of pure gold, two cubits and a half its length and one cubit and a half its breadth.
Ex 37:7 And he made two cherubim of beaten gold; on the two ends of the mercy seat he made them,
Ex 37:8 One cherub at one end and one at the other end; of one piece with the mercy seat he made the cherubim at its two ends.
Ex 37:9 And the cherubim spread out their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, with their faces to each other, looking down to the mercy seat.
Ex 37:10 Bezalel made the [showbread] table of acacia wood; it was two cubits long, a cubit wide, and a cubit and a half high.
Ex 37:11 He overlaid it with pure gold and made a molding of gold around its top.
Ex 37:12 And he made a border around it [just under the top] a handbreadth wide, and a molding of gold around the border.
Ex 37:13 And he cast for it four rings of gold and fastened the rings on the four corners that were at its four legs.
Ex 37:14 Close to the border were the rings, the places for the poles to pass through to carry the [showbread] table.
Ex 37:15 [Bezalel] made the poles of acacia wood to carry the [showbread] table and overlaid them with gold.
Ex 37:16 He made of pure gold the vessels which were to be on the table, its plates and dishes [for bread], its bowls and flagons for pouring [liquid sacrifices].
Ex 37:17 And he made the lampstand of pure gold; its base and shaft were made of hammered work; its cups, its knobs, and its flowers were of one piece with it.
Ex 37:18 There were six branches going out of the sides of the lampstand, three branches out of one side of it and three branches out of the other side of it;
Ex 37:19 Three cups made like almond blossoms in one branch, each with a [calyx] knob and a flower, and three cups made like almond blossoms in the [opposite] branch, each with a [calyx] knob and a flower; and so for the six branches going out of the lampstand.
Ex 37:20 On [the shaft of] the lampstand were four cups made like almond blossoms, with knobs and flowers [one at the top].
Ex 37:21 And a knob under each pair of branches, of one piece with the lampstand, for the six branches going out of it.
Ex 37:22 Their knobs and their branches were of one piece with it, all of it hammered work of pure gold.
Ex 37:23 And he made of pure gold its seven lamps, its snuffers, and its ashtrays.
Ex 37:24 Of a talent of pure gold he made the lampstand and all its utensils.

Ex 37:25 And [Bezalel] made the incense altar of acacia wood; its top was a cubit square and it was two cubits high; the horns were one piece with it.
Ex 37:26 He overlaid it with pure gold, its top, its sides round about, and its horns; also he made a rim around it of gold.
Ex 37:27 And he made two rings of gold for it under its rim, on its two opposite sides, as places for the poles [to pass through] to carry it.
Ex 37:28 And he made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold.
Ex 37:29 He also made the holy anointing oil [symbol of the Holy Spirit] and the pure, fragrant incense, after the perfumer's art.
Ex 38:1 BEZALEL MADE the burnt offering altar of acacia wood; its top was five cubits square and it was three cubits high.
Ex 38:2 He made its horns on the four corners of it; the horns were of one piece with it, and he overlaid it with bronze.
Ex 38:3 He made all the utensils {and} vessels of the altar, the pots, shovels, basins, forks {or} fleshhooks, and firepans; all its utensils {and} vessels he made of bronze.
Ex 38:4 And he made for the altar a bronze grate of network under its ledge, extending halfway down it.
Ex 38:5 He cast four rings for the four corners of the bronze grating to be places for the poles [with which to carry it].
Ex 38:6 And he made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with bronze.
Ex 38:7 And he put the poles through the rings on the altar's sides with which to carry it; he made it hollow with planks.
Ex 38:8 He made the laver and its base of bronze from the mirrors of the women who ministered at the door of the Tent of Meeting.
Ex 38:9 And he made the court: for the south side the hangings of the court were of fine twined linen, a hundred cubits;
Ex 38:10 Their pillars and their bronze sockets {or} bases were twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their joinings were silver.
Ex 38:11 And for the north side the hangings were [also] a hundred cubits; their pillars and their sockets {or} bases of bronze were twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their joinings were of silver.
Ex 38:12 But for the west side were hangings of fifty cubits; their pillars and their sockets {or} bases were ten; the hooks of the pillars and their joinings were of silver.
Ex 38:13 And for the front, the east side, fifty cubits.
Ex 38:14 The hangings for one side of the gate were fifteen cubits; their pillars three and their sockets {or} bases three.
Ex 38:15 Also for the other side of the court gate, left and right, were hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three and their sockets {or} bases three.
Ex 38:16 All the hangings around the court were of fine twined linen.
Ex 38:17 The sockets for the pillars were of bronze, the hooks of the pillars and their joinings of silver, the overlaying of their tops of silver, and all the pillars of the court were joined with silver.
Ex 38:18 The hanging {or} screen for the gate of the court was embroidered in blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff], and fine twined linen; the length was twenty cubits and the height in the breadth was five cubits, corresponding to the hangings of the court.
Ex 38:19 Their pillars were four and their sockets of bronze four; their hooks were of silver, and the overlaying of their tops and their joinings were of silver.
Ex 38:20 All the pegs for the tabernacle and around the court were of bronze.
Ex 38:21 This is the sum of the things for the tabernacle of the Testimony, as counted at the command of Moses, for the work of the Levites under the direction of Ithamar son of Aaron, the [high] priest.
Ex 38:22 Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the Lord commanded Moses.
Ex 38:23 With him was Aholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, a skillful craftsman, and embroiderer in blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff], and in fine linen.
Ex 38:24 All the gold that was used for the work in all the building {and} furnishing of the sanctuary, the gold from the offering, was 29 talents and 730 shekels, by the shekel of the sanctuary.
Ex 38:25 And the silver from those numbered of the congregation was 100 talents and 1,775 shekels, by sanctuary standards:
Ex 38:26 A beka for each man, that is, half a shekel, by the sanctuary shekel, for everyone who was counted, from twenty years old and upward, for 603,550 men.
Ex 38:27 The 100 talents of silver were for casting the sockets {or} bases of the sanctuary and of the veil; 100 sockets

for the 100 talents, a talent for a socket.
Ex 38:28 Of the 1,775 shekels he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their tops, and made joinings for them.
Ex 38:29 The bronze of the offering was 70 talents and 2,400 shekels.
Ex 38:30 With it Bezalel made the sockets for the door of the Tent of Meeting, and the bronze altar and the bronze grate for it, and all the utensils of the altar,
Ex 38:31 The sockets of the court round about and of the court gate, and all the pegs of the tabernacle and around the court.
Ex 39:1 AND OF the blue and purple and scarlet [stuff] they made finely wrought garments for serving in the Holy Place; they made the holy garments for Aaron, as the Lord had commanded Moses.
Ex 39:2 And Bezalel made the ephod of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff], and fine twined linen.
Ex 39:3 And they beat the gold into thin sheets and cut it into wires to work into the blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff] and the fine linen, in skilled design.
Ex 39:4 They made shoulder pieces for the ephod, joined to it at its two edges.
Ex 39:5 And the skillfully woven band on it, to gird it on, was of the same piece and workmanship with it, of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff], and fine twined linen, as the Lord had commanded Moses.
Ex 39:6 And they prepared the onyx stones enclosed in settings of gold filigree and engraved as signets are engraved with the names of the sons of Israel.
Ex 39:7 And he put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod to be stones of memorial {or} remembrance for the Israelites, as the Lord had commanded Moses.
Ex 39:8 And [Bezalel] made the breastplate skillfully, like the work of the ephod, of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff], and fine twined linen.
Ex 39:9 The breastplate was a [hand's] span square when doubled over.
Ex 39:10 And they set in it four rows of stones; a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle made the first row;
Ex 39:11 The second row an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond;
Ex 39:12 The third row a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst;
Ex 39:13 And the fourth row a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper; they were enclosed in settings of gold filigree.
Ex 39:14 There were twelve stones with their names according to those of the sons of Israel, engraved like a signet, each with its name, according to the twelve tribes.
Ex 39:15 And they made [at the ends] of the breastplate twisted chains like cords, of pure gold.
Ex 39:16 And they made two settings of gold filigree and two gold rings which they put on the two ends of the breastplate.
Ex 39:17 And they put the two twisted cords {or} woven chains of gold in the two rings on the end edges of the breastplate.
Ex 39:18 And the other two ends of the twisted cords {or} chains of gold they put on the two settings and put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, in front.
Ex 39:19 They made two rings of gold and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, on the inside edge of it next to the ephod.
Ex 39:20 And they made two [other] gold rings and attached them to the two shoulder pieces of the ephod underneath, in front, at its joining above the skillfully woven band of the ephod.
Ex 39:21 They bound the breastplate by its rings to those of the ephod with a blue lace, that it might lie upon the skillfully woven band of the ephod and that the breastplate might not be loosed from the ephod, as the Lord commanded Moses.
Ex 39:22 And he made the robe of the ephod of woven work all of blue.
Ex 39:23 And there was an opening [for the head] in the middle of the robe like the hole in a coat of mail, with a binding around it, that it should not be torn.
Ex 39:24 On the skirts of the robe they made pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet [stuff] and twined linen.
Ex 39:25 And they made bells of pure gold and put [them] between the pomegranates around the skirts of the robe;
Ex 39:26 A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, round about on the skirts of the robe for ministering, as the Lord commanded Moses.
Ex 39:27 And they made the long {and} sleeved tunics woven of fine linen for Aaron and his sons,
Ex 39:28 And the turban, and the ornamental caps of fine linen, and the breeches of fine twined linen,
Ex 39:29 The girdle {or} sash of fine twined linen, and blue, purple, and scarlet embroidery, as the Lord commanded Moses.
Ex 39:30 And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold and wrote upon it an inscription, like the engravings

of a signet, HOLY TO THE LORD.
Ex 39:31 They tied to it a lace of blue to fasten it on the turban above, as the Lord commanded Moses.
Ex 39:32 Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting was finished; according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so the Israelites had done.
Ex 39:33 And they brought the tabernacle to Moses: the tent and all its furnishings, its clasps, its [frame] boards, its bars, its pillars, its sockets {or} bases;
Ex 39:34 And the covering of rams' skins made red, and the covering of dolphin {or} porpoise skins, and the veil of the screen;
Ex 39:35 The ark of the Testimony, its poles, and the mercy seat;
Ex 39:36 The table and all its utensils, and the showbread (bread of the Presence);
Ex 39:37 The pure [gold] lampstand and its lamps, with the lamps set in order, all its utensils, and the oil for the light;
Ex 39:38 The golden altar, the anointing oil, the fragrant incense, and the hanging for the door of the tent;
Ex 39:39 The bronze altar and its grate of bronze, its poles and all its utensils; the laver and its base;
Ex 39:40 The hangings of the court, its pillars and sockets {or} bases, and the screen for the court gate, its cords, and pegs, and all the utensils for the service of the tabernacle, for the Tent of Meeting [of God with His people];
Ex 39:41 The finely worked vestments for ministering in the Holy Place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons to minister as priests.
Ex 39:42 According to all that the Lord had commanded Moses, so the Israelites had done all the work.
Ex 39:43 And Moses inspected all the work, and behold, they had done it; as the Lord had commanded, so had they done it. And Moses blessed them.
Ex 40:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Ex 40:2 On the first day of the first month you shall set up the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting [of God with you].
Ex 40:3 And you shall put in it the ark of the Testimony and screen the ark [of God's Presence] with the veil.
Ex 40:4 You shall bring in the [showbread] table and set in order the things that are to be upon it; and you shall bring in the lampstand and set up {and} light its lamps.
Ex 40:5 You shall set the golden altar for the incense before the ark of the Testimony [outside the veil] and put the hanging {or} screen at the tabernacle door.
Ex 40:6 You shall set the altar of the burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting.
Ex 40:7 And you shall set the laver between the Tent of Meeting and the altar and put water in it.
Ex 40:8 And you shall set up the court [curtains] round about and hang up the hanging {or} screen at the court gate.
Ex 40:9 You shall take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it, and shall consecrate it and all its furniture, and it shall be holy.
Ex 40:10 You shall anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils; and consecrate (set apart for God) the altar, and the altar shall be most holy.
Ex 40:11 And you shall anoint the laver and its base and consecrate it.
Ex 40:12 You shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the Tent of Meeting and wash them with water.
Ex 40:13 You shall put on Aaron the holy garments, and anoint and consecrate him, so he may serve Me as priest.
Ex 40:14 And you shall bring his sons and put long {and} sleeved tunics on them,
Ex 40:15 And you shall anoint them as you anointed their father, that they may minister to Me as priests; for their anointing shall be to them for an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.
Ex 40:16 Thus did Moses; according to all that the Lord commanded him, so he did.
Ex 40:17 And on the first day of the first month in the second year the tabernacle was erected.
Ex 40:18 Moses set up the tabernacle, laid its sockets, set up its boards, put in its bars, and erected its pillars.
Ex 40:19 [Moses] spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the Lord had commanded him.
Ex 40:20 He took the Testimony [the Ten Commandments] and put it into the ark, and set the poles [in the rings] on the ark, and put the mercy seat on top of the ark.
Ex 40:21 [Moses] brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen and screened the ark of the Testimony, as the Lord had commanded him.
Ex 40:22 Moses put the table [of showbread] in the Tent of Meeting on the north side of the tabernacle outside the veil;
Ex 40:23 He set the bread [of the Presence] in order on it before the Lord, as the Lord had commanded him.
Ex 40:24 And he put the lampstand in the Tent of Meeting opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle.
Ex 40:25 Moses set up {and} lighted the lamps before the Lord, as the Lord commanded him.

Ex 40:26 He put the golden altar [of incense] in the Tent of Meeting before the veil;
Ex 40:27 He burned sweet incense [symbol of prayer] upon it, as the Lord commanded him.
Ex 40:28 And he set up the hanging {or} screen at the door of the tabernacle.
Ex 40:29 [Moses] put the altar of burnt offering at the door of the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting and offered on it the burnt offering and the cereal offering, as the Lord commanded him.
Ex 40:30 And Moses set the laver between the Tent of Meeting and the altar and put water in it for washing.
Ex 40:31 And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet there.
Ex 40:32 When they went into the Tent of Meeting or came near the altar, they washed, as the Lord commanded Moses.
Ex 40:33 And he erected the court round about the tabernacle and the altar and set up the hanging {or} screen at the court gate. So Moses finished the work.
Ex 40:34 Then the cloud [the Shekinah, God's visible presence] covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle!
Ex 40:35 And Moses was not able to enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud remained upon it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.
Ex 40:36 In all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the Israelites went onward;
Ex 40:37 But if the cloud was not taken up, they did not journey on till the day that it was taken up.
Ex 40:38 For throughout all their journeys the cloud of the Lord was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel.
Lev 1:1 THE LORD called to Moses out of the Tent of Meeting, and said to him,
Lev 1:2 Say to the Israelites, When any man of you brings an offering to the Lord, you shall bring your offering of [domestic] animals from the herd or from the flock.
Lev 1:3 If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer a male without blemish; he shall offer it at the door of the Tent of Meeting, that he may be accepted before the Lord.
Lev 1:4 And he shall lay [both] his hands upon the head of the burnt offering [transferring symbolically his guilt to the victim], and it shall be an acceptable atonement for him.
Lev 1:5 The man shall kill the young bull before the Lord, and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall present the blood and dash [it] round about upon the altar that is at the door of the Tent of Meeting.
Lev 1:6 And he shall skin the burnt offering and cut it into pieces.
Lev 1:7 And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and lay wood in order on the fire;
Lev 1:8 And Aaron's sons the priests shall lay the pieces, the head and the fat, in order on the wood on the fire on the altar.
Lev 1:9 But its entrails and its legs he shall wash with water. And the priest shall burn all of it on the altar for a burnt offering, an offering by fire, a sweet {and} satisfying odor to the Lord.
Lev 1:10 And if the man's offering is of the flock, from the sheep or the goats, for a burnt offering, he shall offer a male without blemish.
Lev 1:11 And he shall kill it on the north side of the altar before the Lord, and Aaron's sons the priests shall dash its blood round about against the altar.
Lev 1:12 And [the man] shall cut it into pieces, with its head and its fat, and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that is on the fire on the altar.
Lev 1:13 But he shall wash the entrails and legs with water. The priest shall offer all of it and burn it on the altar; it is a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, a sweet {and} satisfying fragrance to the Lord.
Lev 1:14 And if the offering to the Lord is a burnt offering of birds, then [the man] shall bring turtledoves or young pigeons.
Lev 1:15 And the priest shall bring it to the altar, and wring off its head, and burn it on the altar; and its blood shall be drained out on the side of the altar.
Lev 1:16 And he shall take away its crop with its feathers and cast it beside the altar on the east side, in the place for ashes.
Lev 1:17 And he shall split it open [holding it] by its wings, but shall not cut it in two. And the priest shall burn it on the altar, on the wood that is on the fire; it is a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, a sweet {and} satisfying odor to the Lord.
Lev 2:1 WHEN ANYONE offers a cereal offering to the Lord, it shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil over it and lay frankincense on it.
Lev 2:2 And he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests. Out of it he shall take a handful of the fine flour and oil, with

all its frankincense, and the priest shall burn this on the altar as the memorial portion of it, an offering made by fire, of a sweet {and} satisfying fragrance to the Lord.
Lev 2:3 What is left of the cereal offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'; it is a most holy part of the offerings made to the Lord by fire.
Lev 2:4 When you bring as an offering cereal baked in the oven, it shall be unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, or unleavened wafers spread with oil.
Lev 2:5 If your offering is cereal baked on a griddle, it shall be of fine flour unleavened, mixed with oil.
Lev 2:6 You shall break it in pieces and pour oil on it; it is a cereal offering.
Lev 2:7 And if your offering is cereal cooked in the frying pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil.
Lev 2:8 And you shall bring the cereal offering that is made of these things to the Lord; it shall be presented to the priest, and he shall bring it to the [bronze] altar.
Lev 2:9 The priest shall take from the cereal offering its memorial portion and burn it on the altar, an offering made by fire, a sweet {and} satisfying fragrance to the Lord.
Lev 2:10 What is left of the cereal offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'; it is a most holy part of the offerings made to the Lord by fire.
Lev 2:11 No cereal offering that you bring to the Lord shall be made with leaven, for you shall burn no leaven or honey in any offering made by fire to the Lord.
Lev 2:12 As an offering of firstfruits you may offer leaven and honey to the Lord, but they shall not be burned on the altar for a sweet odor [to the Lord, for their aid to fermentation is symbolic of corruption in the human heart].
Lev 2:13 Every cereal offering you shall season with salt [symbol of preservation]; neither shall you allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your cereal offering; with all your offerings you shall offer salt.
Lev 2:14 If you offer a cereal offering of your firstfruits to the Lord, you shall offer for it of your firstfruits grain in the ear parched with fire, bruised {and} crushed grain out of the fresh {and} fruitful ear.
Lev 2:15 And you shall put oil on it and lay frankincense on it; it is a cereal offering.
Lev 2:16 The priest shall burn as its memorial portion part of the bruised {and} crushed grain of it and part of the oil of it, with all its frankincense; it is an offering made by fire to the Lord.
Lev 3:1 IF A man's offering is a sacrifice of peace offering, if he offers an animal from the herd, whether male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the Lord.
Lev 3:2 He shall lay [both] his hands upon the head of his offering and kill it at the door of the Tent of Meeting; and Aaron's sons the priests shall throw the blood against the altar round about.
Lev 3:3 And from the sacrifice of the peace offering, an offering made by fire to the Lord, he shall offer the fat that covers and is upon the entrails,
Lev 3:4 And the two kidneys with the fat that is on them at the loins, and the appendage of the liver which he shall take away with the kidneys.
Lev 3:5 Aaron's sons shall burn it all on the altar upon the burnt offering which is on the wood on the fire, an offering made by fire, of a sweet {and} satisfying odor to the Lord.
Lev 3:6 If his peace offering to the Lord is an animal from the flock, male or female, he shall offer it without blemish.
Lev 3:7 If he offers a lamb, then he shall offer it before the Lord.
Lev 3:8 He shall lay [both] his hands on the head of his offering and kill it before the Tent of Meeting; and Aaron's sons shall throw its blood around against the altar.
Lev 3:9 And he shall offer from the peace offering as an offering made by fire to the Lord: the fat of it, the fat tail as a whole, taking it off close to the backbone, and the fat that covers and is upon the entrails,
Lev 3:10 And the two kidneys, and the fat on them at the loins, and the appendage of the liver, which he shall take away with the kidneys.
Lev 3:11 The priest shall burn it upon the altar, a food offering made by fire to the Lord.
Lev 3:12 If [a man's] offering is a goat, he shall offer it before the Lord,
Lev 3:13 And lay his hands upon its head, and kill it before the Tent of Meeting; and the sons of Aaron shall throw its blood against the altar round about.
Lev 3:14 Then he shall offer from it as his offering made by fire to the Lord: the fat that covers and is on the entrails,
Lev 3:15 And the two kidneys and the fat that is on them at the loins, and the appendage of the liver which he shall take away with the kidneys.
Lev 3:16 The priest shall burn them on the altar as food, offered by fire, for a sweet {and} satisfying fragrance. All the fat is the Lord's.
Lev 3:17 It shall be a perpetual statute for your generations in all your dwelling places, that you eat neither fat nor

blood.
Lev 4:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Lev 4:2 Say to the Israelites, If anyone shall sin through error {or} unwittingly in any of the things which the Lord has commanded not to be done, and shall do any one of them--
Lev 4:3 If it is the anointed priest who sins, thus bringing guilt on the people, then let him offer for his sin which he has committed a young bull without blemish to the Lord as a sin offering.
Lev 4:4 He shall bring the bull to the door of the Tent of Meeting before the Lord, and shall lay [both] his hands on the bull's head and kill [it] before the Lord.
Lev 4:5 And the anointed priest shall take some of the bull's blood and bring it into the Tent of Meeting;
Lev 4:6 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle some of [it] seven times before the Lord before the veil of the sanctuary.
Lev 4:7 And the priest shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the Lord which is in the Tent of Meeting; and all the rest of the blood of the bull shall he pour out at the base of the altar of the burnt offering at the door of the Tent of Meeting.
Lev 4:8 And all the fat of the bull for the sin offering he shall take off of it--the fat that covers and is on the entrails,
Lev 4:9 And the two kidneys and the fat that is on them at the loins, and the appendage of the liver, which he shall take away with the kidneys--
Lev 4:10 Just as these are taken off of the bull of the sacrifice of the peace offerings; and the priest shall burn them on the altar of burnt offering.
Lev 4:11 But the hide of the bull and all its flesh, its head, its legs, its entrails, and its dung,
Lev 4:12 Even the whole bull shall he carry forth without the camp to a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn it on a fire of wood, there where the ashes are poured out.
Lev 4:13 If the whole congregation of Israel sins unintentionally, and it be hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done what the Lord has commanded not to be done and are guilty,
Lev 4:14 When the sin which they have committed becomes known, then the congregation shall offer a young bull for a sin offering and bring it before the Tent of Meeting.
Lev 4:15 The elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bull before the Lord, and the bull shall be killed before the Lord.
Lev 4:16 The anointed priest shall bring some of the bull's blood to the Tent of Meeting,
Lev 4:17 And shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the Lord, before the veil [which screens the ark of the covenant].
Lev 4:18 He shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar [of incense] which is before the Lord in the Tent of Meeting, and he shall pour out all the blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering near the door of the Tent of Meeting.
Lev 4:19 And he shall take all its fat from the bull and burn it on the altar.
Lev 4:20 Thus shall he do with the bull; as he did with the bull for a sin offering, so shall he do with this; and the priest shall make atonement for [the people], and they shall be forgiven.
Lev 4:21 And he shall carry forth the bull outside the camp and burn it as he burned the first bull; it is the sin offering for the congregation.
Lev 4:22 When a ruler {or} leader sins and unwittingly does any one of the things the Lord his God has forbidden, and is guilty,
Lev 4:23 If his sin which he has committed be known to him, he shall bring as his offering a goat, a male without blemish.
Lev 4:24 He shall lay his hand on the head of the goat and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before the Lord; it is a sin offering.
Lev 4:25 The priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour the rest of its blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering.
Lev 4:26 And he shall burn all its fat upon the altar like the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings; so the priest shall make atonement for him for his sin, and it shall be forgiven him.
Lev 4:27 If any one of the common people sins unwittingly in doing anything the Lord has commanded not to be done, and is guilty,
Lev 4:28 When the sin which he has committed is made known to him, he shall bring for his offering a goat, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has committed.
Lev 4:29 The offender shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and kill [it] at the place of the burnt offering.

Lev 4:30 And the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and shall pour out the rest of its blood at the base of the altar.
Lev 4:31 And all the fat of it he shall take away, as the fat is taken away from off the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall burn it on the altar for a sweet {and} satisfying fragrance to the Lord; and the priest shall make atonement for [the man], and he shall be forgiven.
Lev 4:32 If he brings a lamb as his sin offering, he shall bring a female without blemish.
Lev 4:33 He shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering.
Lev 4:34 And the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and all the rest of the blood of the lamb he shall pour out at the base of the altar.
Lev 4:35 And he shall take away all the fat of it, just as the fat of the lamb is removed from the sacrifice of the peace offerings; and the priest shall burn it on the altar upon the offerings made by fire to the Lord; and the priest shall make atonement for the sin which the man has committed, and he shall be forgiven.
Lev 5:1 IF ANYONE sins in that he is sworn to testify and has knowledge of the matter, either by seeing or hearing of it, but fails to report it, then he shall bear his iniquity {and} willfulness.
Lev 5:2 Or if anyone touches an unclean thing, whether the carcass of an unclean wild beast or of an unclean domestic animal or of unclean creeping things that multiply prolifically, even if he is unaware of it, and he has become unclean, he is guilty.
Lev 5:3 Or if he touches human uncleanness, of whatever kind the uncleanness may be with which he becomes defiled, and he is unaware of it, when he does know it, then he shall be guilty.
Lev 5:4 Or if anyone unthinkingly swears he will do something, whether to do evil or good, whatever it may be that a man shall pronounce rashly taking an oath, then, when he becomes aware of it, he shall be guilty in either of these.
Lev 5:5 When a man is guilty in one of these, he shall confess the sin he has committed.
Lev 5:6 He shall bring his guilt {or} trespass offering to the Lord for the sin which he has committed, a female from the flock, a lamb or a goat, for a sin offering; and the priest shall make atonement for his sin.
Lev 5:7 But if he cannot afford a lamb, then he shall bring for his guilt offering to the Lord two turtledoves or two young pigeons, one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering.
Lev 5:8 He shall bring them to the priest, who shall offer the one for the sin offering first, and wring its head from its neck, but shall not sever it;
Lev 5:9 And he shall sprinkle some of the blood of the sin offering on the side of the altar, and the rest of the blood shall be drained out at the base of the altar; it is a sin offering.
Lev 5:10 And he shall prepare the second bird for a burnt offering, according to the ordinance; and the priest shall make atonement for him for his sin which he has committed, and he shall be forgiven.
Lev 5:11 But if the offender cannot afford to bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons, then he shall bring for his offering the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; he shall put no oil or frankincense on it, for it is a sin offering.
Lev 5:12 He shall bring it to the priest, who shall take a handful of it as a memorial portion and burn it on the altar, on the offerings made by fire to the Lord; it is a sin offering.
Lev 5:13 Thus the priest shall make atonement for him for the sin that he has committed in any of these things, and he shall be forgiven; and the remainder shall be for the priest, as in the cereal offering.
Lev 5:14 And the Lord said to Moses,
Lev 5:15 If anyone commits a breach of faith and sins unwittingly in the holy things of the Lord, he shall bring his trespass {or} guilt offering to the Lord, a ram without blemish out of the flock, valued by you in shekels of silver, that is, the shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass {or} guilt offering.
Lev 5:16 And he shall make restitution for what he has done amiss in the holy thing, and shall add a fifth to it, and give it to the priest; and the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass {or} guilt offering, and he shall be forgiven.
Lev 5:17 If anyone sins and does any of the things the Lord has forbidden, though he was not aware of it, yet he is guilty and shall bear his iniquity.
Lev 5:18 He shall bring [to the priest] a ram without blemish out of the flock, estimated by you to the amount [of the trespass], for a guilt {or} trespass offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him for the error which he committed unknowingly, and he shall be forgiven.
Lev 5:19 It is a trespass {or} guilt offering; he is certainly guilty before the Lord.
Lev 6:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,

Lev 6:2 If anyone sins and commits a trespass against the Lord and deals falsely with his neighbor in a matter of deposit given him to keep, or of bargain {or} pledge, or of robbery, or has oppressed his neighbor,
Lev 6:3 Or has found what was lost and lied about it, or swears falsely, in any of all the things which men do and sin in so doing,
Lev 6:4 Then if he has sinned and is guilty, he shall restore what he took by robbery, or what he secured by oppression {or} extortion, or what was delivered him to keep in trust, or the lost thing which he found,
Lev 6:5 Or anything about which he has sworn falsely; he shall not only restore it in full, but shall add to it one fifth more and give it to him to whom it belongs on the day of his trespass {or} guilt offering.
Lev 6:6 And he shall bring to the priest his trespass {or} guilt offering to the Lord, a ram without blemish out of the flock, valued by you to the amount of his trespass;
Lev 6:7 And the priest shall make atonement for him before the Lord, and he shall be forgiven for anything of all that he may have done by which he has become guilty.
Lev 6:8 And the Lord said to Moses,
Lev 6:9 Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: The burnt offering shall remain on the altar all night until morning; the fire shall be kept burning on the altar.
Lev 6:10 And the priest shall put on his linen garment and put his linen breeches on his body, and take up the ashes of what the fire has consumed with the burnt offering on the altar and put them beside the altar.
Lev 6:11 And he shall put off his garments and put on other garments, and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place.
Lev 6:12 And the fire upon the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not be allowed to go out. The priest shall burn wood on it every morning and lay the burnt offering in order upon it and he shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings.
Lev 6:13 The fire shall be burning continually upon the altar; it shall not go out.
Lev 6:14 And this is the law of the cereal offering: The sons of Aaron shall offer it before the Lord, in front of the altar.
Lev 6:15 One of them shall take his handful of the fine flour of the cereal offering, the oil of it, and all the frankincense which is upon the cereal offering, and burn it on the altar as the memorial of it, a sweet {and} satisfying fragrance to the Lord.
Lev 6:16 And the remainder of it shall Aaron and his sons eat, without leaven in a holy place; in the court of the Tent of Meeting shall they eat it.
Lev 6:17 It shall not be baked with leaven. I have given it as their portion of My offerings made by fire; it is most holy, like the sin offering and the guilt offering.
Lev 6:18 Every male among the children of Aaron may eat of it, as his portion forever throughout your generations, from the Lord's offerings made by fire; whoever touches them shall [first] be holy (consecrated and ceremonially clean).
Lev 6:19 And the Lord said to Moses,
Lev 6:20 This is the offering which Aaron and his sons shall offer to the Lord on the day when one is anointed (and consecrated): the tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a regular cereal offering, half of it in the morning and half of it at night.
Lev 6:21 On a griddle {or} baking pan it shall be made with oil; and when it is fried you shall bring it in; in broken {and} fried pieces shall you offer the cereal offering as a sweet {and} satisfying odor to the Lord.
Lev 6:22 And the priest among Aaron's sons who is consecrated {and} anointed in his stead shall offer it; by a statute forever it shall be entirely burned to the Lord.
Lev 6:23 For every cereal offering of the priest shall be wholly burned, and not be eaten.
Lev 6:24 And the Lord said to Moses,
Lev 6:25 Say to Aaron and his sons: This is the law of the sin offering: In the place where the burnt offering is killed shall the sin offering be killed before the Lord; it is most holy.
Lev 6:26 The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it; in a sacred place shall it be eaten, in the court of the Tent of Meeting.
Lev 6:27 Whoever {or} whatever touches its flesh shall [first] be dedicated and made clean, and when any of its blood is sprinkled on a garment, you shall wash that garment in a place set apart to God's worship.
Lev 6:28 But the earthen vessel in which it is boiled shall be broken, and if it is boiled in a bronze vessel, that vessel shall be scoured and rinsed in water.
Lev 6:29 Every male among the priests may eat of this offering; it is most holy.

Lev 6:30 But no sin offering shall be eaten of which any of the blood is brought into the Tent of Meeting to make atonement in the Holy Place; it shall be [wholly] burned with fire.
Lev 7:1 THIS IS the law of the guilt {or} trespass offering; it is most holy {or} sacred:
Lev 7:2 In the place where they kill the burnt offering shall they kill the guilt {or} trespass offering; the blood of it shall the priest dash against the altar round about.
Lev 7:3 And he shall offer all its fat, the fat tail and the fat that covers the entrails,
Lev 7:4 And the two kidneys and the fat that is on them at the loins, and the lobe {or} appendage of the liver, which he shall take away with the kidneys.
Lev 7:5 And the priest shall burn them on the altar for an offering made by fire to the Lord; it is a guilt {or} trespass offering.
Lev 7:6 Every male among the priests may eat of it; it shall be eaten in a sacred place; it is most holy.
Lev 7:7 As is the sin offering, so is the guilt {or} trespass offering; there is one law for them: the priest who makes atonement with it shall have it.
Lev 7:8 And the priest who offers any man's burnt offering, that priest shall have for himself the hide of the burnt offering which he has offered.
Lev 7:9 And every cereal offering that is baked in the oven and all that is prepared in a pan or on a griddle shall belong to the priest who offered it.
Lev 7:10 And every cereal offering, mixed with oil or dry, all the sons of Aaron may have, one as well as another.
Lev 7:11 And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which shall be offered to the Lord:
Lev 7:12 If one offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the thank offering unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil, and cakes of fine flour mixed with oil.
Lev 7:13 With cakes of leavened bread he shall offer his sacrifice of thanksgiving with the sacrifice of his peace offerings.
Lev 7:14 And of it he shall offer one cake from each offering as an offering to the Lord; it shall belong to the priest who dashes the blood of the peace offerings.
Lev 7:15 The flesh of the sacrifice of thanksgiving presented as a peace offering shall be eaten on the day that it is offered; none of it shall be left until morning.
Lev 7:16 But if the sacrifice of the worshiper's offering is a vow or a freewill offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offers his sacrifice, and on the morrow that which remains of it shall be eaten;
Lev 7:17 But the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be [wholly] burned with fire.
Lev 7:18 If any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings be eaten at all on the third day, then the one who brought it shall not be credited with it; it shall not be accepted. It shall be an abomination {and} an abhorred thing; the one who eats of it shall bear his iniquity {and} answer for it.
Lev 7:19 The flesh that comes in contact with anything that is not clean shall not be eaten; it shall be burned with fire. As for the meat, everyone who is clean [ceremonially] may eat of it.
Lev 7:20 But the one who eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings that belong to the Lord when he is [ceremonially] unclean, that person shall be cut off from his people [deprived of the privileges of association with them].
Lev 7:21 And if anyone touches any unclean thing--the uncleanness of man or an unclean beast or any unclean abomination--and then eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of the Lord's peace offerings, that person shall be cut off from his people.
Lev 7:22 And the Lord said to Moses,
Lev 7:23 Say to the Israelites, You shall eat no kind of fat, of ox, or sheep, or goat.
Lev 7:24 The fat of the beast that dies of itself and the fat of one that is torn with beasts may be put to any other use, but under no circumstances are you to eat of it.
Lev 7:25 For whoever eats the fat of the beast from which men offer an offering made by fire to the Lord, that person shall be cut off from his people.
Lev 7:26 Moreover, you shall eat no blood of any kind, whether of bird or of beast, in any of your dwellings.
Lev 7:27 Whoever eats any kind of blood, that person shall be cut off from his people.
Lev 7:28 And the Lord said to Moses,
Lev 7:29 Tell the Israelites, He who offers the sacrifice of his peace offerings to the Lord shall bring his offering to the Lord; from the sacrifice of his peace offerings
Lev 7:30 He shall bring with his own hands the offerings made by fire to the Lord; he shall bring the fat with the breast, that the breast may be waved as a wave offering before the Lord.

Lev 7:31 The priest shall burn the fat on the altar, but the breast shall be for Aaron and his sons.
Lev 7:32 And the right thigh you shall give to the priest for an offering from the sacrifices of your peace offerings.
Lev 7:33 The son of Aaron who offers the blood of the peace offerings and the fat shall have the right thigh for his portion.
Lev 7:34 For I have taken the breast that was waved and the thigh that was offered from the Israelites, out of the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons as their perpetual due from the Israelites.
Lev 7:35 This is the anointing portion of Aaron and his sons out of the offerings to the Lord made by fire on the day when they were presented to minister to the Lord in the priest's office.
Lev 7:36 The Lord commanded this to be given them of the Israelites on the day when they were anointed. It is their portion perpetually throughout their generations.
Lev 7:37 This is the law of the burnt offering, the cereal offering, the sin offering, the guilt {or} trespass offering, the consecration offering, and the sacrifice of peace offerings,
Lev 7:38 Which the Lord ordered Moses on Mount Sinai on the day He commanded the Israelites to offer their sacrifices to the Lord, in the Wilderness of Sinai.
Lev 8:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Lev 8:2 Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments [symbols of their office], and the anointing oil, and the bull of the sin offering, and the two rams, and the basket of unleavened bread;
Lev 8:3 And assemble all the congregation at the door of the Tent of Meeting.
Lev 8:4 Moses did as the Lord commanded him, and the congregation was assembled at the door of the Tent of Meeting.
Lev 8:5 Moses told the congregation, This is what the Lord has commanded to be done.
Lev 8:6 Moses brought Aaron and his sons and washed them with water.
Lev 8:7 He put on Aaron the long undertunic, girded him with the long sash, clothed him with the robe, put the ephod (an upper vestment) upon him, and girded him with the skillfully woven cords attached to the ephod, binding it to him.
Lev 8:8 And Moses put upon Aaron the breastplate; also he put in the breastplate the Urim and the Thummim [articles upon which the high priest put his hand when seeking the divine will concerning the nation].
Lev 8:9 And he put the turban {or} miter on his head; on it, in front, Moses put the shining gold plate, the holy diadem, as the Lord commanded him.
Lev 8:10 And Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it, and consecrated them.
Lev 8:11 And he sprinkled some of the oil on the altar seven times and anointed the altar and all its utensils, and the laver and its base, to consecrate them.
Lev 8:12 And he poured some of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head and anointed him to consecrate him.
Lev 8:13 And Moses brought Aaron's sons and put undertunics on them and girded them with sashes and wound turbans on them, as the Lord commanded Moses.
Lev 8:14 Then he brought the bull of the sin offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull of the sin offering.
Lev 8:15 Moses killed it and took the blood and put it on the horns of the altar round about with his finger and poured the blood at the base of the altar and purified and consecrated the altar to make atonement for it.
Lev 8:16 He took all the fat that was on the entrails, and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys with their fat, and Moses burned them on the altar.
Lev 8:17 But the bull [the sin offering] and its hide, its flesh, and its dung he burned with fire outside the camp, as the Lord commanded Moses.
Lev 8:18 He brought the ram for the burnt offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.
Lev 8:19 And Moses killed it and dashed the blood upon the altar round about.
Lev 8:20 He cut the ram into pieces and Moses burned the head, the pieces, and the fat.
Lev 8:21 And he washed the entrails and the legs in water; then Moses burned the whole ram on the altar; it was a burnt sacrifice, for a sweet {and} satisfying fragrance, an offering made by fire to the Lord, as the Lord commanded Moses.
Lev 8:22 And he brought the other ram, the ram of consecration {and} ordination, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.
Lev 8:23 And Moses killed it and took some of its blood and put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot.
Lev 8:24 And he brought Aaron's sons and Moses put some of the blood on the tips of their right ears, and the thumbs

of their right hands, and the great toes of their right feet; and Moses dashed the blood upon the altar round about.
Lev 8:25 And he took the fat, the fat tail, all the fat that was on the entrails, the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat, and the right thigh;
Lev 8:26 And out of the basket of unleavened bread, that was before the Lord, he took one unleavened cake, a cake of oiled bread, and one wafer and put them on the fat and on the right thigh;
Lev 8:27 And he put all these in Aaron's hands and his sons' hands and waved them for a wave offering before the Lord.
Lev 8:28 Then Moses took these things from their hands and burned them on the altar with the burnt offering as an ordination offering, for a sweet {and} satisfying fragrance, an offering made by fire to the Lord.
Lev 8:29 And Moses took the breast and waved it for a wave offering before the Lord; for of the ram of consecration {and} ordination it was Moses' portion, as the Lord commanded Moses.
Lev 8:30 And Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood which was on the altar and sprinkled it on Aaron and his garments, and upon his sons and their garments also; so Moses consecrated Aaron and his garments, and his sons and his sons' garments.
Lev 8:31 And Moses said to Aaron and his sons, Boil the flesh at the door of the Tent of Meeting and there eat it with the bread that is in the basket of consecration {and} ordination, as I commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it.
Lev 8:32 And what remains of the flesh and of the bread you shall burn with fire.
Lev 8:33 And you shall not go out of the door of the Tent of Meeting for seven days, until the days of your consecration {and} ordination are ended; for it will take seven days to consecrate {and} ordain you.
Lev 8:34 As has been done this day, so the Lord has commanded to do for your atonement.
Lev 8:35 At the door of the Tent of Meeting you shall remain day and night for seven days, doing what the Lord has charged you to do, that you die not; for so I am commanded.
Lev 8:36 So Aaron and his sons did all the things which the Lord commanded through Moses.
Lev 9:1 ON THE eighth day Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel;
Lev 9:2 And he said to Aaron, Take a young calf for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering, [each] without blemish, and offer them before the Lord.
Lev 9:3 And say to the Israelites, Take a male goat for a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb, both a year old, without blemish, for a burnt offering,
Lev 9:4 Also a bull and a ram for peace offerings to sacrifice before the Lord, and a cereal offering mixed with oil, for today the Lord will appear to you.
Lev 9:5 They brought before the Tent of Meeting what Moses [had] commanded; all the congregation drew near and stood before the Lord.
Lev 9:6 And Moses said, This is the thing which the Lord commanded you to do, and the glory of the Lord will appear to you.
Lev 9:7 And Moses said to Aaron, Draw near to the altar and offer your sin offering and your burnt offering and make atonement for yourself and for the people; and offer the offering of the people and make atonement for them, as the Lord commanded.
Lev 9:8 So Aaron drew near to the altar and killed the calf of the sin offering, which was designated for himself.
Lev 9:9 The sons of Aaron presented the blood to him; he dipped his finger in the blood and put it on the horns of the altar and poured out the blood at the altar's base;
Lev 9:10 But the fat, the kidneys, and the lobe of the liver from the sin offering he burned on the altar, as the Lord had commanded Moses.
Lev 9:11 And the flesh and the hide Aaron burned with fire outside the camp.
Lev 9:12 He killed the burnt offering, and Aaron's sons delivered to him the blood, which he dashed round about upon the altar.
Lev 9:13 And they brought the burnt offering to him piece by piece, and the head, and Aaron burned them upon the altar.
Lev 9:14 And he washed the entrails and the legs and burned them with the burnt offering on the altar.
Lev 9:15 Then Aaron presented the people's offering, and took the goat of the sin offering which was for the people and killed it and offered it for sin as he did the first sin offering.
Lev 9:16 And he presented the burnt offering and offered it according to the ordinance.
Lev 9:17 And Aaron presented the cereal offering and took a handful of it and burned it on the altar in addition to the burnt offering of the morning.

Lev 9:18 He also killed the bull and the ram, the sacrifice of peace offerings, for the people; and Aaron's sons presented to him the blood, which he dashed upon the altar round about,
Lev 9:19 And the fat of the bull and of the ram, the fat tail and that which covers the entrails, and the kidneys, and the lobe of the liver.
Lev 9:20 And they put the fat upon the breasts, and Aaron burned the fat upon the altar;
Lev 9:21 But the breasts and the right thigh Aaron waved for a wave offering before the Lord, as Moses commanded.
Lev 9:22 Then Aaron lifted his hands toward the people and blessed them, and came down [from the altar] after offering the sin offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offerings.
Lev 9:23 Moses and Aaron went into the Tent of Meeting, and when they came out they blessed the people, and the glory of the Lord [the Shekinah cloud] appeared to all the people [as promised].
Lev 9:24 Then there came a fire out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar; and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.
Lev 10:1 AND NADAB and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, and put incense on it, and offered strange {and} unholy fire before the Lord, as He had not commanded them.
Lev 10:2 And there came forth fire from before the Lord and killed them, and they died before the Lord.
Lev 10:3 Then Moses said to Aaron, This is what the Lord meant when He said, I [and My will, not their own] will be acknowledged as hallowed by those who come near Me, and before all the people I will be honored. And Aaron said nothing.
Lev 10:4 Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, sons of Uzziel uncle of Aaron, and said to them, Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp.
Lev 10:5 So they drew near and carried them in their undertunics [stripped of their priestly vestments] out of the camp, as Moses had said.
Lev 10:6 And Moses said to Aaron and Eleazar and Ithamar, his sons [the father and brothers of the two priests whom God had slain for offering false fire], Do not uncover your heads {or} let your hair go loose or tear your clothes, lest you die [also] and lest God's wrath should come upon all the congregation; but let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the Lord has kindled.
Lev 10:7 And you shall not go out from the door of the Tent of Meeting, lest you die, for the Lord's anointing oil is upon you. And they did according to Moses' word.
Lev 10:8 And the Lord said to Aaron,
Lev 10:9 Do not drink wine or strong drink, you or your sons, when you go into the Tent of Meeting, lest you die; it shall be a statute forever in all your generations.
Lev 10:10 You shall make a distinction {and} recognize a difference between the holy and the common {or} unholy, and between the unclean and the clean;
Lev 10:11 And you are to teach the Israelites all the statutes which the Lord has spoken to them by Moses.
Lev 10:12 And Moses said to Aaron and to Eleazar and Ithamar, his sons who were left, Take the cereal offering that remains of the offerings of the Lord made by fire and eat it without leaven beside the altar, for it is most holy.
Lev 10:13 You shall eat it in a sacred place, because it is your due and your sons' due, from the offerings made by fire to the Lord; for so I am commanded.
Lev 10:14 But the breast that is waved and the thigh that is offered you shall eat in a clean place, you and your sons and daughters with you; for they are your due and your sons' due, given out of the sacrifices of the peace offerings of the Israelites.
Lev 10:15 The thigh that is offered and the breast that is waved they shall bring with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave for a wave offering before the Lord; and it shall be yours and your sons' with you as a portion {or} due perpetually, as the Lord has commanded.
Lev 10:16 And Moses diligently tried to find [what had become of] the goat [that had been offered] for the sin offering, and behold, it was burned up [as waste]! And he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron who were left alive, and said,
Lev 10:17 Why have you not eaten the sin offering in the Holy Place? It is most holy; and God has given it to you to bear {and} take away the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the Lord.
Lev 10:18 Behold, the blood of it was not brought within the Holy Place; you should indeed have eaten [the flesh of it] in the Holy Place, as I commanded.
Lev 10:19 But Aaron said to Moses, Behold, this very day in which they have [obediently] offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before the Lord, such [terrible calamities] have befallen me [and them]! If I [and they] had eaten the most holy sin offering today [humbled as we have been by the sin of our kinsmen and God's judgment upon

them], would it have been acceptable in the sight of the Lord?
Lev 10:20 And when Moses heard that, he was pacified.
Lev 11:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses and Aaron,
Lev 11:2 Say to the Israelites: These are the animals which you may eat among all the beasts that are on the earth.
Lev 11:3 Whatever parts the hoof and is cloven-footed and chews the cud, any of these animals you may eat.
Lev 11:4 Nevertheless these you shall not eat of those that chew the cud or divide the hoof: the camel, because it chews the cud but does not divide the hoof; it is unclean to you.
Lev 11:5 And the coney {or} rock badger, because it chews the cud but does not divide the hoof; it is unclean to you.
Lev 11:6 And the hare, because it chews the cud but does not divide the hoof; it is unclean to you.
Lev 11:7 And the swine, because it divides the hoof and is cloven-footed but does not chew the cud; it is unclean to you.
Lev 11:8 Of their flesh you shall not eat, and their carcasses you shall not touch; they are unclean to you.
Lev 11:9 These you may eat of all that are in the waters: whatever has fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, these you may eat;
Lev 11:10 But all that have not fins and scales in the seas and in the rivers, of all the creeping things in the waters, and of all the living creatures which are in the waters, they are [to be considered] an abomination and abhorrence to you.
Lev 11:11 They shall continue to be an abomination to you; you shall not eat of their flesh, but you shall detest their carcasses.
Lev 11:12 Everything in the waters that has not fins or scales shall be abhorrent {and} detestable to you.
Lev 11:13 These you shall have in abomination among the birds; they shall not be eaten, for they are detestable: the eagle, the ossifrage, the ospray,
Lev 11:14 The kite, the whole species of falcon,
Lev 11:15 Every kind of raven,
Lev 11:16 The ostrich, the nighthawk, the sea gull, every species of hawk,
Lev 11:17 The owl, the cormorant, the ibis,
Lev 11:18 The swan, the pelican, the vulture,
Lev 11:19 The stork, all kinds of heron, the hoopoe, and the bat.
Lev 11:20 All winged insects that go upon all fours are to be an abomination to you;
Lev 11:21 Yet of all winged insects that go upon all fours you may eat those which have legs above their feet with which to leap on the ground.
Lev 11:22 Of these you may eat: the whole species of locust, of bald locust, of cricket, and of grasshopper.
Lev 11:23 But all other winged insects which have four feet shall be detestable to you.
Lev 11:24 And by [contact with] these you shall become unclean; whoever touches the carcass of them shall be unclean until the evening,
Lev 11:25 And whoever carries any part of their carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening.
Lev 11:26 Every beast which parts the hoof but is not cloven-footed or does not chew the cud is unclean to you; everyone who touches them shall be unclean.
Lev 11:27 And all that go on their paws, among all kinds of four-footed beasts, are unclean to you; whoever touches their carcass shall be unclean until the evening,
Lev 11:28 And he who carries their carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening; they are unclean to you.
Lev 11:29 These also are unclean to you among the creeping things [that multiply greatly] {and} creep upon the ground: the weasel, the mouse, any kind of great lizard,
Lev 11:30 The gecko, the land crocodile, the lizard, the sand lizard, and the chameleon.
Lev 11:31 These are unclean to you among all that creep; whoever touches them when they are dead shall be unclean until the evening.
Lev 11:32 And upon whatever they may fall when they are dead, it shall be unclean, whether it is an article of wood or clothing or skin (bottle) or sack, any vessel in which work is done; it must be put in water, and it shall be unclean until the evening; so it shall be cleansed.
Lev 11:33 And every earthen vessel into which any of these [creeping things] falls, whatever may be in it shall be unclean, and you shall break the vessel.
Lev 11:34 Of all the food [in one of these unclean vessels] which may be eaten, that on which such water comes shall be unclean, and all drink that may be drunk from every such vessel shall be unclean.
Lev 11:35 And everything upon which any part of their carcass falls shall be unclean; whether an oven, {or} pan with

a lid, or hearth for pots, it shall be broken in pieces; they are unclean, and shall be unclean to you.
Lev 11:36 Yet a spring or a cistern {or} reservoir of water shall be clean; but whoever touches their carcass shall be unclean.
Lev 11:37 If a part of their carcass falls on seed which is to be sown, it shall be clean;
Lev 11:38 But if any water be put on the seed and any part of their carcass falls on it, it shall be unclean to you.
Lev 11:39 If any animal of which you may eat dies [unslaughtered], he who touches its carcass shall be unclean until the evening.
Lev 11:40 And he who eats of its carcass [ignorantly] shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening; he also who carries its carcass shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening.
Lev 11:41 And everything that creeps on the ground {and} [multiplies in] swarms shall be an abomination; it shall not be eaten.
Lev 11:42 Whatever goes on its belly, and whatever goes on all fours, or whatever has more [than four] feet among all things that creep on the ground {and} swarm you shall not eat; for they are detestable.
Lev 11:43 You shall not make yourselves loathsome {and} abominable [by eating] any swarming thing that [multiplies by] swarms, neither shall you make yourselves unclean with them, that you should be defiled by them.
Lev 11:44 For I am the Lord your God; so consecrate yourselves and be holy, for I am holy; neither defile yourselves with any manner of thing that multiplies in large numbers {or} swarms.
Lev 11:45 For I am the Lord Who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God; therefore you shall be holy, for I am holy.
Lev 11:46 This is the law of the beast, and of the bird, and of every living creature that moves in the waters, and creeps on the earth {and} multiplies in large numbers,
Lev 11:47 To make a difference (a distinction) between the unclean and the clean, and between the animal that may be eaten and the animal that may not be eaten.
Lev 12:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Lev 12:2 Say to the Israelites, If a woman conceives and bears a male child, she shall be unclean seven days, unclean as during her monthly discomfort.
Lev 12:3 And on the eighth day the child shall be circumcised.
Lev 12:4 Then she shall remain [separated] thirty-three days to be purified [from her loss] of blood; she shall touch no hallowed thing nor come into the [court of the] sanctuary until the days of her purifying are over.
Lev 12:5 But if the child she bears is a girl, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her periodic impurity, and she shall remain separated sixty-six days to be purified [from her loss] of blood.
Lev 12:6 When the days of her purifying are completed, whether for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb a year old for a burnt offering and a young pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering to the door of the Tent of Meeting to the priest;
Lev 12:7 And he shall offer it before the Lord and make atonement for her, and she shall be cleansed from the flow of her blood. This is the law for her who has borne a male or a female child.
Lev 12:8 If she is unable to bring a lamb [for lack of means] then she shall bring two turtledoves or young pigeons, one for a burnt offering, the other for a sin offering; the priest shall make atonement for her, and she shall be clean.
Lev 13:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses and Aaron,
Lev 13:2 When a man has a swelling on his skin, a scab, or a bright spot, and it becomes the disease of leprosy in his skin, then he shall be brought to the priest, to Aaron or one of his sons.
Lev 13:3 The priest shall look at the diseased spot on his skin, and if the hair in it has turned white and the disease appears depressed {and} deeper than his skin, it is a leprous disease; and the priest shall examine him, and pronounce him unclean.
Lev 13:4 If the bright spot is white on his skin, not depressed, and the hair on it not turned white, the priest shall quarantine the person {or} bind up the spot for seven days.
Lev 13:5 And the priest shall examine him on the seventh day, and if the disease in his estimation is at a standstill {and} has not spread in the skin, then the priest shall quarantine the person {or} bind up the spot seven more days.
Lev 13:6 And the priest shall examine him again the seventh day, and if the diseased part has a more normal color and the disease has not spread in the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean; it is only an eruption {or} a scab; and he shall wash his clothes and be clean.
Lev 13:7 But if the eruption {or} scab spreads farther in the skin after he has shown himself to the priest for his cleansing, he shall be seen by the priest again.
Lev 13:8 If the priest sees that the eruption {or} scab is spreading in the skin, then he shall pronounce him unclean; it

is leprosy.
Lev 13:9 When the disease of leprosy is in a man, he shall be brought to the priest;
Lev 13:10 And the priest shall examine him, and if there is a white swelling in the skin and the hair on it has turned white and there is quick raw flesh in the swelling,
Lev 13:11 It is a chronic leprosy in the skin of his body, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean; he shall not bind the spot up, for he is unclean.
Lev 13:12 But if [supposed] leprosy breaks out in the skin, and it covers all the skin of him who has the disease from head to foot, wherever the priest looks,
Lev 13:13 The priest shall examine him; if the [supposed] leprosy covers all his body, he shall pronounce him clean of the disease; it is all turned white, and he is clean.
Lev 13:14 But when the raw flesh appears on him, he shall be unclean.
Lev 13:15 And the priest shall examine the raw flesh and pronounce him unclean; for the raw flesh is unclean; it is leprosy.
Lev 13:16 But if the raw flesh turns again and becomes white, he shall come to the priest,
Lev 13:17 And the priest shall examine him, and if the diseased part is turned to white again, then the priest shall pronounce him clean who had the disease; he is clean.
Lev 13:18 And when there is in the skin of the body [the scar of] a boil that is healed,
Lev 13:19 And in the place of the boil there is a white swelling or a bright spot, reddish white, and it is shown to the priest,
Lev 13:20 And if when the priest examines it it looks lower than the skin and the hair on it is turned white, the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is the disease of leprosy; it has broken out in the boil.
Lev 13:21 But if the priest examines it and finds no white hair in it and it is not lower than the skin but appears darker, then the priest shall bind it up for seven days.
Lev 13:22 If it spreads in the skin, [he] shall pronounce him unclean; it is diseased.
Lev 13:23 But if the bright spot does not spread, it is the scar of the boil, and the priest shall pronounce him clean.
Lev 13:24 Or if there is any flesh in the skin of which there is a burn by fire and the quick flesh of the burn becomes a bright spot, reddish white or white,
Lev 13:25 Then the priest shall examine it, and if the hair in the bright spot is turned white, and it appears deeper than the skin, it is leprosy broken out in the burn. Therefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is the disease of leprosy.
Lev 13:26 But if the priest examines it and there is no white hair in the bright spot and it is not lower than the rest of the skin but is darker, then the priest shall bind it up for seven days.
Lev 13:27 And the priest shall examine him on the seventh day; if it is spreading in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is leprosy.
Lev 13:28 But if the bright spot has not spread but is darker, it is a swelling from the burn, and the priest shall pronounce him clean; for it is the scar of the burn.
Lev 13:29 When a man or woman has a disease upon the head or in the beard,
Lev 13:30 The priest shall examine the diseased place; if it appears to be deeper than the skin, with yellow, thin hair in it, the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is a mangelike leprosy of the head or beard.
Lev 13:31 If the priest examines the spot infected by the mangelike disease, and it does not appear deeper than the skin and there is no black hair in it, the priest shall bind up the spot for seven days.
Lev 13:32 On the seventh day the priest shall examine the diseased spot; if the mange has not spread and has no yellow hair in it and does not look deeper than the skin,
Lev 13:33 Then the patient shall be shaved, except the mangelike spot; and the priest shall bind up the spot seven days more.
Lev 13:34 On the seventh day the priest shall look at the mangelike spot; if the mange has not spread and looks no deeper than the skin, he shall pronounce the patient clean; he shall wash his clothes and be clean.
Lev 13:35 But if the mangelike spot spreads in the skin after his cleansing,
Lev 13:36 Then the priest shall examine him, and if the mangelike spot is spread in the skin, the priest need not look for the yellow hair; the patient is unclean.
Lev 13:37 But if in his estimation the mange is at a standstill and has black hair in it, the mangelike disease is healed; he is clean; the priest shall pronounce him clean.
Lev 13:38 When a man or a woman has on the skin bright spots, even white bright spots,
Lev 13:39 Then the priest shall look, and if the bright spots in the skin are a dull white, it is a harmless eruption; he is

clean.
Lev 13:40 If a man's hair has fallen from his head, he is bald, but he is clean.
Lev 13:41 And if his hair has fallen out from the front of his head, he has baldness of the forehead, but he is clean.
Lev 13:42 But if there is on the bald head or forehead a reddish white diseased spot, it is leprosy breaking out on his baldness.
Lev 13:43 Then the priest shall examine him, and if the diseased swelling is reddish white on his bald head or forehead like the appearance of leprosy in the skin of the body,
Lev 13:44 He is a leprous man; he is unclean; the priest shall surely pronounce him unclean; his disease is on his head.
Lev 13:45 And the leper's clothes shall be rent, and the hair of his head shall hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry, Unclean, unclean!
Lev 13:46 He shall remain unclean as long as the disease is in him; he is unclean; he shall live alone [and] his dwelling shall be outside the camp.
Lev 13:47 The garment also that the disease of leprosy [symbolic of sin] is in, whether a wool or a linen garment,
Lev 13:48 Whether it be in woven or knitted stuff {or} in the warp or woof of linen or of wool, or in a skin or anything made of skin,
Lev 13:49 If the disease is greenish or reddish in the garment, or in a skin or in the warp or woof or in anything made of skin, it is the plague of leprosy; show it to the priest.
Lev 13:50 The priest shall examine the diseased article and shut it up for seven days.
Lev 13:51 He shall examine the disease on the seventh day; if [it] is spread in the garment, or in the article, whatever service it may be used for, the disease is a rotting {or} corroding leprosy; it is unclean.
Lev 13:52 He shall burn the garment, whether diseased in warp or woof, in wool or linen, or anything made of skin; for it is a rotting {or} corroding leprosy, to be burned in the fire.
Lev 13:53 But if the priest finds the disease has not spread in the garment, in the warp or the woof, or in anything made of skin,
Lev 13:54 Then the priest shall command that they wash the thing in which the plague is, and he shall shut it up seven days more.
Lev 13:55 And the priest shall examine the diseased article after it has been washed, and if the diseased portion has not changed color, though the disease has not spread, it is unclean; you shall burn it in the fire; it is a rotting {or} corroding [disease], whether the leprous spot be inside or outside.
Lev 13:56 If the priest looks and the diseased portion is less noticeable after it is washed, he shall tear it out of the garment, or the skin (leather), or out of the warp or woof.
Lev 13:57 If it appears still in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or in anything made of skin, it is spreading; you shall burn the diseased part with fire.
Lev 13:58 But the garment, or the woven or knitted stuff {or} warp or woof, or anything made of skin from which the disease departs when you have washed it, shall then be washed a second time, and be clean.
Lev 13:59 This is the law for a leprous disease in a garment of wool or linen, either in the warp or woof, or in anything made of skin, to pronounce it clean or unclean.
Lev 14:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Lev 14:2 This shall be the law of the leper on the day when he is to be pronounced clean: he shall be brought to the priest [at a meeting place outside the camp];
Lev 14:3 The priest shall go out of the camp [to meet him]; and [he] shall examine him, and if the disease is healed in the leper,
Lev 14:4 Then the priest shall command to take for him who is to be cleansed two living clean birds and cedar wood and scarlet [material] and hyssop.
Lev 14:5 And the priest shall command to kill one of the birds in an earthen vessel over fresh, running water.
Lev 14:6 As for the living bird, he shall take it, the cedar wood, and the scarlet [material], and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird killed over the running water;
Lev 14:7 And he shall sprinkle [the blood] on him who is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let go the living bird into the open field.
Lev 14:8 He who is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, shave off all his hair, and bathe himself in water; and he shall be clean. After that he shall come into the camp, but stay outside his tent seven days.
Lev 14:9 But on the seventh day he shall shave all his hair off his head, his beard, his eyebrows, and his [body]; and he shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and be clean.
Lev 14:10 On the eighth day he shall take two he-lambs without blemish and one ewe lamb a year old without

blemish, and three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour for a cereal offering, mixed with oil, and one log of oil.
Lev 14:11 And the priest who cleanses him shall set the man who is to be cleansed and these things before the Lord at the door of the Tent of Meeting;
Lev 14:12 The priest shall take one of the male lambs and offer it for a guilt {or} trespass offering, and the log of oil, and wave them for a wave offering before the Lord.
Lev 14:13 He shall kill the lamb in the place where they kill the sin offering and the burnt offering, in the sacred place [the court of the tabernacle]; for as the sin offering is the priest's, so is the guilt {or} trespass offering; it is most holy;
Lev 14:14 And the priest shall take some of the blood of the guilt {or} trespass offering and put it on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot.
Lev 14:15 And the priest shall take some of the log of oil and pour it into the palm of his own left hand;
Lev 14:16 And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand and shall sprinkle some of the oil with his finger seven times before the Lord;
Lev 14:17 And of the rest of the oil that is in his hand shall the priest put some on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot, on the blood of the guilt {or} trespass offering [which he has previously placed in each of these places].
Lev 14:18 And the rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall pour upon the head of him who is to be cleansed and make atonement for him before the Lord.
Lev 14:19 And the priest shall offer the sin offering and make atonement for him who is to be cleansed from his uncleanness, and afterward kill the burnt offering [victim].
Lev 14:20 And the priest shall offer the burnt offering and the cereal offering on the altar; and he shall make atonement for him, and he shall be clean.
Lev 14:21 If the cleansed leper is poor and cannot afford so much, he shall take one lamb for a guilt {or} trespass offering to be waved to make atonement for him, and one tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil for a cereal offering, and a log of oil,
Lev 14:22 And two turtledoves or two young pigeons, such as he can afford, one for a sin offering, the other for a burnt offering.
Lev 14:23 He shall bring them on the eighth day for his cleansing to the priest at the door of the Tent of Meeting, before the Lord.
Lev 14:24 And the priest shall take the lamb of the guilt {or} trespass offering, and the log of oil, and shall wave them for a wave offering before the Lord.
Lev 14:25 And he shall kill the lamb of the guilt {or} trespass offering, and the priest shall take some of the blood of the offering and put it on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot.
Lev 14:26 And the priest shall pour some of the oil into the palm of his own left hand,
Lev 14:27 And shall sprinkle with his right finger some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before the Lord.
Lev 14:28 The priest shall put some of the oil in his hand on the tip of the right ear of the one to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot, on the places where he has put the blood of the guilt offering.
Lev 14:29 The rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put on the head of the one to be cleansed, to make atonement for him before the Lord.
Lev 14:30 And he shall offer one of the turtledoves or of the young pigeons, such as he is able to get,
Lev 14:31 As he can afford, one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering, together with the cereal offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him who is to be cleansed before the Lord.
Lev 14:32 This is the law of him in whom is the plague of leprosy, who is not able to get what is required for his cleansing.
Lev 14:33 And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron,
Lev 14:34 When you have come into the land of Canaan, which I give to you for a possession, and I put the disease of leprosy in a house of the land of your possession,
Lev 14:35 Then he who owns the house shall come and tell the priest, It seems to me there is some sort of disease in my house.
Lev 14:36 Then the priest shall command that they empty the house before [he] goes in to examine the disease, so that all that is in the house may not be declared unclean; afterward [he] shall go in to see the house.
Lev 14:37 He shall examine the disease, and if it is in the walls of the house with depressed spots of dark green or dark red appearing beneath [the surface of] the wall,

Lev 14:38 Then the priest shall go out of the door and shut up the house seven days.
Lev 14:39 The priest shall come again on the seventh day and shall look; and if the disease has spread in the walls of the house,
Lev 14:40 He shall command that they take out the diseased stones and cast them into an unclean place outside the city.
Lev 14:41 He shall cause the house to be scraped within round about and the plaster {or} mortar that is scraped off to be emptied out in an unclean place outside the city.
Lev 14:42 And they shall put other stones in the place of those stones, and he shall plaster the house with fresh mortar.
Lev 14:43 If the disease returns, breaking out in the house after he has removed the stones and has scraped and plastered the house,
Lev 14:44 Then the priest shall come and look, and if the disease is spreading in the house, it is a rotting {or} corroding leprosy in the house; it is unclean.
Lev 14:45 He shall tear down the house--its stones and its timber and all the plaster {or} mortar of the house--and shall carry them forth out of the city to an unclean place.
Lev 14:46 Moreover, he who enters the house during the whole time that it is shut up shall be unclean until the evening.
Lev 14:47 And he who lies down or eats in the house shall wash his clothes.
Lev 14:48 But if the priest inspects it and the disease has not spread after the house was plastered, he shall pronounce the house clean, because the disease is healed.
Lev 14:49 He shall take to cleanse the house two birds, cedar wood, scarlet [material], and hyssop;
Lev 14:50 And he shall kill one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water,
Lev 14:51 And he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet [material], and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times.
Lev 14:52 And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, the running water, the living bird, the cedar wood, the hyssop, and the scarlet [material].
Lev 14:53 But he shall let the living bird go out of the city into the open field; so he shall make atonement for the house, and it shall be clean.
Lev 14:54 This is the law for all kinds of leprous diseases, and mangelike conditions,
Lev 14:55 For the leprosy of a garment or of a house,
Lev 14:56 And for a swelling or an eruption {or} a scab or a bright spot,
Lev 14:57 To teach when it is unclean and when it is clean. This is the law of leprosy.
Lev 15:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses and Aaron,
Lev 15:2 Say to the Israelites, When any man has a running discharge from his body, because of his discharge he is unclean.
Lev 15:3 This shall be [the law concerning] his uncleanness in his discharge: whether his body runs with his discharge or has stopped [running], it is uncleanness in him.
Lev 15:4 Every bed on which the one who has the discharge lies is unclean, and everything on which he sits shall be unclean.
Lev 15:5 Whoever touches that person's bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.
Lev 15:6 And whoever sits on anything on which he who has the discharge has sat shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.
Lev 15:7 And he who touches the flesh of him who has the discharge shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.
Lev 15:8 And if he who has the discharge spits on him who is clean, then he shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.
Lev 15:9 And any saddle on which he who has the discharge rides shall be unclean.
Lev 15:10 Whoever touches anything that has been under him shall be unclean until evening; and he who carries those things shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until evening.
Lev 15:11 Whomever he who has the discharge touches without rinsing his hands in water shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until evening.
Lev 15:12 The earthen vessel that he with the discharge touches shall be broken, and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water.
Lev 15:13 When he who has a discharge is cleansed of it, he shall count seven days for his purification, then wash his

clothes, bathe in running water, and be clean.
Lev 15:14 On the eighth day he shall take two turtledoves or two young pigeons and come before the Lord to the door of the Tent of Meeting and give them to the priest;
Lev 15:15 And the priest shall offer them, one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering; and [he] shall make atonement for the man before the Lord for his discharge.
Lev 15:16 And if any man has a discharge of semen, he shall wash all his body in water, and be unclean until evening.
Lev 15:17 And every garment and every skin on which the sperm comes shall be washed with water, and be unclean until evening.
Lev 15:18 The woman also with whom a man with emission of semen shall lie, they shall both bathe themselves in water, and be unclean until evening.
Lev 15:19 And if a woman has a discharge, her [regular] discharge of blood of her body, she shall be in her impurity {or} separation for seven days, and whoever touches her shall be unclean until evening.
Lev 15:20 And everything that she lies on in her separation shall be unclean; everything also that she sits on shall be unclean.
Lev 15:21 And whoever touches her bed shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until evening.
Lev 15:22 Whoever touches anything she sat on shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until evening.
Lev 15:23 And if her flow has stained her bed or anything on which she sat, when he touches it, he shall be unclean until evening.
Lev 15:24 And if any man lie with her and her impurity be upon him, he shall be unclean seven days; and every bed on which he lies shall be unclean.
Lev 15:25 And if a woman has an issue of blood for many days, not during the time of her separation, or if she has a discharge beyond the time of her [regular] impurity, all the days of the issue of her uncleanness she shall be as in the days of her impurity; she shall be unclean.
Lev 15:26 Every bed on which she lies all the days of her discharge shall be as the bed of her impurity, and whatever she sits on shall be unclean, as in her impurity.
Lev 15:27 And whoever touches those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until evening.
Lev 15:28 But if she is cleansed of her discharge, then she shall wait seven days, and after that she shall be clean.
Lev 15:29 And on the eighth day she shall take two turtledoves or two young pigeons and bring them to the priest at the door of the Tent of Meeting;
Lev 15:30 He shall offer one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering; and he shall make atonement for her before the Lord for her unclean discharge.
Lev 15:31 Thus you shall separate the Israelites from their uncleanness, lest they die in their uncleanness by defiling My tabernacle that is in the midst of them.
Lev 15:32 This is the law for him who has a discharge and for him who has emissions of sperm, being made unclean by it;
Lev 15:33 And for her who is sick with her impurity, and for any person who has a discharge, whether man or woman, and for him who lies with her who is unclean.
Lev 16:1 AFTER THE death of Aaron's two sons, when they drew near before the Lord [offered false fire] and died,
Lev 16:2 The Lord said to Moses, Tell Aaron your brother he must not come at all times into the Holy of Holies within the veil before the mercy seat upon the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud on the mercy seat.
Lev 16:3 But Aaron shall come into the holy enclosure in this way: with a young bull for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.
Lev 16:4 He shall put on the holy linen undergarment, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his body, and be girded with the linen girdle {or} sash, and with the linen turban {or} miter shall he be attired; these are the holy garments; he shall bathe his body in water and then put them on.
Lev 16:5 He shall take [at the expense] of the congregation of the Israelites two male goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering.
Lev 16:6 And Aaron shall present the bull as the sin offering for himself and make atonement for himself and for his house [the other priests].
Lev 16:7 He shall take the two goats and present them before the Lord at the door of the Tent of Meeting.
Lev 16:8 Aaron shall cast lots on the two goats--one lot for the Lord, the other lot for Azazel {or} removal.

Lev 16:9 And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the Lord's lot fell and offer him as a sin offering.
Lev 16:10 But the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel {or} removal shall be presented alive before the Lord to make atonement over him, that he may be let go into the wilderness for Azazel (for dismissal).
Lev 16:11 Aaron shall present the bull as the sin offering for his own sins and shall make atonement for himself and for his house [the other priests], and shall kill the bull as the sin offering for himself.
Lev 16:12 He shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the [bronze] altar before the Lord, and his two hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the veil [into the Holy of Holies],
Lev 16:13 And put the incense on the fire [in the censer] before the Lord, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon [the ark of] the Testimony, lest he die.
Lev 16:14 He shall take of the bull's blood and sprinkle it with his finger on the front [the east side] of the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.
Lev 16:15 Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering that is for [the sins of] the people and bring its blood within the veil [into the Holy of Holies] and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat.
Lev 16:16 Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place because of the uncleanness of the Israelites and because of their transgressions, even all their sins; and so shall he do for the Tent of Meeting, that remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness.
Lev 16:17 There shall be no man in the Tent of Meeting when the high priest goes in to make atonement in the Holy of Holies [within the veil] until he comes out and has made atonement for his own sins and those of his house [the other priests] and of all the congregation of Israel.
Lev 16:18 And he shall go out to the altar [of burnt offering in the court] which is before the Lord and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and of the goat and put it on the horns of the altar round about.
Lev 16:19 And he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his fingers seven times and cleanse it and hallow it from the uncleanness of the Israelites.
Lev 16:20 And when he has finished atoning for the Holy of Holies and the Tent of Meeting and the altar [of burnt offering], he shall present the live goat;
Lev 16:21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat and confess over him all the iniquities of the Israelites and all their transgressions, all their sins; and he shall put them upon the head of the goat [the sin-bearer], and send him away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is timely (ready, fit).
Lev 16:22 The goat shall bear upon himself all their iniquities, carrying them to a land cut off (a land of forgetfulness {and} separation, not inhabited)! And the man leading it shall let the goat go in the wilderness.
Lev 16:23 Aaron shall come into the Tent of Meeting and put off the linen garments which he put on when he went into the Holy of Holies, and leave them there;
Lev 16:24 And he shall bathe his body with water in a sacred place and put on his garments, and come forth and offer his burnt offering and that of the people, and make atonement for himself and for them.
Lev 16:25 And the fat of the sin offering he shall burn upon the altar.
Lev 16:26 The man who led the sin-bearing goat out and let him go for Azazel {or} removal shall wash his clothes and bathe his body, and afterward he may come into the camp.
Lev 16:27 The bull and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy of Holies, shall be carried forth without the camp; their skins, their flesh, and their dung shall be burned with fire.
Lev 16:28 And he who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp.
Lev 16:29 It shall be a statute to you forever that in the seventh month [nearly October] on the tenth day of the month you shall afflict yourselves [by fasting with penitence and humiliation] and do no work at all, either the native-born or the stranger who dwells temporarily among you.
Lev 16:30 For on this day atonement shall be made for you, to cleanse you; from all your sins you shall be clean before the Lord.
Lev 16:31 It is a sabbath of [solemn] rest to you, and you shall afflict yourselves [by fasting with penitence and humiliation]; it is a statute forever.
Lev 16:32 And the priest who shall be anointed and consecrated to minister in the priest's office in his father's stead shall make atonement, wearing the holy linen garments;
Lev 16:33 He shall make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary, for the Tent of Meeting, and for the altar [of burnt offering in the court], and shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly.

Lev 16:34 This shall be an everlasting statute for you, that atonement may be made for the Israelites for all their sins once a year. And Moses did as the Lord commanded him.
Lev 17:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Lev 17:2 Tell Aaron, his sons, and all the Israelites, This is what the Lord has commanded:
Lev 17:3 If any man of the house of Israel kills an ox or lamb or goat in the camp or kills it outside the camp
Lev 17:4 And does not bring it to the door of the Tent of Meeting to offer it as an offering to the Lord before the Lord's tabernacle, [guilt for shedding] blood shall be imputed to that man; he has shed blood and shall be cut off from among his people.
Lev 17:5 This is so that the Israelites, rather than offer their sacrifices [to idols] in the open field [where they slew them], may bring them to the Lord at the door of the Tent of Meeting, to the priest, to offer them as peace offerings to the Lord.
Lev 17:6 And the priest shall dash the blood on the altar of the Lord at the door of the Tent of Meeting and burn the fat for a sweet {and} satisfying fragrance to the Lord.
Lev 17:7 So they shall no more offer their sacrifices to goatlike gods {or} demons {or} field spirits after which they have played the harlot. This shall be a statute forever to them throughout their generations.
Lev 17:8 And you shall say to them, Whoever of the house of Israel or of the strangers who dwell temporarily among you offers a burnt offering or sacrifice
Lev 17:9 And does not bring it to the door of the Tent of Meeting to offer it to the Lord shall be cut off from among his people.
Lev 17:10 Any one of the house of Israel or of the strangers who dwell temporarily among them who eats any kind of blood, against that person I will set My face and I will cut him off from among his people [that he may not be included in the atonement made for them].
Lev 17:11 For the life (the animal soul) is in the blood, and I have given it for you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement, by reason of the life [which it represents].
Lev 17:12 Therefore I have said to the Israelites, No person among you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger who dwells temporarily among you eat blood.
Lev 17:13 And any of the Israelites or of the strangers who sojourn among them who takes in hunting any clean beast or bird shall pour out its blood and cover it with dust.
Lev 17:14 As for the life of all flesh, the blood of it represents the life of it; therefore I said to the Israelites, You shall partake of the blood of no kind of flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood. Whoever eats of it shall be cut off.
Lev 17:15 And every person who eats what dies of itself or was torn by beasts, whether he is native-born or a temporary resident, shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until evening; then shall he be clean.
Lev 17:16 But if he does not wash his clothes or bathe his body, he shall bear his own iniquity [for it shall not be borne by the sacrifice of atonement].
Lev 18:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Lev 18:2 Say to the Israelites, I am the Lord your God.
Lev 18:3 You shall not do as was done in the land of Egypt in which you dwelt, nor shall you do as is done in the land of Canaan to which I am bringing you; neither shall you walk in their statutes.
Lev 18:4 You shall do My ordinances and keep My statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God.
Lev 18:5 You shall therefore keep My statutes and My ordinances which, if a man does, he shall live by them. I am the Lord.
Lev 18:6 None of you shall approach anyone close of kin to him to have sexual relations. I am the Lord.
Lev 18:7 The nakedness of your father, which is the nakedness of your mother, you shall not uncover; she is your mother; you shall not have intercourse with her.
Lev 18:8 The nakedness of your father's wife you shall not uncover; it is your father's nakedness.
Lev 18:9 You shall not have intercourse with {or} uncover the nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father or of your mother, whether born at home or born abroad.
Lev 18:10 You must not have sexual relations with your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter; their nakedness you shall not uncover, for they are your own flesh.
Lev 18:11 You must not have intercourse with your father's wife's daughter; begotten by your father, she is your sister; you shall not uncover her nakedness.
Lev 18:12 You shall not have intercourse with your father's sister; she is your father's near kinswoman.
Lev 18:13 You shall not have sexual relations with your mother's sister, for she is your mother's near kinswoman.

Lev 18:14 You shall not have intercourse with your father's brother's wife; you shall not approach his wife; she is your aunt.
Lev 18:15 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law; she is your son's wife; you shall not have intercourse with her.
Lev 18:16 You shall not have intercourse with your brother's wife; she belongs to your brother.
Lev 18:17 You shall not marry a woman and her daughter, nor shall you take her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter to have intercourse; they are [her] near kinswomen; it is wickedness {and} an outrageous offense.
Lev 18:18 You must not marry a woman in addition to her sister, to be a rival to her, having sexual relations with the second sister when the first one is alive.
Lev 18:19 Also you shall not have intercourse with a woman during her [menstrual period or similar] uncleanness.
Lev 18:20 Moreover, you shall not lie carnally with your neighbor's wife, to defile yourself with her.
Lev 18:21 You shall not give any of your children to pass through the fire {and} sacrifice them to Molech [the fire god], nor shall you profane the name of your God [by giving it to false gods]. I am the Lord.
Lev 18:22 You shall not lie with a man as with a woman; it is an abomination.
Lev 18:23 Neither shall you lie with any beast and defile yourself with it; neither shall any woman yield herself to a beast to lie with it; it is confusion, perversion, {and} degradedly carnal.
Lev 18:24 Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, for in all these things the nations are defiled which I am casting out before you.
Lev 18:25 And the land is defiled; therefore I visit the iniquity of it upon it, and the land itself vomits out her inhabitants.
Lev 18:26 So you shall keep My statutes and My ordinances and shall not commit any of these abominations, neither the native-born nor any stranger who sojourns among you,
Lev 18:27 For all these abominations have the men of the land done who were before you, and the land is defiled--
Lev 18:28 [Do none of these things] lest the land spew you out when you defile it as it spewed out the nation that was before you.
Lev 18:29 Whoever commits any of these abominations shall be cut off from among [his] people.
Lev 18:30 So keep My charge: do not practice any of these abominable customs which were practiced before you and defile yourselves by them. I am the Lord your God.
Lev 19:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Lev 19:2 Say to all the assembly of the Israelites, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.
Lev 19:3 Each of you shall give due respect to his mother and his father, and keep My Sabbaths holy. I the Lord am your God.
Lev 19:4 Do not turn to idols {and} things of nought or make for yourselves molten gods. I the Lord am your God.
Lev 19:5 And when you offer a sacrifice of peace offering to the Lord, you shall offer it so that you may be accepted.
Lev 19:6 It shall be eaten the same day you offer it and on the day following; and if anything remains until the third day, it shall be burned in the fire.
Lev 19:7 If it is eaten at all the third day, it is loathsome; it will not be accepted.
Lev 19:8 But everyone who eats it shall bear his iniquity, for he has profaned a holy thing of the Lord; and that soul shall be cut off from his people [and not be included in the atonement made for them].
Lev 19:9 And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field to its very corners, neither shall you gather the fallen ears {or} gleanings of your harvest.
Lev 19:10 And you shall not glean your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather its fallen grapes; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger. I am the Lord your God.
Lev 19:11 You shall not steal, or deal falsely, or lie one to another.
Lev 19:12 And you shall not swear by My name falsely, neither shall you profane the name of your God. I am the Lord.
Lev 19:13 You shall not defraud {or} oppress your neighbor or rob him; the wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until morning.
Lev 19:14 You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall [reverently] fear your God. I am the Lord.
Lev 19:15 You shall do no injustice in judging a case; you shall not be partial to the poor or show a preference for the mighty, but in righteousness {and} according to the merits of the case judge your neighbor.
Lev 19:16 You shall not go up and down as a dispenser of gossip {and} scandal among your people, nor shall you [secure yourself by false testimony or by silence and] endanger the life of your neighbor. I am the Lord.

Lev 19:17 You shall not hate your brother in your heart; but you shall surely rebuke your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.
Lev 19:18 You shall not take revenge or bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.
Lev 19:19 You shall keep My statutes. You shall not let your domestic animals breed with a different kind [of animal]; you shall not sow your field with mixed seed, neither wear a garment of linen mixed with wool.
Lev 19:20 And if a man lies carnally with a woman who is a slave betrothed to a husband and not yet ransomed or given her freedom, they shall be punished [after investigation]; they shall not be put to death, because she was not free;
Lev 19:21 But he shall bring his guilt {or} trespass offering to the Lord to the door of the Tent of Meeting, a ram for a guilt {or} trespass offering.
Lev 19:22 The priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the guilt {or} trespass offering before the Lord for his sin, and he shall be forgiven for committing the sin.
Lev 19:23 And when you come into the land and have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count the fruit of them as inedible {and} forbidden to you for three years; it shall not be eaten.
Lev 19:24 In the fourth year all their fruit shall be holy for giving praise to the Lord.
Lev 19:25 But in the fifth year you may eat of the fruit [of the trees], that their produce may enrich you; I am the Lord your God.
Lev 19:26 You shall not eat anything with the blood; neither shall you use magic, omens, {or} witchcraft [or predict events by horoscope or signs and lucky days].
Lev 19:27 You shall not round the corners of the hair of your heads nor trim the corners of your beard [as some idolaters do].
Lev 19:28 You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead nor print {or} tattoo any marks upon you; I am the Lord.
Lev 19:29 Do not profane your daughter by causing her to be a harlot, lest the land fall into harlotry and become full of wickedness.
Lev 19:30 You shall keep My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary. I am the Lord.
Lev 19:31 Turn not to those [mediums] who have familiar spirits or to wizards; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God.
Lev 19:32 You shall rise up before the hoary head and honor the face of the old man and [reverently] fear your God. I am the Lord.
Lev 19:33 And if a stranger dwells temporarily with you in your land, you shall not suppress {and} mistreat him.
Lev 19:34 But the stranger who dwells with you shall be to you as one born among you; and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.
Lev 19:35 You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in measures of length or weight or quantity.
Lev 19:36 You shall have accurate {and} just balances, just weights, just ephah and hin measures. I am the Lord your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt.
Lev 19:37 You shall observe all My statutes and ordinances and do them. I am the Lord.
Lev 20:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Lev 20:2 Moreover, you shall say to the Israelites, Any one of the Israelites or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech [the fire god worshiped with human sacrifices] shall surely be put to death; the people of the land shall stone him with stones.
Lev 20:3 I also will set My face against that man [opposing him, withdrawing My protection from him, and excluding him from My covenant] and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given of his children to Molech, defiling My sanctuary and profaning My holy name.
Lev 20:4 And if the people of the land do at all hide their eyes from the man when he gives one of his children [as a burnt offering] to Molech [the fire god] {and} they overlook it {or} neglect to take legal action to punish him, winking at his sin, and do not kill him [as My law requires],
Lev 20:5 Then I will set My face against that man and against his family and will cut him off from among their people, him and all who follow him to [unfaithfulness to Me, and thus] play the harlot after Molech.
Lev 20:6 The person who turns to those who have familiar spirits and to wizards, [being unfaithful to Israel's Maker Who is her Husband, and thus] playing the harlot after them, I will set My face against that person and will cut him off from among his people [that he may not be included in the atonement made for them].
Lev 20:7 Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy; for I am the Lord your God.

Lev 20:8 And you shall keep My statutes and do them. I am the Lord Who sanctifies you.
Lev 20:9 Everyone who curses his father or mother shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or mother; his bloodguilt is upon him.
Lev 20:10 The man who commits adultery with another's wife, even his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.
Lev 20:11 And the man who lies carnally with his father's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of the guilty ones shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon their own heads.
Lev 20:12 And if a man lies carnally with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death; they have wrought confusion, perversion, {and} defilement; their blood shall be upon their own heads.
Lev 20:13 If a man lies with a male as if he were a woman, both men have committed an offense (something perverse, unnatural, abhorrent, and detestable); they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.
Lev 20:14 And if a man takes a wife and her mother, it is wickedness {and} an outrageous offense; all three shall be burned with fire, both he and they [after being stoned to death], that there be no wickedness among you.
Lev 20:15 And if a man lies carnally with a beast, he shall surely be [stoned] to death, and you shall slay the beast.
Lev 20:16 If a woman approaches any beast and lies carnally with it, you shall [stone] the woman and the beast; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them.
Lev 20:17 If a man takes his sister, his father's or his mother's daughter, and sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, it is a wicked {and} shameful thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people; he has had sexual relations with his sister; he shall bear his iniquity.
Lev 20:18 And if a man shall lie with a woman having her menstrual pains and shall uncover her nakedness, he has made naked her fountain, and she has uncovered the fountain of her blood; and both of them shall be cut off from among their people.
Lev 20:19 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister or of your father's sister, for that is to make naked his close kin; they shall bear their iniquity.
Lev 20:20 And if a man shall lie carnally with his uncle's wife, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness; they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless [not literally, but in a legal sense].
Lev 20:21 And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it is impurity; he has uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless [not literally, but in a legal sense].
Lev 20:22 You shall therefore keep all My statutes and all My ordinances and do them, that the land where I am bringing you to dwell may not vomit you out [as it did those before you].
Lev 20:23 You shall not walk in the customs of the nation which I am casting out before you; for they did all these things, and therefore I was wearied {and} grieved by them.
Lev 20:24 But I have said to you, You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey. I am the Lord your God, Who has separated you from the peoples.
Lev 20:25 You shall therefore make a distinction between the clean beast and the unclean, and between the unclean fowl and the clean; and you shall not make yourselves detestable with beast or with bird or with anything with which the ground teems {or} that creeps, which I have set apart from you as unclean.
Lev 20:26 And you shall be holy to Me; for I the Lord am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.
Lev 20:27 A man or woman who is a medium {and} has a familiar spirit or is a wizard shall surely be put to death, be stoned with stones; their blood shall be upon them.
Lev 21:1 THE LORD said to Moses, Speak to the priests [exclusive of the high priest], the sons of Aaron, and say to them that none of them shall defile himself for the dead among his people [by touching a corpse or assisting in preparing it for burial],
Lev 21:2 Except for his near [blood] kin, for his mother, father, son, daughter, brother,
Lev 21:3 And for his sister, a virgin, who is near to him because she has had no husband; for her he may be defiled.
Lev 21:4 He shall not even defile himself, being a [bereaved] husband [his wife not being his blood kin] {or} being a chief man among his people, and so profane himself.
Lev 21:5 The priests [like the other Israelite men] shall not shave the crown of their heads or clip off the corners of their beard or make any cuttings in their flesh.
Lev 21:6 They shall be holy to their God and not profane the name of their God; for they offer the offerings made by fire to the Lord, the bread of their God; therefore they shall be holy.
Lev 21:7 They shall not take a wife who is a harlot or polluted {or} profane or divorced, for [the priest] is holy to his God.

Lev 21:8 You shall consecrate him therefore, for he offers the bread of your God; he shall be holy to you, for I the Lord Who sanctifies you am holy.
Lev 21:9 The daughter of any priest who profanes herself by playing the harlot profanes her father; she shall be burned with fire [after being stoned].
Lev 21:10 But he who is the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured and who is consecrated to put on the [sacred] garments, shall not let the hair of his head hang loose or rend his clothes [in mourning],
Lev 21:11 Neither shall he go in where any dead body lies nor defile himself [by doing so, even] for his father or for his mother;
Lev 21:12 Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary nor desecrate {or} make ceremonially unclean the sanctuary of his God, for the crown {or} consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him. I am the Lord.
Lev 21:13 He shall take a wife in her virginity.
Lev 21:14 A widow or a divorced woman or a woman who is polluted {or} profane or a harlot, these he shall not marry, but he shall take as his wife a virgin of his own people,
Lev 21:15 That he may not profane {or} dishonor his children among his people; for I the Lord do sanctify the high priest.
Lev 21:16 And the Lord said to Moses,
Lev 21:17 Say to Aaron, Any one of your sons in their successive generations who has any blemish, let him not come near to offer the bread of his God.
Lev 21:18 For no man who has a blemish shall approach [God's altar to serve as priest], a man blind or lame, or he who has a disfigured face or a limb too long,
Lev 21:19 Or who has a fractured foot or hand,
Lev 21:20 Or is a hunchback, or a dwarf, or has a defect in his eye, or has scurvy {or} itch, or scabs {or} skin trouble, or has damaged testicles.
Lev 21:21 No man of the offspring of Aaron the priest who has a blemish {and} is disfigured {or} deformed shall come near [the altar] to offer the offerings of the Lord made by fire. He has a blemish; he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God.
Lev 21:22 He may eat the bread of his God, both of the most holy and of the holy things,
Lev 21:23 But he shall not come within the veil or come near the altar [of incense], because he has a blemish, that he may not desecrate {and} make unclean My sanctuaries {and} hallowed things; for I the Lord do sanctify them.
Lev 21:24 And Moses told it to Aaron and to his sons and to all the Israelites.
Lev 22:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Lev 22:2 Say to Aaron and his sons that they shall stay away from the holy things which the Israelites dedicate to Me, that they may not profane My holy name; I am the Lord.
Lev 22:3 Tell them, Any one of your offspring throughout your generations who goes to the holy things which the Israelites dedicate to the Lord when he is unclean, that [priest] shall be cut off from My presence {and} excluded from the sanctuary; I am the Lord.
Lev 22:4 No man of the offspring of Aaron who is a leper or has a discharge shall eat of the holy things [the offerings and the showbread] until he is clean. And whoever touches any person {or} thing made unclean by contact with a corpse or a man who has had a discharge of semen,
Lev 22:5 Or whoever touches any dead creeping thing by which he may be made unclean, or a man from whom he may acquire uncleanness, whatever it may be,
Lev 22:6 The priest who has touched any such thing shall be unclean until evening and shall not eat of the holy things unless he has bathed with water.
Lev 22:7 When the sun is down, he shall be clean, and afterward may eat of the holy things, for they are his food.
Lev 22:8 That which dies of itself or is torn by beasts he shall not eat, defiling himself with it. I am the Lord.
Lev 22:9 The priests therefore shall observe My ordinance, lest they bear sin for it and die thereby if they profane it. I am the Lord, Who sanctifies them.
Lev 22:10 No outsider [not of the family of Aaron] shall eat of the holy thing [which has been offered to God]; a sojourner with the priest or a hired servant shall not eat of the holy thing.
Lev 22:11 But if a priest buys a slave with his money, the slave may eat of the holy thing, and he also who is born in the priest's house; they may eat of his food.
Lev 22:12 If a priest's daughter is married to an outsider [not of the priestly tribe], she shall not eat of the offering of the holy things.

Lev 22:13 But if a priest's daughter is a widow or divorced, and has no child, and returns to her father's house as in her youth, she shall eat of her father's food; but no stranger shall eat of it.
Lev 22:14 And if a man eats unknowingly of the holy thing [which has been offered to God], then he shall add one-fifth of its value to it and repay that amount to the priest for the holy thing.
Lev 22:15 The priests shall not profane the holy things the Israelites offer to the Lord,
Lev 22:16 And so cause them [by neglect of any essential observance] to bear the iniquity when they eat their holy things; for I the Lord sanctify them.
Lev 22:17 And the Lord said to Moses,
Lev 22:18 Say to Aaron and his sons and to all the Israelites, Whoever of the house of Israel and of the foreigners in Israel brings his offering, whether to pay a vow or as a freewill offering which is offered to the Lord for a burnt offering
Lev 22:19 That you may be accepted, you shall offer a male without blemish of the young bulls, the sheep, or the goats.
Lev 22:20 But you shall not offer anything which has a blemish, for it will not be acceptable for you.
Lev 22:21 And whoever offers a sacrifice of peace offering to the Lord to make a special vow to the Lord or for a freewill offering from the herd or from the flock must bring what is perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish in it.
Lev 22:22 Animals blind or made infirm {and} weak or maimed, or having sores {or} a wen or an itch or scabs, you shall not offer to the Lord or make an offering of them by fire upon the altar to the Lord.
Lev 22:23 For a freewill offering you may offer either a bull or a lamb which has some part too long or too short, but for [the payment of] a vow it shall not be accepted.
Lev 22:24 You shall not offer to the Lord any animal which has its testicles bruised or crushed or broken or cut, neither sacrifice it in your land.
Lev 22:25 Neither shall you offer as the bread of your God any such animals obtained from a foreigner [who may wish to pay respect to the true God], because their defects render them unfit; there is a blemish in them; they will not be accepted for you.
Lev 22:26 And the Lord said to Moses,
Lev 22:27 When a bull or a sheep or a goat is born, it shall remain for seven days with its mother; and from the eighth day on it shall be accepted for an offering made by fire to the Lord.
Lev 22:28 And whether [the mother] is a cow or a ewe, you shall not kill her and her young both in one day.
Lev 22:29 And when you sacrifice an offering of thanksgiving to the Lord, sacrifice it so that you may be accepted.
Lev 22:30 It shall be eaten on the same day; you shall leave none of it until the next day. I am the Lord.
Lev 22:31 So shall you heartily accept My commandments {and} conform your life and conduct to them. I am the Lord.
Lev 22:32 Neither shall you profane My holy name [applying it to an idol, or treating it with irreverence or contempt or as a byword]; but I will be hallowed among the Israelites. I am the Lord, Who consecrates {and} makes you holy,
Lev 22:33 Who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God. I am the Lord.
Lev 23:1 THE LORD said to Moses,
Lev 23:2 Say to the Israelites, The set feasts {or} appointed seasons of the Lord which you shall proclaim as holy convocations, even My set feasts, are these:
Lev 23:3 Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, a holy convocation {or} assembly by summons. You shall do no work on that day; it is the Sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings.
Lev 23:4 These are the set feasts {or} appointed seasons of the Lord, holy convocations you shall proclaim at their stated times:
Lev 23:5 On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is the Lord's Passover.
Lev 23:6 On the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the Lord; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.
Lev 23:7 On the first day you shall have a holy "calling together;" you shall do no servile {or} laborious work on that day.
Lev 23:8 But you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord for seven days; on the seventh day is a holy convocation; you shall do no servile {or} laborious work on that day.
Lev 23:9 And the Lord said to Moses,
Lev 23:10 Tell the Israelites, When you have come into the land I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest.

Lev 23:11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, that you may be accepted; on the next day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it [before the Lord].
Lev 23:12 You shall offer on the day when you wave the sheaf a male lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering to the Lord.
Lev 23:13 Its cereal offering shall be two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering made by fire to the Lord for a sweet, pleasing, {and} satisfying fragrance; and the drink offering of it [to be poured out] shall be of wine, a fourth of a hin.
Lev 23:14 And you shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor green ears, until this same day when you have brought the offering of your God; it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your houses.
Lev 23:15 And you shall count from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, seven Sabbaths; [seven full weeks] shall they be.
Lev 23:16 Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall present a cereal offering of new grain to the Lord.
Lev 23:17 You shall bring from your dwellings two loaves of bread to be waved, made from two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven, for firstfruits to the Lord.
Lev 23:18 And you shall offer with the bread seven lambs, a year old and without blemish, and one young bull and two rams. They shall be a burnt offering to the Lord, with their cereal offering and their drink offerings, an offering made by fire, of a sweet {and} satisfying fragrance to the Lord.
Lev 23:19 Then you shall sacrifice one he-goat for a sin offering and two he-lambs, a year old, for a sacrifice of peace offering.
Lev 23:20 The priest shall wave the two lambs, together with the bread of the firstfruits, for a wave offering before the Lord. They shall be holy to the Lord for the priest.
Lev 23:21 You shall make proclamation the same day, summoning a holy assembly; you shall do no servile work that day. It shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.
Lev 23:22 And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, neither shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger. I am the Lord your God.
Lev 23:23 And the Lord said to Moses,
Lev 23:24 Say to the Israelites, On the first day of the seventh month [almost October], you shall observe a day of solemn [sabbatical] rest, a memorial day announced by blowing of trumpets, a holy [called] assembly.
Lev 23:25 You shall do no servile work on it, but you shall present an offering made by fire to the Lord.
Lev 23:26 And the Lord said to Moses,
Lev 23:27 Also the tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement; it shall be a holy [called] assembly, and you shall afflict yourselves [by fasting in penitence and humility] and present an offering made by fire to the Lord.
Lev 23:28 And you shall do no work on this day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before the Lord your God.
Lev 23:29 For whoever is not afflicted [by fasting in penitence and humility] on this day shall be cut off from among his people [that he may not be included in the atonement made for them].
Lev 23:30 And whoever does any work on that same day I will destroy from among his people.
Lev 23:31 You shall do no kind of work [on that day]. It is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.
Lev 23:32 It shall be to you a sabbath of rest, and you shall afflict yourselves [by fasting in penitence and humility]. On the ninth day of the month from evening to evening you shall keep your sabbath.
Lev 23:33 And the Lord said to Moses,
Lev 23:34 Say to the Israelites, The fifteenth day of this seventh month, and for seven days, is the Feast of Tabernacles {or} Booths to the Lord.
Lev 23:35 On the first day shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work on that day.
Lev 23:36 For seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord; on the eighth day shall be a holy convocation and you shall present an offering made by fire to the Lord. It is a solemn assembly; you shall do no laborious work on that day.
Lev 23:37 These are the set feasts {or} appointed seasons of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to present an offering made by fire to the Lord, a burnt offering and a cereal offering, sacrifices and drink offerings, each on its own day.
Lev 23:38 This is in addition to the Sabbaths of the Lord and besides your gifts and all your vowed offerings and all

your freewill offerings which you give to the Lord.
Lev 23:39 Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month [nearly October], when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of the Lord for seven days, the first day and the eighth day each a Sabbath.
Lev 23:40 And on the first day you shall take the fruit of pleasing trees [and make booths of them], branches of palm trees, and boughs of thick (leafy) trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days.
Lev 23:41 You shall keep it as a feast to the Lord for seven days in the year, a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall keep it in the seventh month.
Lev 23:42 You shall dwell in booths (shelters) for seven days: All native Israelites shall dwell in booths,
Lev 23:43 That your generations may know that I made the Israelites dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.
Lev 23:44 Thus Moses declared to the Israelites the set {or} appointed feasts of the Lord.
Lev 24:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Lev 24:2 Command the Israelites that they bring to you pure oil from beaten olives for the light [of the golden lampstand] to cause a lamp to burn continually.
Lev 24:3 Outside the veil of the Testimony [between the Holy and the Most Holy Places] in the Tent of Meeting, Aaron shall keep it in order from evening to morning before the Lord continually; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations.
Lev 24:4 He shall keep the lamps in order upon the lampstand of pure gold before the Lord continually.
Lev 24:5 And you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it; two-tenths of an ephah shall be in each cake [of the showbread {or} bread of the Presence].
Lev 24:6 And you shall set them in two rows, six in a row, upon the table of pure gold before the Lord.
Lev 24:7 You shall put pure frankincense [in a bowl or spoon] beside each row, that it may be with the bread as a memorial portion, an offering to be made by fire to the Lord.
Lev 24:8 Every Sabbath day Aaron shall set the showbread in order before the Lord continually; it is on behalf of the Israelites, an everlasting covenant.
Lev 24:9 And the bread shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a sacred place, for it is for [Aaron] a most holy portion of the offerings to the Lord made by fire, a perpetual due [to the high priest].
Lev 24:10 Now the son of an Israelite woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the Israelites, and he and a man of Israel quarreled {and} strove together in the camp.
Lev 24:11 The Israelite woman's son blasphemed the Name [of the Lord] and cursed. They brought him to Moses--his mother was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan.
Lev 24:12 And they put him in custody until the will of the Lord might be declared to them.
Lev 24:13 And the Lord said to Moses,
Lev 24:14 Bring him who has cursed out of the camp, and let all who heard him lay their hands upon his head; then let all the congregation stone him.
Lev 24:15 And you shall say to the Israelites, Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin.
Lev 24:16 And he who blasphemes the Name of the Lord, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him; the stranger as well as he who was born in the land shall be put to death when he blasphemes the Name [of the Lord].
Lev 24:17 And he who kills any man shall surely be put to death.
Lev 24:18 And he who kills a beast shall make it good, beast for beast.
Lev 24:19 And if a man causes a blemish {or} disfigurement on his neighbor, it shall be done to him as he has done:
Lev 24:20 Fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he has caused a blemish {or} disfigurement on a man, so shall it be done to him.
Lev 24:21 He who kills a beast shall replace it; he who kills a man shall be put to death.
Lev 24:22 You shall have the same law for the sojourner among you as for one of your own nationality, for I am the Lord your God.
Lev 24:23 Moses spoke to the Israelites, and they brought him who had cursed out of the camp and stoned him with stones. Thus the Israelites did as the Lord commanded Moses.
Lev 25:1 THE LORD said to Moses on Mount Sinai,
Lev 25:2 Say to the Israelites, When you come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath to the Lord.
Lev 25:3 For six years you shall sow your field, and for six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather in its fruits.

Lev 25:4 But in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a sabbath to the Lord; you shall neither sow your field nor prune your vineyard.
Lev 25:5 What grows of itself in your harvest you shall not reap and the grapes on your uncultivated vine you shall not gather, for it is a year of rest to the land.
Lev 25:6 And the sabbath rest of the [untilled] land shall [in its increase] furnish food for you, for your male and female slaves, your hired servant, and the temporary resident who lives with you,
Lev 25:7 For your domestic animals also and for the [wild] beasts in your land; all its yield shall be for food.
Lev 25:8 And you shall number seven sabbaths {or} weeks of years for you, seven times seven years, so the total time of the seven weeks of years shall be forty-nine years.
Lev 25:9 Then you shall sound abroad the loud trumpet on the tenth day of the seventh month [almost October]; on the Day of Atonement blow the trumpet in all your land.
Lev 25:10 And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his ancestral possession [which through poverty he was compelled to sell], and each of you shall return to his family [from whom he was separated in bond service].
Lev 25:11 That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; in it you shall not sow, or reap and store what grows of itself, or gather the grapes of the uncultivated vines.
Lev 25:12 For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat the [sufficient] increase of it out of the field.
Lev 25:13 In this Year of Jubilee each of you shall return to his ancestral property.
Lev 25:14 And if you sell anything to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor, you shall not wrong one another.
Lev 25:15 According to the number of years after the Jubilee, you shall buy from your neighbor. And he shall sell to you according to the number of years [remaining in which you may gather] the crops [before you must restore the property to him].
Lev 25:16 If the years [to the next Jubilee] are many, you may increase the price, and if the years remaining are few, you shall diminish the price, for the number of the crops is what he is selling to you.
Lev 25:17 You shall not oppress {and} wrong one another, but you shall [reverently] fear your God. For I am the Lord your God.
Lev 25:18 Therefore you shall do {and} give effect to My statutes and keep My ordinances and perform them, and you will dwell in the land in safety.
Lev 25:19 The land shall yield its fruit; you shall eat your fill and dwell there in safety.
Lev 25:20 And if you say, What shall we eat in the seventh year if we are not to sow or gather in our increase?
Lev 25:21 Then [this is My answer:] I will command My [special] blessings on you in the sixth year, so that it shall bring forth [sufficient] fruit for three years.
Lev 25:22 And you shall sow in the eighth year, but eat of the old store of produce; until the crops of the ninth year come in you shall eat of the old supply.
Lev 25:23 The land shall not be sold into perpetual ownership, for the land is Mine; you are [only] strangers and temporary residents with Me.
Lev 25:24 And in all the country you possess you shall grant a redemption for the land [in the Year of Jubilee].
Lev 25:25 If your brother has become poor and has sold some of his property, if any of his kin comes to redeem it, he shall [be allowed to] redeem what his brother has sold.
Lev 25:26 And if the man has no one to redeem his property, and he himself has become more prosperous {and} has enough to redeem it,
Lev 25:27 Then let him count the years since he sold it and restore the overpayment to the man to whom he sold it, and return to his ancestral possession.
Lev 25:28 But if he is unable to redeem it, it shall remain in the buyer's possession until the Year of Jubilee, when it shall be set free and he may return to it.
Lev 25:29 If a man sells a dwelling house in a fortified city, he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold; for a full year he may have the right of redemption.
Lev 25:30 And if it is not redeemed within a full year, then the house that is in the fortified city shall be made sure, permanently {and} without limitations, for him who bought it, throughout his generations. It shall not go free in the Year of Jubilee.
Lev 25:31 But the houses of the unwalled villages shall be counted with the fields of the country. They may be redeemed, and they shall go free in the Year of Jubilee.
Lev 25:32 Nevertheless, the cities of the Levites, the houses in the cities of their possession, the Levites may redeem at any time.

Lev 25:33 But if a house is not redeemed by a Levite, the sold house in the city they possess shall go free in the Year of Jubilee, for the houses in the Levite cities are their ancestral possession among the Israelites.
Lev 25:34 But the field of unenclosed {or} pasture lands of their cities may not be sold; it is their perpetual possession.
Lev 25:35 And if your [Israelite] brother has become poor and his hand wavers [from poverty, sickness, or age and he is unable to support himself], then you shall uphold (strengthen, relieve) him, [treating him with the courtesy and consideration that you would] a stranger or a temporary resident with you [without property], so that he may live [along] with you.
Lev 25:36 Charge him no interest or [portion of] increase, but fear your God, so your brother may [continue to] live along with you.
Lev 25:37 You shall not give him your money at interest nor lend him food at a profit.
Lev 25:38 I am the Lord your God, Who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt to give you the land of Canaan and to be your God.
Lev 25:39 And if your brother becomes poor beside you and sells himself to you, you shall not compel him to serve as a bondman (a slave not eligible for redemption),
Lev 25:40 But as a hired servant and as a temporary resident he shall be with you; he shall serve you till the Year of Jubilee,
Lev 25:41 And then he shall depart from you, he and his children with him, and shall go back to his own family and return to the possession of his fathers.
Lev 25:42 For the Israelites are My servants; I brought them out of the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold as bondmen.
Lev 25:43 You shall not rule over him with harshness (severity, oppression), but you shall [reverently] fear your God.
Lev 25:44 As for your bondmen and your bondmaids whom you may have, they shall be from the nations round about you, of whom you may buy bondmen and bondmaids.
Lev 25:45 Moreover, of the children of the strangers who sojourn among you, of them you may buy and of their families that are with you which they have begotten in your land, and they shall be your possession.
Lev 25:46 And you shall make them an inheritance for your children after you, to hold for a possession; of them shall you take your bondmen always, but over your brethren the Israelites you shall not rule one over another with harshness (severity, oppression).
Lev 25:47 And if a sojourner or stranger with you becomes rich and your [Israelite] brother becomes poor beside him and sells himself to the stranger or sojourner with you or to a member of the stranger's family,
Lev 25:48 After he is sold he may be redeemed. One of his brethren may redeem him:
Lev 25:49 Either his uncle or his uncle's son may redeem him, or a near kinsman may redeem him; or if he has enough {and} is able, he may redeem himself.
Lev 25:50 And [the redeemer] shall reckon with the purchaser of the servant from the year when he sold himself to the purchaser to the Year of Jubilee, and the price of his release shall be adjusted according to the number of years. The time he was with his owner shall be counted as that of a hired servant.
Lev 25:51 If there remain many years [before the Year of Jubilee], in proportion to them he must refund [to the purchaser] for his release [the overpayment] for his acquisition.
Lev 25:52 And if little time remains until the Year of Jubilee, he shall count it over with him and he shall refund the proportionate amount for his release.
Lev 25:53 And as a servant hired year by year shall he deal with him; he shall not rule over him with harshness (severity, oppression) in your sight [make sure of that].
Lev 25:54 And if he is not redeemed during these years {and} by these means, then he shall go free in the Year of Jubilee, he and his children with him.
Lev 25:55 For to Me the Israelites are servants, My servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.
Lev 26:1 YOU SHALL make for yourselves no idols nor shall you erect a graven image, pillar, {or} obelisk, nor shall you place any figured stone in your land to which {or} on which to bow down; for I am the Lord your God.
Lev 26:2 You shall keep My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary. I am the Lord.
Lev 26:3 If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments and do them,
Lev 26:4 I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase and the trees of the field yield their fruit.
Lev 26:5 And your threshing [time] shall reach to the vintage and the vintage [time] shall reach to the sowing time,

and you shall eat your bread to the full and dwell in your land securely.
Lev 26:6 I will give peace in the land; you shall lie down and none shall fill you with dread {or} make you afraid; and I will clear ferocious (wild) beasts out of the land, and no sword shall go through your land.
Lev 26:7 And you shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.
Lev 26:8 Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.
Lev 26:9 For I will be leaning toward you with favor {and} regard for you, rendering you fruitful, multiplying you, and establishing {and} ratifying My covenant with you.
Lev 26:10 And you shall eat the [abundant] old store of produce long kept, and clear out the old [to make room] for the new.
Lev 26:11 I will set My dwelling in {and} among you, and My soul shall not despise {or} reject {or} separate itself from you.
Lev 26:12 And I will walk in {and} with {and} among you and will be your God, and you shall be My people.
Lev 26:13 I am the Lord your God, Who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that you should no more be slaves; and I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect [as free men].
Lev 26:14 But if you will not hearken to Me and will not do all these commandments,
Lev 26:15 And if you spurn {and} despise My statutes, and if your soul despises {and} rejects My ordinances, so that you will not do all My commandments, but break My covenant,
Lev 26:16 I will do this: I will appoint over you [sudden] terror (trembling, trouble), even consumption and fever that consume {and} waste the eyes and make the [physical] life pine away. You shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.
Lev 26:17 I [the Lord] will set My face against you and you shall be defeated {and} slain before your enemies; they who hate you shall rule over you; you shall flee when no one pursues you.
Lev 26:18 And if in spite of all this you still will not listen {and} be obedient to Me, then I will chastise {and} discipline you seven times more for your sins.
Lev 26:19 And I will break {and} humble your pride in your power, and I will make your heavens as iron [yielding no answer, no blessing, no rain] and your earth [as sterile] as brass.
Lev 26:20 And your strength shall be spent in vain, for your land shall not yield its increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruit.
Lev 26:21 If you walk contrary to Me and will not heed Me, I will bring seven times more plagues upon you, according to your sins.
Lev 26:22 I will loose the wild beasts of the field among you, which shall rob you of your children, destroy your livestock, and make you few so that your roads shall be deserted {and} desolate.
Lev 26:23 If by these means you are not turned to Me but determine to walk contrary to Me,
Lev 26:24 I also will walk contrary to you, and I will smite you seven times for your sins.
Lev 26:25 And I will bring a sword upon you that shall execute the vengeance [for the breaking] of My covenant; and you shall be gathered together within your cities, and I will send the pestilence among you, and you shall be delivered into the hands of the enemy.
Lev 26:26 When I break your staff of bread {and} cut off your supply of food, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall ration your bread {and} deliver it again by weight; and you shall eat, and not be satisfied.
Lev 26:27 And if in spite of all this you will not listen {and} give heed to Me but walk contrary to Me,
Lev 26:28 Then I will walk contrary to you in wrath, and I also will chastise you seven times for your sins.
Lev 26:29 You shall eat the flesh of your sons {and} of your daughters.
Lev 26:30 And I will destroy your high places [devoted to idolatrous worship], and cut down your sun-images, and throw your dead bodies upon the [wrecked] bodies of your idols, and My soul shall abhor you [with deep and unutterable loathing].
Lev 26:31 I will lay your cities waste, bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the fragrance of your sweet {and} soothing odors [of offerings made by fire].
Lev 26:32 And I will bring the land into desolation, and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it.
Lev 26:33 I will scatter you among the nations and draw out [your enemies'] sword after you; and your land shall be desolate and your cities a waste.
Lev 26:34 Then shall the land [of Israel have the opportunity to] enjoy its sabbaths as long as it lies desolate and you are in your enemies' land; then shall the land rest, to enjoy {and} receive payments for its sabbaths [divinely ordained for it].

Lev 26:35 As long as it lies desolate {and} waste, it shall have rest, the rest it did not have in your sabbaths when you dwelt upon it.
Lev 26:36 As for those who are left of you, I will send dejection (lack of courage, a faintness) into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; the sound of a driven leaf shall put them to hasty {and} tumultuous flight, and they shall flee as if from the sword, and fall when no one pursues them.
Lev 26:37 They shall stumble over one another as if to escape a sword when no one pursues them; and you shall have no power to stand before your enemies.
Lev 26:38 You shall perish among the nations; the land of your enemies shall eat you up.
Lev 26:39 And those of you who are left shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away like them.
Lev 26:40 But if they confess their own and their fathers' iniquity in their treachery which they committed against Me--and also that because they walked contrary to Me
Lev 26:41 I also walked contrary to them and brought them into the land of their enemies--if then their uncircumcised hearts are humbled and they then accept the punishment for their iniquity,
Lev 26:42 Then will I [earnestly] remember My covenant with Jacob, My covenant with Isaac, and My covenant with Abraham, and [earnestly] remember the land.
Lev 26:43 But the land shall be left behind them and shall enjoy its sabbaths while it lies desolate without them; and they shall accept the punishment for their sins {and} make amends because they despised {and} rejected My ordinances and their soul scorned {and} rejected My statutes.
Lev 26:44 And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not spurn {and} cast them away, neither will I despise {and} abhor them to destroy them utterly and to break My covenant with them, for I am the Lord their God.
Lev 26:45 But I will for their sake [earnestly] remember the covenant with their forefathers whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God. I am the Lord.
Lev 26:46 These are the statutes, ordinances, and laws which the Lord made between Him and the Israelites on Mount Sinai through Moses.
Lev 27:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Lev 27:2 Say to the Israelites, When a man shall make a special vow of persons to the Lord at your valuation,
Lev 27:3 Then your valuation of a male from twenty years old to sixty years old shall be fifty shekels of silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.
Lev 27:4 And if the person is a female, your valuation shall be thirty shekels.
Lev 27:5 And if the person is from five years old up to twenty years old, then your valuation shall be for the male twenty shekels and for the female ten shekels.
Lev 27:6 And if a child is from a month up to five years old, then your valuation shall be for the male five shekels of silver and for the female three shekels.
Lev 27:7 And if the person is from sixty years old and above, if it be a male, then your valuation shall be fifteen shekels and for the female ten shekels.
Lev 27:8 But if the man is too poor to pay your valuation, then he shall be set before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to the ability of him who vowed shall the priest value him.
Lev 27:9 If it is a beast of which men offer an offering to the Lord, all that any man gives of such to the Lord shall be holy.
Lev 27:10 He shall not replace it or exchange it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good; and if he makes any exchange of a beast for a beast, then both the original offering and that exchanged for it shall be holy.
Lev 27:11 If it is an unclean animal, such as is not offered as an offering to the Lord, he shall bring the animal before the priest,
Lev 27:12 And the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad; as you, the priest, value it, so shall it be.
Lev 27:13 But if he wishes to redeem it, he shall add a fifth to your valuation.
Lev 27:14 If a man dedicates his house to be sacred to the Lord, the priest shall appraise it, whether it be good or bad; as the priest appraises it, so shall it stand.
Lev 27:15 If he who dedicates his house wants to redeem it, he shall add a fifth of your valuation to it, and it shall be his.
Lev 27:16 And if a man shall dedicate to the Lord some part of a field of his possession, then your valuation shall be according to the seed [required] for it; [a sowing of] a homer of barley shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver.
Lev 27:17 If he dedicates his field during the Year of Jubilee, it shall stand according to your full valuation.

Lev 27:18 But if he dedicates his field after the Jubilee, then the priest shall count the money value in proportion to the years that remain until the Year of Jubilee, and it shall be deducted from your valuation.
Lev 27:19 If he who dedicates the field wishes to redeem it, then he shall add a fifth of the money of your appraisal to it, and it shall remain his.
Lev 27:20 But if he does not want to redeem the field, or if he has sold it to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more.
Lev 27:21 But the field, when it is released in the Jubilee, shall be holy to the Lord, as a field devoted [to God or destruction]; the priest shall have possession of it.
Lev 27:22 And if a man dedicates to the Lord a field he has bought, which is not of the fields of his [ancestral] possession,
Lev 27:23 The priest shall compute the amount of your valuation for it up to the Year of Jubilee; the man shall give that amount on that day as a holy thing to the Lord.
Lev 27:24 In the Year of Jubilee the field shall return to him of whom it was bought, to him to whom the land belonged [as his ancestral inheritance].
Lev 27:25 And all your valuations shall be according to the sanctuary shekel; twenty gerahs shall make a shekel.
Lev 27:26 But the firstling of the animals, since a firstling belongs to the Lord, no man may dedicate, whether it be ox or sheep. It is the Lord's [already].
Lev 27:27 If it be of an unclean animal, the owner may redeem it according to your valuation, and shall add a fifth to it; or if it is not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to your valuation.
Lev 27:28 But nothing that a man shall devote to the Lord of all that he has, whether of man or beast or of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed; every devoted thing is most holy to the Lord.
Lev 27:29 No one doomed to death [under the claim of divine justice], who is to be completely destroyed from among men, shall be ransomed [from suffering the death penalty]; he shall surely be put to death.
Lev 27:30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord.
Lev 27:31 And if a man wants to redeem any of his tithe, he shall add a fifth to it.
Lev 27:32 And all the tithe of the herd or of the flock, whatever passes under the herdsman's staff [by means of which each tenth animal as it passes through a small door is selected and marked], the tenth shall be holy to the Lord.
Lev 27:33 The man shall not examine whether the animal is good or bad nor shall he exchange it. If he does exchange it, then both it and the animal substituted for it shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.
Lev 27:34 These are the commandments which the Lord commanded Moses on Mount Sinai for the Israelites.
Num 1:1 THE LORD spoke to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai in the Tent of Meeting on the first day of the second month in the second year after they came out of the land of Egypt, saying,
Num 1:2 Take a census of all the males of the congregation of the Israelites by families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, head by head.
Num 1:3 From twenty years old and upward, all in Israel who are able to go forth to war you and Aaron shall number, company by company.
Num 1:4 And with you there shall be a man [to assist you] from each tribe, each being the head of his father's house.
Num 1:5 And these are the names of the men who shall attend you: Of Reuben, Elizur son of Shedeur;
Num 1:6 Of Simeon, Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai;
Num 1:7 Of Judah, Nahshon son of Amminadab;
Num 1:8 Of Issachar, Nethanel son of Zuar;
Num 1:9 Of Zebulun, Eliab son of Helon;
Num 1:10 Of the sons of Joseph: of Ephraim, Elishama son of Ammihud; of Manasseh, Gamaliel son of Pedahzur;
Num 1:11 Of Benjamin, Abidan son of Gideoni;
Num 1:12 Of Dan, Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai;
Num 1:13 Of Asher, Pagiel son of Ochran;
Num 1:14 Of Gad, Eliasaph son of Deuel;
Num 1:15 Of Naphtali, Ahira son of Enan.
Num 1:16 These were those chosen from the congregation, the leaders of their ancestral tribes, heads of thousands [the highest class of officers] in Israel.
Num 1:17 And Moses and Aaron took these men who have been named,
Num 1:18 And assembled all the congregation on the first day of the second month, and they declared their ancestry after their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names from twenty years old and upward, head

by head,
Num 1:19 As the Lord commanded Moses. So he numbered them in the Wilderness of Sinai.
Num 1:20 The sons of Reuben, Israel's firstborn, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go to war:
Num 1:21 Those of the tribe of Reuben numbered 46,500.
Num 1:22 Of the sons of Simeon, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, those numbered of them according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go to war:
Num 1:23 Those of the tribe of Simeon numbered 59,300.
Num 1:24 Of the sons of Gad, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go to war:
Num 1:25 Those of the tribe of Gad numbered 45,650.
Num 1:26 Of the sons of Judah, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, all able to go to war:
Num 1:27 Those of the tribe of Judah numbered 74,600.
Num 1:28 Of the sons of Issachar, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, all able to go to war:
Num 1:29 Those of the tribe of Issachar numbered 54,400.
Num 1:30 Of the sons of Zebulun, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, all able to go to war:
Num 1:31 Those of the tribe of Zebulun numbered 57,400.
Num 1:32 Of the sons of Joseph: the sons of Ephraim, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, all able to go to war:
Num 1:33 Those of the tribe of Ephraim numbered 40,500.
Num 1:34 Of the sons of Manasseh, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, all able to go to war:
Num 1:35 Those of the tribe of Manasseh numbered 32,200.
Num 1:36 Of the sons of Benjamin, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, all able to go to war:
Num 1:37 Those of the tribe of Benjamin numbered 35,400.
Num 1:38 Of the sons of Dan, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, all able to go to war:
Num 1:39 Those of the tribe of Dan numbered 62,700.
Num 1:40 Of the sons of Asher, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, all able to go to war:
Num 1:41 Those of the tribe of Asher numbered 41,500.
Num 1:42 Of the sons of Naphtali, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, all able to go to war:
Num 1:43 Those of the tribe of Naphtali numbered 53,400.
Num 1:44 These were numbered by Moses and Aaron, and the leaders of Israel, twelve men, each representing his father's house.
Num 1:45 So all those numbered of the Israelites, by their fathers' houses, from twenty years old and upward, able to go to war in Israel,
Num 1:46 All who were numbered were 603,550.
Num 1:47 But the Levites by their fathers' tribe were not numbered with them.
Num 1:48 For the Lord had said to Moses,
Num 1:49 Only the tribe of Levi you shall not number in the census of the Israelites.
Num 1:50 But appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of the Testimony, and over all its vessels and furnishings and all things that belong to it. They shall carry the tabernacle [when journeying] and all its furnishings, and they shall minister to it and encamp around it.
Num 1:51 When the tabernacle is to go forward, the Levites shall take it down, and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up. And the excluded [any not of the tribe of Levi] who approach the tabernacle shall be put to death.
Num 1:52 The Israelites shall pitch their tents by their companies, every man by his own camp and every man by his

own [tribal] standard.
Num 1:53 But the Levites shall encamp around the tabernacle of the Testimony, that there may be no wrath upon the congregation of the Israelites; and the Levites shall keep charge of the tabernacle of the Testimony.
Num 1:54 Thus did the Israelites; according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so they did.
Num 2:1 THE LORD said to Moses and Aaron,
Num 2:2 The Israelites shall encamp, each by his own [tribal] standard {or} banner with the ensign of his father's house, opposite the Tent of Meeting {and} facing it on every side.
Num 2:3 On the east side toward the sunrise shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah encamp by their companies; Nahshon son of Amminadab being the leader of the sons of Judah.
Num 2:4 Judah's host as numbered totaled 74,600.
Num 2:5 Next to Judah the tribe of Issachar shall encamp, Nethanel son of Zuar being the leader of the sons of Issachar.
Num 2:6 Issachar's host as numbered totaled 54,400.
Num 2:7 Then the tribe of Zebulun, Eliab son of Helon being the leader of the sons of Zebulun.
Num 2:8 Zebulun's host as numbered totaled 57,400.
Num 2:9 All these [three tribes] numbered in the camp of Judah totaled 186,400. They shall set forth first [on the march].
Num 2:10 On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben by their companies, the leader of the sons of Reuben being Elizur son of Shedeur.
Num 2:11 Reuben's host as numbered totaled 46,500.
Num 2:12 Those who encamp next to Reuben shall be the tribe of Simeon, the leader of the sons of Simeon being Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai.
Num 2:13 Simeon's host as numbered totaled 59,300.
Num 2:14 Then the tribe of Gad, the leader of the sons of Gad being Eliasaph son of Reuel (Deuel).
Num 2:15 Gad's host as numbered totaled 45,650.
Num 2:16 The whole number in [the three tribes of] the camp of Reuben was 151,450. They shall take second place [on the march].
Num 2:17 Then the Tent of Meeting shall set out, with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camps; as they encamp so shall they set forward, every man in his place, standard after standard.
Num 2:18 On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim by their companies, the leader of the sons of Ephraim being Elishama son of Ammihud.
Num 2:19 Ephraim's host as numbered totaled 40,500.
Num 2:20 Beside Ephraim shall be the tribe of Manasseh, the leader of the sons of Manasseh being Gamaliel son of Pedahzur.
Num 2:21 Manasseh's host as numbered totaled 32,200.
Num 2:22 Then the tribe of Benjamin, the leader of the sons of Benjamin being Abidan son of Gideoni.
Num 2:23 Benjamin's host as numbered totaled 35,400.
Num 2:24 The whole number [of the three tribes] in the camp of Ephraim totaled 108,100. They shall go forward in third place.
Num 2:25 The standard of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side [of the tabernacle] by their companies, the leader of the sons of Dan being Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai.
Num 2:26 Dan's host as numbered totaled 62,700.
Num 2:27 Encamped next to Dan shall be the tribe of Asher, the leader of the sons of Asher being Pagiel son of Ochran.
Num 2:28 Asher's host as numbered totaled 41,500.
Num 2:29 Then the tribe of Naphtali, the leader of the sons of Naphtali being Ahira son of Enan.
Num 2:30 Naphtali's host as numbered totaled 53,400.
Num 2:31 The whole number [of the three tribes] in the camp of Dan totaled 157,600. They shall set out last, standard after standard.
Num 2:32 These are the Israelites as numbered by their fathers' houses. All in the camps who were numbered by their companies were 603,550.
Num 2:33 But the Levites were not numbered with the Israelites, for so the Lord commanded Moses.
Num 2:34 Thus the Israelites did according to all the Lord commanded Moses; so they encamped by their standards, and so they set forward, everyone with his [tribal] families, according to his father's house.

Num 3:1 NOW THESE are the generations of Aaron and Moses when the Lord spoke with Moses on Mount Sinai.
Num 3:2 These are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab the firstborn, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
Num 3:3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests who were anointed, whom Aaron consecrated {and} ordained to minister in the priest's office.
Num 3:4 But Nadab and Abihu died before the Lord when they offered strange fire before the Lord in the Wilderness of Sinai; and they had no children. So Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the presence {and} under the supervision of Aaron their father.
Num 3:5 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 3:6 Bring the tribe of Levi near and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister to him.
Num 3:7 And they shall carry out his instructions and the duties connected with the whole assembly before the Tent of Meeting, doing the service of the tabernacle.
Num 3:8 And they shall keep all the instruments {and} furnishings of the Tent of Meeting and take charge of [attending] the Israelites, to serve in the tabernacle.
Num 3:9 And you shall give the Levites [as servants and helpers] to Aaron and his sons; they are wholly given to him from among the Israelites.
Num 3:10 And you shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall observe {and} attend to their priest's office; but the excluded [anyone daring to assume priestly duties or privileges who is not of the house of Aaron and called of God] who comes near [the holy things] shall be put to death.
Num 3:11 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 3:12 Behold, I have taken the Levites from among the Israelites instead of every firstborn who opens the womb among the Israelites; and the Levites shall be Mine,
Num 3:13 For all the firstborn are Mine. On the day that I slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I consecrated for Myself all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast; Mine they shall be. I am the Lord.
Num 3:14 And the Lord said to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai,
Num 3:15 Number the sons of Levi by their fathers' houses and by families. Every male from a month old and upward you shall number.
Num 3:16 So Moses numbered them as he was commanded by the word of the Lord.
Num 3:17 These were the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
Num 3:18 And these are the names of the sons of Gershon by their families: Libni and Shimei.
Num 3:19 The sons of Kohath by their families: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.
Num 3:20 The sons of Merari by their families: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites by their fathers' houses.
Num 3:21 Of Gershon were the families of the Libnites and of the Shimeites. These are the families of the Gershonites.
Num 3:22 The males who were numbered of them from a month old and upward totaled 7,500.
Num 3:23 The families of the Gershonites were to encamp behind the tabernacle on the west,
Num 3:24 The leader of the fathers' houses of the Gershonites being Eliasaph son of Lael.
Num 3:25 And the responsibility of the sons of Gershon in the Tent of Meeting was to be the tabernacle, the tent, its covering, and the hangings for the door of the Tent of Meeting,
Num 3:26 And the hangings of the court, the curtain for the door of the court which is around the tabernacle and the altar, its cords, and all the service pertaining to them.
Num 3:27 Of Kohath were the families of the Amramites, the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites; these are the families of the Kohathites.
Num 3:28 The number of all the males from a month old and upward totaled 8,600, attending to the duties of the sanctuary.
Num 3:29 The families of the sons of Kohath were to encamp on the south side of the tabernacle,
Num 3:30 The chief of the fathers' houses of the families of the Kohathites being Elizaphan son of Uzziel.
Num 3:31 Their charge was to be the ark, the table, the lampstand, the altars, and the utensils of the sanctuary with which the priests minister, and the screen, and all the service having to do with these.
Num 3:32 Eleazar son of Aaron the priest was to be chief over the leaders of the Levites, and have the oversight of those who had charge of the sanctuary.
Num 3:33 Of Merari were the families of the Mahlites and the Mushites; these are the families of Merari.
Num 3:34 Their number of all the males from a month old and upward totaled 6,200.
Num 3:35 And the head of the fathers' houses of the families of Merari was Zuriel son of Abihail; the Merarites were

to encamp on the north side of the tabernacle.
Num 3:36 And the appointed charge of the sons of Merari was the boards {or} frames of the tabernacle, and its bars, pillars, sockets {or} bases, and all the accessories {or} instruments of it, and all the work connected with them,
Num 3:37 And the pillars of the surrounding court and their sockets {or} bases, with their pegs and their cords.
Num 3:38 But those to encamp before the tabernacle toward the east, before the Tent of Meeting, toward the sunrise, were to be Moses and Aaron and his sons, keeping the full charge of the rites of the sanctuary in whatever was required for the Israelites; and the excluded [one not a descendant of Aaron and called of God] who came near [the sanctuary] was to be put to death.
Num 3:39 All the Levites whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the command of the Lord, by their families, all the males from a month old and upward, were 22,000.
Num 3:40 And the Lord said to Moses, Number all the firstborn of the males of the Israelites from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names.
Num 3:41 You shall take the Levites for Me instead of all the firstborn among the Israelites. I am the Lord; and you shall take the cattle of the Levites for Me instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the Israelites.
Num 3:42 So Moses numbered, as the Lord commanded him, all the firstborn Israelites.
Num 3:43 But all the firstborn males from a month old and upward as numbered were 22,273 [273 more than the Levites].
Num 3:44 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 3:45 Take the Levites [for Me] instead of all the firstborn Israelites, and the Levites' cattle instead of their cattle; and the Levites shall be Mine. I am the Lord.
Num 3:46 And for those 273 who are to be redeemed of the firstborn of the Israelites who outnumber the Levites,
Num 3:47 You shall take five shekels apiece, reckoning by the sanctuary shekel of twenty gerahs; you shall collect them,
Num 3:48 And you shall give the ransom silver from the excess number [over the Levites] to be redeemed to Aaron and his sons.
Num 3:49 So Moses took the redemption money from those who were left over from the number who were redeemed by the Levites.
Num 3:50 From the firstborn of the Israelites he took the money, 1,365 shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary.
Num 3:51 And Moses gave the money from those who were ransomed to Aaron and his sons, as the Lord commanded Moses.
Num 4:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses and Aaron,
Num 4:2 Take a census of the Kohathite division among the sons of Levi, by their families, by their fathers' houses,
Num 4:3 From thirty years old and up to fifty years old, all who can enter the service to do the work in the Tent of Meeting.
Num 4:4 This shall be the responsibility of the sons of Kohath in the Tent of Meeting: the most holy things.
Num 4:5 When the camp prepares to set forward, Aaron and his sons shall take down the veil [screening the Holy of Holies] and cover the ark of the Testimony with it,
Num 4:6 And shall put on it the covering of dolphin {or} porpoise skin, and shall spread over that a cloth wholly of blue, and shall put in place the poles of the ark.
Num 4:7 And upon the table of showbread they shall spread a cloth of blue and put on it the plates, the dishes for incense, the bowls, the flagons for the drink offering, and also the continual showbread.
Num 4:8 And they shall spread over them a cloth of scarlet, and put over that a covering of dolphin {or} porpoise skin, and put in place the poles [for carrying].
Num 4:9 And they shall take a cloth of blue and cover the lampstand for the light and its lamps, its snuffers, its ashtrays, and all the oil vessels from which it is supplied.
Num 4:10 And they shall put the lampstand and all its utensils within a covering of dolphin {or} porpoise skin and shall put it upon the frame [for carrying].
Num 4:11 And upon the golden [incense] altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of dolphin {or} porpoise skin, and shall put in place its poles [for carrying].
Num 4:12 And they shall take all the utensils of the service with which they minister in the sanctuary, and put them in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of dolphin {or} porpoise skin, and shall put them on the frame [for carrying].
Num 4:13 And they shall take away the ashes from the altar [of burnt offering] and spread a purple cloth over it.
Num 4:14 And they shall put upon it all its vessels {and} utensils with which they minister there, the firepans, the

fleshhooks {or} forks, the shovels, the basins, and all the vessels {and} utensils of the altar, and they shall spread over it all a covering of dolphin {or} porpoise skin, and shall put in its poles [for carrying].
Num 4:15 When Aaron and his sons have finished covering the sanctuary and all its furniture, as the camp sets out, after all that [is done but not before], the sons of Kohath shall come to carry them. But they shall not touch the holy things, lest they die. These are the things of the Tent of Meeting which the sons of Kohath are to carry.
Num 4:16 And Eleazar son of Aaron the priest shall have charge of the oil for the light, the fragrant incense, the continual cereal offering, and the anointing oil, with the oversight of all the tabernacle and of all that is in it, of the sanctuary and its utensils.
Num 4:17 And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron,
Num 4:18 [Since] the tribe of the families of the Kohathites [are only Levites and not priests], do not [by exposing them to the sin of touching the most holy things] cut them off from among the Levites.
Num 4:19 But deal thus with them, that they may live and not die when they approach the most holy things: Aaron and his sons shall go in and appoint them each to his work and to his burden [to be carried on the march].
Num 4:20 But [the Kohathites] shall not go in to see the sanctuary [the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies] {or} its holy things, even for an instant, lest they die.
Num 4:21 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 4:22 Take a census of the sons of Gershon, by their fathers' houses, by their families.
Num 4:23 From thirty years old and up to fifty years old you shall number them, all who enter for service to do the work in the Tent of Meeting.
Num 4:24 This is the service of the families of the Gershonites, in serving and in bearing burdens [when on the march]:
Num 4:25 And they shall carry the curtains of the tabernacle, and the Tent of Meeting, its covering, and the covering of dolphin {or} porpoise skin that is on top of it, and the hanging {or} screen for the door of the Tent of Meeting,
Num 4:26 And the hangings of the court, and the hanging {or} screen for the entrance of the gate of the court which is around the tabernacle and the altar [of burnt offering], and their cords, and all the equipment for their service; whatever needs to be done with them, that they shall do.
Num 4:27 Under the direction of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all they have to carry and in all they have to do; and you shall assign to their charge all that they are to carry [on the march].
Num 4:28 This is the service of the families of the sons of Gershon in the Tent of Meeting; and their work shall be under the direction of Ithamar son of Aaron, the [high] priest.
Num 4:29 As for the sons of Merari, you shall number them by their families and their fathers' houses;
Num 4:30 From thirty years old up to fifty years old you shall number them, everyone who enters the service to do the work of the Tent of Meeting.
Num 4:31 And this is what they are assigned to carry {and} to guard [on the march], according to all their service in the Tent of Meeting: the boards {or} frames of the tabernacle, and its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets {or} bases,
Num 4:32 And the pillars of the court round about with their sockets {or} bases, and pegs, and cords, with all their equipment and all their accessories for service; and you shall assign to them by name the articles which they are to carry [on the march].
Num 4:33 This is the work of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their tasks in the Tent of Meeting, under the direction of Ithamar son of Aaron, the [high] priest.
Num 4:34 And Moses and Aaron and the leaders of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites by their families and their fathers' houses,
Num 4:35 From thirty years old up to fifty years old, everyone who enters the service to do the work of the Tent of Meeting;
Num 4:36 And those who were numbered of them by their families were 2,750.
Num 4:37 These were numbered of the families of the Kohathites, all who did service in the Tent of Meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the command of the Lord through Moses.
Num 4:38 And those that were numbered of the sons of Gershon, by their families, and by their fathers' houses,
Num 4:39 From thirty years old up to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service to do the work of the Tent of Meeting,
Num 4:40 Those who were enrolled of them, by their families, by their fathers' houses, were 2,630.
Num 4:41 These were numbered of the families of the sons of Gershon, all who served in the Tent of Meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered as the Lord commanded.
Num 4:42 And those numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, by their families, by their fathers' houses,

Num 4:43 From thirty years old up to fifty years old, everyone who entered into the service for work in the Tent of Meeting,
Num 4:44 Even those who were numbered of them by their families, were 3,200.
Num 4:45 These are those who were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the command of the Lord by Moses.
Num 4:46 All those who were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the leaders of Israel counted by their families and by their fathers' houses,
Num 4:47 From thirty years old up to fifty years old, everyone who could enter to do the work of service and of burden bearing in the Tent of Meeting,
Num 4:48 Those that were numbered of them were 8,580.
Num 4:49 According to the command of the Lord through Moses, they were assigned each to his work of serving and carrying. Thus they were numbered by him, as the Lord had commanded Moses.
Num 5:1 THE LORD said to Moses,
Num 5:2 Command the Israelites that they put outside the camp every leper and everyone who has a discharge, and whoever is defiled by [coming in contact with] the dead.
Num 5:3 Both male and female you shall put out; without the camp you shall put them, that they may not defile their camp, in the midst of which I dwell.
Num 5:4 The Israelites did so, and put them outside the camp; as the Lord said to Moses, so the Israelites did.
Num 5:5 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 5:6 Say to the Israelites, When a man or woman commits any sin that men commit by breaking faith with the Lord, and that person is guilty,
Num 5:7 Then he shall confess the sin which he has committed, and he shall make restitution for his wrong in full, and add a fifth to it, and give it to him whom he has wronged.
Num 5:8 But if the man [wronged] has no kinsman to whom the restitution may be made, let it be given to the Lord for the priest, besides the ram of atonement with which atonement shall be made for the offender.
Num 5:9 And every offering of all the holy things of the Israelites which they bring to the priest shall be his.
Num 5:10 And every man's hallowed things shall be the priest's; whatever any man gives the priest shall be his.
Num 5:11 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 5:12 Say to the Israelites, If any man's wife goes astray and commits an offense of guilt against him,
Num 5:13 And a man lies with her carnally, and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband and it is kept secret though she is defiled, and there is no witness against her nor was she taken in the act,
Num 5:14 And if the spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he is jealous {and} suspicious of his wife who has defiled herself--or if the spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he is jealous {and} suspicious of his wife though she has not defiled herself--
Num 5:15 Then shall the man bring his wife to the priest, and he shall bring the offering required of her, a tenth of an ephah of barley meal; but he shall pour no oil upon it nor put frankincense on it [symbols of favor and joy], for it is a cereal offering of jealousy {and} suspicion, a memorial offering bringing iniquity to remembrance.
Num 5:16 And the priest shall bring her near and set her before the Lord.
Num 5:17 And the priest shall take holy water [probably from the sacred laver] in an earthen vessel and take some of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle and put it in the water.
Num 5:18 And the priest shall set the woman before the Lord, and let the hair of the woman's head hang loose, and put the meal offering of remembrance in her hands, which is the jealousy {and} suspicion offering. And the priest shall have in his hand the water of bitterness that brings the curse.
Num 5:19 Then the priest shall make her take an oath, and say to the woman, If no man has lain with you and if you have not gone astray to uncleanness with another instead of your husband, then be free from any effect of this water of bitterness which brings the curse.
Num 5:20 But if you have gone astray and you are defiled, some man having lain with you beside your husband,
Num 5:21 Then the priest shall make the woman take the oath of the curse, and say to the woman, The Lord make you a curse and an oath among your people when the Lord makes your thigh fall away and your body swell.
Num 5:22 May this water that brings the curse go into your bowels and make your body swell and your thigh fall away. And the woman shall say, So let it be, so let it be.
Num 5:23 The priest shall then write these curses in a book and shall wash them off into the water of bitterness;
Num 5:24 And he shall cause the woman to drink the water of bitterness that brings the curse, and the water that brings the curse shall enter into her [to try her] bitterly.

Num 5:25 Then the priest shall take the cereal offering of jealousy {and} suspicion out of the woman's hand and shall wave the offering before the Lord and offer it upon the altar.
Num 5:26 And the priest shall take a handful of the cereal offering as the memorial portion of it and burn it on the altar, and afterward shall cause the woman to drink the water.
Num 5:27 And when he has made her drink the water, then if she is defiled and has committed a trespass against her husband, the curse water which she drank shall be bitterness and cause her body to swell and her thigh to fall away, and the woman shall be a curse among her people.
Num 5:28 But if the woman is not defiled and is clean, then she shall be free [from the curse] and be able to have children.
Num 5:29 This is the law of jealousy {and} suspicion when a wife goes aside to another instead of her husband and is defiled,
Num 5:30 Or when the spirit of jealousy {and} suspicion comes upon a man and he is jealous {and} suspicious of his wife; then shall he set the woman before the Lord, and the priest shall execute on her all this law.
Num 5:31 The [husband] shall be free from iniquity {and} guilt, and that woman [if guilty] shall bear her iniquity.
Num 6:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Num 6:2 Say to the Israelites, When either a man or a woman shall make a special vow, the vow of a Nazirite, that is, one separated {and} consecrated to the Lord,
Num 6:3 He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink; he shall drink no vinegar of wine or of strong drink, and shall drink no grape juice, or eat grapes, fresh or dried.
Num 6:4 All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing produced from the grapevine, not even the seeds or the skins.
Num 6:5 All the days of the vow of his separation {and} abstinence there shall no razor come upon his head. Until the time is completed for which he separates himself to the Lord, he shall be holy, and shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow long.
Num 6:6 All the days that he separates himself to the Lord he shall not go near a dead body.
Num 6:7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father, mother, brother, or sister, when they die, because his separation {and} abstinence to his God is upon his head.
Num 6:8 All the days of his separation {and} abstinence he is holy to the Lord.
Num 6:9 And if any man dies very suddenly beside him, and he has defiled his consecrated head, then he shall shave his head on the day of his cleansing; on the seventh day shall he shave it.
Num 6:10 On the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest to the door of the Tent of Meeting,
Num 6:11 And the priest shall offer the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering and make atonement for him because he sinned by reason of the dead body. He shall consecrate his head the same day,
Num 6:12 And he shall consecrate {and} separate himself to the Lord for the days of his separation and shall bring a male lamb a year old for a trespass {or} guilt offering; but the previous days shall be void {and} lost, because his separation was defiled.
Num 6:13 And this is the law of the Nazirite when the days of his separation {and} abstinence are fulfilled. He shall be brought to the door of the Tent of Meeting,
Num 6:14 And he shall offer his gift to the Lord, one he-lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb a year old without blemish for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish for a peace offering,
Num 6:15 And a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread spread with oil, and their cereal offering, and their drink offering.
Num 6:16 And the priest shall present them before the Lord and shall offer the person's sin offering and his burnt offering.
Num 6:17 And he shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace offering to the Lord, with the basket of unleavened bread; the priest shall offer also its cereal offering and its drink offering.
Num 6:18 And the Nazirite shall shave his consecrated head at the door of the Tent of Meeting, and shall take the hair and put it on the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace offerings.
Num 6:19 And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer and shall put them upon the hands of the Nazirite, after he has shaven the hair of his separation {and} abstinence.
Num 6:20 And the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the Lord; they are a holy portion for the priest, with the breast that is waved and the thigh {or} shoulder that is offered; and after that the Nazirite may drink wine.

Num 6:21 This is the law for the Nazirite who has made a vow. His offering to the Lord, besides what else he is able to afford, shall be according to the vow which he has vowed; so shall he do according to the law for his separation {and} abstinence [as a Nazirite].
Num 6:22 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 6:23 Say to Aaron and his sons, This is the way you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them,
Num 6:24 The Lord bless you and watch, guard, {and} keep you;
Num 6:25 The Lord make His face to shine upon {and} enlighten you and be gracious (kind, merciful, and giving favor) to you;
Num 6:26 The Lord lift up His [approving] countenance upon you and give you peace (tranquility of heart and life continually).
Num 6:27 And they shall put My name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.
Num 7:1 ON THE day that Moses had fully completed setting up the tabernacle and had anointed and consecrated it and all its furniture, and the altar and all its utensils, and had anointed and set them apart for holy use,
Num 7:2 The princes {or} leaders of Israel, heads of their fathers' houses, made offerings. These were the leaders of the tribes and were over those who were numbered.
Num 7:3 And they brought their offering before the Lord, six covered wagons and twelve oxen; a wagon for each two of the princes {or} leaders and an ox for each one; and they brought them before the tabernacle.
Num 7:4 Then the Lord said to Moses,
Num 7:5 Accept the things from them, that they may be used in doing the service of the Tent of Meeting, and give them to the Levites, to each man according to his service.
Num 7:6 So Moses took the wagons and the oxen and gave them to the Levites.
Num 7:7 Two wagons and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon, according to their service;
Num 7:8 And four wagons and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari, according to their service, under the supervision of Ithamar son of Aaron, the [high] priest.
Num 7:9 But to the sons of Kohath he gave none, because they were assigned the care of the sanctuary {and} the holy things which had to be carried on their shoulders.
Num 7:10 And the princes {or} leaders offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar [of burnt offering] on the day that it was anointed; and they offered their sacrifice before the altar.
Num 7:11 And the Lord said to Moses, They shall offer their offerings, each prince {or} leader on his day, for the dedication of the altar.
Num 7:12 He who offered his offering on the first day was Nahshon son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah.
Num 7:13 And his offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was 130 shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a cereal offering;
Num 7:14 One golden bowl of ten shekels, full of incense;
Num 7:15 One young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;
Num 7:16 One male goat for a sin offering;
Num 7:17 And for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Nahshon son of Amminadab.
Num 7:18 The second day Nethanel son of Zuar, leader [of the tribe] of Issachar, offered.
Num 7:19 He gave for his offering one silver platter, the weight of which was 130 shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a cereal offering;
Num 7:20 One golden bowl of ten shekels, full of incense;
Num 7:21 One young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;
Num 7:22 One male goat for a sin offering;
Num 7:23 And for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Nethanel son of Zuar.
Num 7:24 The third day Eliab son of Helon, leader of the sons of Zebulun, offered.
Num 7:25 His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was 130 shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a cereal offering;
Num 7:26 One golden bowl of ten shekels, full of incense;
Num 7:27 One young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;
Num 7:28 One male goat for a sin offering;
Num 7:29 And for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Eliab son of Helon.

Num 7:30 The fourth day Elizur son of Shedeur, leader of the sons of Reuben, offered.
Num 7:31 His offering was one silver platter of the weight of 130 shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a cereal offering;
Num 7:32 One golden bowl of ten shekels, full of incense;
Num 7:33 One young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;
Num 7:34 One male goat for a sin offering;
Num 7:35 And for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Elizur son of Shedeur.
Num 7:36 The fifth day Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai, leader of the sons of Simeon, offered.
Num 7:37 His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was 130 shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a cereal offering;
Num 7:38 One golden bowl of ten shekels, full of incense;
Num 7:39 One young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;
Num 7:40 One male goat for a sin offering;
Num 7:41 And for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai.
Num 7:42 The sixth day Eliasaph son of Deuel, leader of the sons of Gad, offered.
Num 7:43 His offering was one silver platter of the weight of 130 shekels, a silver basin of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a cereal offering;
Num 7:44 One golden bowl of ten shekels, full of incense;
Num 7:45 One young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;
Num 7:46 One male goat for a sin offering;
Num 7:47 And for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, [and] five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Eliasaph son of Deuel.
Num 7:48 The seventh day Elishama son of Ammihud, leader of the sons of Ephraim, offered.
Num 7:49 His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was 130 shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a cereal offering;
Num 7:50 One golden bowl of ten shekels, full of incense;
Num 7:51 One young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;
Num 7:52 One male goat for a sin offering;
Num 7:53 And for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, [and] five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Elishama son of Ammihud.
Num 7:54 The eighth day Gamaliel son of Pedahzur, leader of the sons of Manasseh, offered.
Num 7:55 His offering was one silver platter of the weight of 130 shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a cereal offering;
Num 7:56 One golden bowl of ten shekels, full of incense;
Num 7:57 One young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;
Num 7:58 One male goat for a sin offering;
Num 7:59 And for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Gamaliel son of Pedahzur.
Num 7:60 The ninth day Abidan son of Gideoni, prince {or} leader of the sons of Benjamin, offered.
Num 7:61 His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was 130 shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a cereal offering;
Num 7:62 One golden bowl of ten shekels, full of incense;
Num 7:63 One young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;
Num 7:64 One male goat for a sin offering;
Num 7:65 And for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Abidan son of Gideoni.
Num 7:66 The tenth day Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai, leader of the sons of Dan, offered.
Num 7:67 His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was 130 shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a cereal offering;
Num 7:68 One golden bowl of ten shekels, full of incense;
Num 7:69 One young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;
Num 7:70 One male goat for a sin offering;

Num 7:71 And for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai.
Num 7:72 The eleventh day Pagiel son of Ochran, leader of the sons of Asher, offered.
Num 7:73 His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was 130 shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a cereal offering;
Num 7:74 One golden bowl of ten shekels, full of incense;
Num 7:75 One young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;
Num 7:76 One male goat for a sin offering;
Num 7:77 And for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Pagiel son of Ochran.
Num 7:78 The twelfth day Ahira son of Enan, leader of the sons of Naphtali, offered.
Num 7:79 His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was 130 shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a cereal offering;
Num 7:80 One golden bowl of ten shekels, full of incense;
Num 7:81 One young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;
Num 7:82 One male goat for a sin offering;
Num 7:83 And for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Ahira son of Enan.
Num 7:84 This was the dedication offering for the altar [of burnt offering] from the leaders of Israel on the day when it was anointed: twelve platters of silver, twelve silver basins, twelve golden bowls;
Num 7:85 Each platter of silver weighing 130 shekels, each basin seventy; all the silver vessels weighed 2,400 shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary.
Num 7:86 The twelve golden bowls full of incense, weighing ten shekels apiece, after the shekel of the sanctuary, all the gold of the bowls being 120 shekels.
Num 7:87 All the oxen for the burnt offering were twelve bulls, the rams twelve, the male lambs a year old twelve, together with their cereal offering; and the male goats for a sin offering twelve.
Num 7:88 And all the oxen for the sacrifice of the peace offerings were twenty-four bulls, the rams sixty, the male goats sixty, the male lambs a year old sixty. This was the dedication of the altar [of burnt offering] after it was anointed.
Num 7:89 And when Moses went into the Tent of Meeting to speak with the Lord, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was upon the ark of the Testimony from between the two cherubim; and He spoke to [Moses].
Num 8:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Num 8:2 Say to Aaron, When you set up {and} light the lamps, the seven lamps shall be made to give light in front of the lampstand.
Num 8:3 And Aaron did so; he lighted the lamps of the lampstand to give light in front of it, as the Lord commanded Moses.
Num 8:4 And this was the workmanship of the candlestick: beaten {or} turned gold, beaten work [of gold] from its base to its flowers; according to the pattern which the Lord had shown Moses, so he made the lampstand.
Num 8:5 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 8:6 Take the Levites from among the Israelites and cleanse them.
Num 8:7 And thus you shall do to them to cleanse them: sprinkle the water of purification [water to be used in case of sin] upon them, and let them pass a razor over all their flesh and wash their clothes and cleanse themselves.
Num 8:8 Then let them take a young bull and its cereal offering of fine flour mixed with oil, and another young bull you shall take for a sin offering.
Num 8:9 You shall present the Levites before the Tent of Meeting, and you shall assemble the whole Israelite congregation.
Num 8:10 And you shall present the Levites before the Lord, and the Israelites shall put their hands upon the Levites,
Num 8:11 And Aaron shall offer the Levites before the Lord as a wave offering from the Israelites {and} on their behalf, that they may do the service of the Lord.
Num 8:12 Then the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bulls, and you shall offer the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering to the Lord, to make atonement for the Levites.
Num 8:13 And you shall present the Levites before Aaron and his sons and offer them as a wave offering to the Lord.
Num 8:14 Thus you shall separate the Levites from among the Israelites, and the Levites shall be Mine [in a very

special sense].
Num 8:15 And after that the Levites shall go in to do service at the Tent of Meeting, when you have cleansed them and offered them as a wave offering.
Num 8:16 For they are wholly given to Me from among the Israelites; instead of all who open the womb, the firstborn of all the Israelites, I have taken the Levites for Myself.
Num 8:17 For all the firstborn of the Israelites are Mine, both of man and beast; on the day that I smote every firstborn in the land of Egypt [not of Israel], I consecrated them {and} set them apart for Myself.
Num 8:18 And I have taken the Levites instead of all the firstborn of the Israelites.
Num 8:19 And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the Israelites to do the service of the Israelites at the Tent of Meeting and to make atonement for them, that there may be no plague among the Israelites if they should come near the sanctuary.
Num 8:20 So Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the Israelites did thus to the Levites; according to all that the Lord commanded Moses concerning [them], so did the Israelites to them.
Num 8:21 The Levites cleansed {and} purified themselves and they washed their clothes; and Aaron offered them as a wave offering before the Lord and Aaron made atonement for them to cleanse them.
Num 8:22 And after that the Levites went in to do their service in the Tent of Meeting with the attendance of Aaron and his sons; as the Lord had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they to them.
Num 8:23 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 8:24 This is what applies to the Levites: from twenty-five years old and upward they shall go in to perform the work of the service of the Tent of Meeting,
Num 8:25 And at the age of fifty years, they shall retire from the warfare of the service and serve no more,
Num 8:26 But shall help their brethren in the Tent of Meeting [attend to protecting the sacred things from being profaned], but shall do no regular {or} heavy service. Thus shall you direct the Levites in regard to their duties.
Num 9:1 THE LORD said to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt,
Num 9:2 Let the Israelites keep the Passover at its appointed time.
Num 9:3 On the fourteenth day of this month in the evening, you shall keep it at its appointed time; according to all its statutes and ordinances you shall keep it.
Num 9:4 So Moses told the Israelites they should keep the Passover.
Num 9:5 And they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month in the evening in the Wilderness of Sinai; according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so the Israelites did.
Num 9:6 And there were certain men who were defiled by touching the dead body of a man, so they could not keep the Passover on that day; and they came before Moses and Aaron on that day.
Num 9:7 Those men said to [Moses], We are defiled by touching the dead body. Why are we prevented from offering the Lord's offering at its appointed time among the Israelites?
Num 9:8 And Moses said to them, Stand still, and I will hear what the Lord will command concerning you.
Num 9:9 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 9:10 Say to the Israelites, If any man of you or of your posterity shall be unclean by reason of touching a dead body or is far off on a journey, still he shall keep the Passover to the Lord.
Num 9:11 On the fourteenth day of the second month in the evening they shall keep it, and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.
Num 9:12 They shall leave none of it until the morning nor break any bone of it; according to all the statutes for the Passover they shall keep it.
Num 9:13 But the man who is clean and is not on a journey, yet does not keep the Passover, that person shall be cut off from among his people because he did not bring the Lord's offering at its appointed time; that man shall bear [the penalty of] his sin.
Num 9:14 And if a stranger sojourns among you and will keep the Passover to the Lord, according to [its] statutes and its ordinances, so shall he do; you shall have one statute both for the temporary resident and for him who was born in the land.
Num 9:15 And on the day that the tabernacle was erected, the cloud [of God's presence] covered the tabernacle, that is, the Tent of the Testimony; and at evening it was over the tabernacle, having the appearance of [a pillar of] fire until the morning.
Num 9:16 So it was constantly; the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.
Num 9:17 Whenever the cloud was taken up from over the Tent, after that the Israelites journeyed; and in the place

where the cloud rested, there the Israelites encamped.
Num 9:18 At the Lord's command the Israelites journeyed, and at [His] command they encamped. As long as the cloud rested upon the tabernacle they remained encamped.
Num 9:19 Even when the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle many days, the Israelites kept the Lord's charge and did not set out.
Num 9:20 And sometimes the cloud was only a few days upon the tabernacle, but according to the command of the Lord they remained encamped, and at His command they journeyed.
Num 9:21 And sometimes the cloud remained [over the tabernacle] from evening only until morning, but when the cloud was taken up, they journeyed; whether it was taken up by day or by night, they journeyed.
Num 9:22 Whether it was two days or a month or a longer time that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, dwelling on it, the Israelites remained encamped; but when it was taken up, they journeyed.
Num 9:23 At the command of the Lord they remained encamped, and at [His] command they journeyed; they kept the charge of the Lord, at the command of the Lord through Moses.
Num 10:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Num 10:2 Make two trumpets of silver; of hammered {or} turned work you shall make them, that you may use them to call the congregation and for breaking camp.
Num 10:3 When they both are blown, all the congregation shall assemble before you at the door of the Tent of Meeting.
Num 10:4 And if one blast on a single trumpet is blown, then the princes {or} leaders, heads of the tribes of Israel, shall gather themselves to you.
Num 10:5 When you blow an alarm, the camps on the east side [of the tabernacle] shall set out.
Num 10:6 When you blow an alarm the second time, then the camps on the south side shall set out. An alarm shall be blown whenever they are to set out on their journeys.
Num 10:7 When the congregation is to be assembled, you shall blow [the trumpets in short, sharp tones], but not the blast of an alarm.
Num 10:8 And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets, and the trumpets shall be to you for a perpetual statute throughout your generations.
Num 10:9 When you go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresses you, then blow an alarm with the trumpets, that you may be remembered before the Lord your God, and you shall be saved from your enemies.
Num 10:10 Also in the day of rejoicing, and in your set feasts, and at the beginnings of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and your peace offerings; thus they may be a remembrance before your God. I am the Lord your God.
Num 10:11 On the twentieth day of the second month in the second year [since leaving Egypt], the cloud [of the Lord's presence] was taken up from over the tabernacle of the Testimony,
Num 10:12 And the Israelites took their journey by stages out of the Wilderness of Sinai, and the [guiding] cloud rested in the Wilderness of Paran.
Num 10:13 When the journey was to begin, at the command of the Lord through Moses,
Num 10:14 In the first place went the standard of the camp of the sons of Judah by their companies; and over their host was Nahshon son of Amminadab.
Num 10:15 And over the host of the tribe of the sons of Issachar was Nethanel son of Zuar.
Num 10:16 And over the host of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun was Eliab son of Helon.
Num 10:17 When the tabernacle was taken down, the sons of Gershon and Merari, bearing [it] on their shoulders, set out.
Num 10:18 The standard of the camp of Reuben set forward by their companies; and over Reuben's host was Elizur son of Shedeur.
Num 10:19 And over the host of the tribe of the sons of Simeon was Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai.
Num 10:20 And over the host of the tribe of the sons of Gad was Eliasaph son of Deuel.
Num 10:21 Then the Kohathites set forward, bearing the holy things, and the tabernacle was set up before they arrived.
Num 10:22 And the standard of the camp of the sons of Ephraim set forward according to their companies; and over Ephraim's host was Elishama son of Ammihud.
Num 10:23 Over the host of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh was Gamaliel son of Pedahzur.
Num 10:24 And over the host of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin was Abidan son of Gideoni.
Num 10:25 Then the standard of the camp of the sons of Dan, which was the rear guard of all the camps, set forward according to their companies; and over Dan's host was Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai.

Num 10:26 And over the host of the tribe of the sons of Asher was Pagiel son of Ochran.
Num 10:27 And over the host of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali was Ahira son of Enan.
Num 10:28 This was the Israelites' order of march by their hosts when they set out.
Num 10:29 And Moses said to Hobab son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, We are journeying to the place of which the Lord said, I will give it to you. Come with us, and we will do you good, for the Lord has promised good concerning Israel.
Num 10:30 And Hobab said to him, I will not go; I will depart to my own land and to my family.
Num 10:31 And Moses said, Do not leave us, I pray you; for you know how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and you will serve as eyes for us.
Num 10:32 And if you will go with us, it shall be that whatever good the Lord does to us, the same we will do to you.
Num 10:33 They departed from the mountain of the Lord [Mount Sinai] three days' journey; and the ark of the covenant of the Lord went before them during the three days' journey to seek out a resting-place for them.
Num 10:34 The cloud of the Lord was over them by day when they went forward from the camp.
Num 10:35 Whenever the ark set out, Moses said, Rise up, Lord; let Your enemies be scattered; and let those who hate You flee before You.
Num 10:36 And when it rested, he said, Return, O Lord, to the ten thousand thousands in Israel.
Num 11:1 AND THE people grumbled {and} deplored their hardships, which was evil in the ears of the Lord, and when the Lord heard it, His anger was kindled; and the fire of the Lord burned among them and devoured those in the outlying parts of the camp.
Num 11:2 The people cried to Moses, and when Moses prayed to the Lord, the fire subsided.
Num 11:3 He called the name of the place Taberah [burning], because the fire of the Lord burned among them.
Num 11:4 And the mixed multitude among them [the rabble who followed Israel from Egypt] began to lust greatly [for familiar and dainty food], and the Israelites wept again and said, Who will give us meat to eat?
Num 11:5 We remember the fish we ate freely in Egypt {and} without cost, the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic.
Num 11:6 But now our soul (our strength) is dried up; there is nothing at all [in the way of food] to be seen but this manna.
Num 11:7 The manna was like coriander seed and its appearance was like that of bdellium [perhaps a precious stone].
Num 11:8 The people went about and gathered it, and ground it in mills or beat it in mortars, and boiled it in pots, and made cakes of it; and it tasted like cakes baked with fresh oil.
Num 11:9 And when the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna fell with it.
Num 11:10 And Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, every man at the door of his tent; and the anger of the Lord blazed hotly, and in the eyes of Moses it was evil.
Num 11:11 And Moses said to the Lord, Why have You dealt ill with Your servants? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You lay the burden of all this people on me?
Num 11:12 Have I conceived all this people? Have I brought them forth, that You should say to me, Carry them in your bosom, as a nursing father carries the sucking child, to the land which You swore to their fathers [to give them]?
Num 11:13 Where should I get meat to give to all these people? For they weep before me and say, Give us meat, that we may eat.
Num 11:14 I am not able to carry all these people alone, because the burden is too heavy for me.
Num 11:15 And if this is the way You deal with me, kill me, I pray You, at once, and be granting me a favor and let me not see my wretchedness [in the failure of all my efforts].
Num 11:16 And the Lord said to Moses, Gather for Me seventy men of the elders of Israel whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; and bring them to the Tent of Meeting and let them stand there with you.
Num 11:17 And I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take of the Spirit which is upon you and will put It upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you may not have to bear it yourself alone.
Num 11:18 And say to the people, Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wept in the hearing of the Lord, saying, Who will give us meat to eat? For it was well with us in Egypt. Therefore the Lord will give you meat, and you shall eat.
Num 11:19 You shall not eat one day, or two, or five, or ten, or twenty days,
Num 11:20 But a whole month--until [you are satiated and vomit it up violently and] it comes out at your nostrils and is disgusting to you--because you have rejected {and} despised the Lord Who is among you, and have wept before Him, saying, Why did we come out of Egypt?
Num 11:21 But Moses said, The people among whom I am are 600,000 footmen [besides all the women and children],

and You have said, I will give them meat, that they may eat a whole month!
Num 11:22 Shall flocks and herds be killed to suffice them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be collected to satisfy them?
Num 11:23 The Lord said to Moses, Has the Lord's hand (His ability and power) become short (thwarted and inadequate)? You shall see now whether My word shall come to pass for you or not.
Num 11:24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and set them round about the Tent.
Num 11:25 And the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him and put It upon the seventy elders; and when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied [sounding forth the praises of God and declaring His will]. Then they did so no more.
Num 11:26 But there remained two men in the camp named Eldad and Medad. The Spirit rested upon them, and they were of those who were selected {and} listed, yet they did not go out to the Tent [as told to do], but they prophesied in the camp.
Num 11:27 And a young man ran to Moses and said, Eldad and Medad are prophesying [sounding forth the praises of God and declaring His will] in the camp.
Num 11:28 Joshua son of Nun, the minister of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, My lord Moses, forbid them!
Num 11:29 But Moses said to him, Are you envious {or} jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them!
Num 11:30 And Moses went back into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.
Num 11:31 And there went forth a wind from the Lord and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall [so they flew low] beside the camp, about a day's journey on this side and on the other side, all around the camp, about two cubits above the ground.
Num 11:32 And the people rose all that day and all night and all the next day and caught {and} gathered the quails. He who gathered least gathered ten homers; and they spread them out for themselves round about the camp [to cure them by drying].
Num 11:33 While the meat was yet between their teeth, before it was consumed, the anger of the Lord was kindled against the people, and the Lord smote them with a very great plague.
Num 11:34 That place was called Kibroth-hattaavah [the graves of sensuous desire], because there they buried the people who lusted, whose physical appetite caused them to sin.
Num 11:35 The Israelites journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah to Hazeroth, where they remained.
Num 12:1 NOW MIRIAM and Aaron talked against Moses [their brother] because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite woman.
Num 12:2 And they said, Has the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses? Has He not spoken also by us? And the Lord heard it.
Num 12:3 Now the man Moses was very meek (gentle, kind, and humble) {or} above all the men on the face of the earth.
Num 12:4 Suddenly the Lord said to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, Come out, you three, to the Tent of Meeting. And the three of them came out.
Num 12:5 The Lord came down in a pillar of cloud, and stood at the Tent door and called Aaron and Miriam, and they came forward.
Num 12:6 And He said, Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I the Lord make Myself known to him in a vision and speak to him in a dream.
Num 12:7 But not so with My servant Moses; he is entrusted {and} faithful in all My house.
Num 12:8 With him I speak mouth to mouth [directly], clearly and not in dark speeches; and he beholds the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against My servant Moses?
Num 12:9 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them, and He departed.
Num 12:10 And when the cloud departed from over the Tent, behold, Miriam was leprous, as white as snow. And Aaron looked at Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous!
Num 12:11 And Aaron said to Moses, Oh, my lord, I plead with you, lay not the sin upon us in which we have done foolishly and in which we have sinned.
Num 12:12 Let her not be as one dead, already half decomposed when he comes out of his mother's womb.
Num 12:13 And Moses cried to the Lord, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech You!
Num 12:14 And the Lord said to Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed for seven days? Let her be shut up outside the camp for seven days, and after that let her be brought in again.

Num 12:15 So Miriam was shut up without the camp for seven days, and the people did not journey on until Miriam was brought in again.
Num 12:16 Afterward [they] removed from Hazeroth and encamped in the Wilderness of Paran.
Num 13:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Num 13:2 Send men to explore {and} scout out [for yourselves] the land of Canaan, which I give to the Israelites. From each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader {or} head among them.
Num 13:3 So Moses by the command of the Lord sent scouts from the Wilderness of Paran, all of them men who were heads of the Israelites.
Num 13:4 These were their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua son of Zaccur;
Num 13:5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat son of Hori;
Num 13:6 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb son of Jephunneh;
Num 13:7 Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal son of Joseph;
Num 13:8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea [that is, Joshua] son of Nun;
Num 13:9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti son of Raphu;
Num 13:10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel son of Sodi;
Num 13:11 Of the tribe of Joseph, that is, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi son of Susi;
Num 13:12 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel son of Gemalli;
Num 13:13 Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur son of Michael;
Num 13:14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi son of Vophsi;
Num 13:15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel son of Machi.
Num 13:16 These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to explore {and} scout out the land. And Moses called Hoshea son of Nun, Joshua.
Num 13:17 Moses sent them to scout out the land of Canaan, and said to them, Get up this way by the South (the Negeb) and go up into the hill country,
Num 13:18 And see what the land is and whether the people who dwell there are strong or weak, few or many,
Num 13:19 And whether the land they live in is good or bad, and whether the cities they dwell in are camps or strongholds,
Num 13:20 And what the land is, whether it is fat or lean, whether there is timber on it or not. And be of good courage and bring some of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes.
Num 13:21 So they went up and scouted through the land from the Wilderness of Zin to Rehob, to the entrance of Hamath.
Num 13:22 And then went up into the South (the Negeb) and came to Hebron; and Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai [probably three tribes of] the sons of Anak were there. (Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)
Num 13:23 And they came to the Valley of Eshcol, and cut down from there a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they carried it on a pole between two [of them]; they brought also some pomegranates and figs.
Num 13:24 That place was called the Valley of Eshcol [cluster] because of the cluster which the Israelites cut down there.
Num 13:25 And they returned from scouting out the land after forty days.
Num 13:26 They came to Moses and Aaron and to all the Israelite congregation in the Wilderness of Paran at Kadesh, and brought them word, and showed them the land's fruit.
Num 13:27 They told Moses, We came to the land to which you sent us; surely it flows with milk and honey. This is its fruit.
Num 13:28 But the people who dwell there are strong, and the cities are fortified {and} very large; moreover, there we saw the sons of Anak [of great stature and courage].
Num 13:29 Amalek dwells in the land of the South (the Negeb); the Hittite, the Jebusite, and the Amorite dwell in the hill country; and the Canaanite dwells by the sea and along by the side of the Jordan [River].
Num 13:30 Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once and possess it; we are well able to conquer it.
Num 13:31 But his fellow scouts said, We are not able to go up against the people [of Canaan], for they are stronger than we are.
Num 13:32 So they brought the Israelites an evil report of the land which they had scouted out, saying, The land through which we went to spy it out is a land that devours its inhabitants. And all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature.
Num 13:33 There we saw the Nephilim [or giants], the sons of Anak, who come from the giants; and we were in our

own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.
Num 14:1 AND ALL the congregation cried out with a loud voice, and [they] wept that night.
Num 14:2 All the Israelites grumbled {and} deplored their situation, accusing Moses and Aaron, to whom the whole congregation said, Would that we had died in Egypt! Or that we had died in this wilderness!
Num 14:3 Why does the Lord bring us to this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and little ones will be a prey. Is it not better for us to return to Egypt?
Num 14:4 And they said one to another, Let us choose a captain and return to Egypt.
Num 14:5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of Israelites.
Num 14:6 And Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among the scouts who had searched the land, rent their clothes,
Num 14:7 And they said to all the company of Israelites, The land through which we passed as scouts is an exceedingly good land.
Num 14:8 If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land flowing with milk and honey.
Num 14:9 Only do not rebel against the Lord, neither fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their defense {and} the shadow [of protection] is removed from over them, but the Lord is with us. Fear them not.
Num 14:10 But all the congregation said to stone [Joshua and Caleb] with stones. But the glory of the Lord appeared at the Tent of Meeting before all the Israelites.
Num 14:11 And the Lord said to Moses, How long will this people provoke (spurn, despise) Me? And how long will it be before they believe Me [trusting in, relying on, clinging to Me], for all the signs which I have performed among them?
Num 14:12 I will smite them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and will make of you [Moses] a nation greater and mightier than they.
Num 14:13 But Moses said to the Lord, Then the Egyptians will hear of it, for You brought up this people in Your might from among them.
Num 14:14 And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, Lord, are in the midst of this people [of Israel], that You, Lord, are seen face to face, and that Your cloud stands over them, and that You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night.
Num 14:15 Now if You kill all this people as one man, then the nations that have heard Your fame will say,
Num 14:16 Because the Lord was not able to bring this people into the land which He swore to give to them, therefore He has slain them in the wilderness.
Num 14:17 And now, I pray You, let the power of my Lord be great, as You have promised, saying,
Num 14:18 The Lord is long-suffering {and} slow to anger, and abundant in mercy {and} loving-kindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and fourth generation.
Num 14:19 Pardon, I pray You, the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of Your mercy {and} loving-kindness, just as You have forgiven [them] from Egypt until now.
Num 14:20 And the Lord said, I have pardoned according to your word.
Num 14:21 But truly as I live and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord,
Num 14:22 Because all those men who have seen My glory and My [miraculous] signs which I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have tested {and} proved Me these ten times and have not heeded My voice,
Num 14:23 Surely they shall not see the land which I swore to give to their fathers; nor shall any who provoked (spurned, despised) Me see it.
Num 14:24 But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.
Num 14:25 Now because the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwell in the valley, tomorrow turn and go into the wilderness by way of the Red Sea.
Num 14:26 And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron,
Num 14:27 How long will this evil congregation murmur against Me? I have heard the complaints the Israelites murmur against Me.
Num 14:28 Tell them, As I live, says the Lord, what you have said in My hearing I will do to you:
Num 14:29 Your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness--of all who were numbered of you, from twenty years old and upward, who have murmured against Me,
Num 14:30 Surely none shall come into the land in which I swore to make you dwell, except Caleb son of Jephunneh

and Joshua son of Nun.
Num 14:31 But your little ones whom you said would be a prey, them will I bring in and they shall know the land which you have despised {and} rejected.
Num 14:32 But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness.
Num 14:33 And your children shall be wanderers {and} shepherds in the wilderness for forty years and shall suffer for your whoredoms (your infidelity to your espoused God), until your corpses are consumed in the wilderness.
Num 14:34 After the number of the days in which you spied out the land [of Canaan], even forty days, for each day a year shall you bear {and} suffer for your iniquities, even for forty years, and you shall know My displeasure [the revoking of My promise and My estrangement].
Num 14:35 I the Lord have spoken; surely this will I do to all this evil congregation who is gathered together against Me. In this wilderness they shall be consumed [by war, disease, plagues], and here they shall die.
Num 14:36 And the men whom Moses sent to search the land, who returned and made all the congregation grumble {and} complain against him by bringing back a slanderous report of the land,
Num 14:37 Even those men who brought the evil report of the land died by a plague before the Lord.
Num 14:38 But Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among the men who went to search the land, lived still.
Num 14:39 Moses told [the Lord's] words to all the Israelites, and [they] mourned greatly.
Num 14:40 And they rose early in the morning and went up to the top of the mountain, saying, Behold, we are here, and we intend to go up to the place which the Lord has promised, for we have sinned.
Num 14:41 But Moses said, Why now do you transgress the command of the Lord [to turn back by way of the Red Sea], since it will not succeed?
Num 14:42 Go not up, for the Lord is not among you, that you be not struck down before your enemies.
Num 14:43 For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and you shall fall by the sword. Because you have turned away from following after the Lord, therefore the Lord will not be with you.
Num 14:44 But they presumed to go up to the heights of the hill country; however, neither the ark of the covenant of the Lord nor Moses departed out of the camp.
Num 14:45 Then the Amalekites came down and the Canaanites who dwelt in that hill country and smote the Israelites and beat them back, even as far as Hormah.
Num 15:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Num 15:2 Say to the Israelites, When you come into the land where you are to live, which I am giving you,
Num 15:3 And will make an offering by fire to the Lord from the herd or from the flock, a burnt offering or a sacrifice to fulfill a special vow or as a freewill offering or in your set feasts, to make a pleasant {and} soothing fragrance to the Lord,
Num 15:4 Then shall he who brings his offering to the Lord bring a cereal offering of a tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with a fourth of a hin of oil.
Num 15:5 And a fourth of a hin of wine for the drink offering you shall prepare with the burnt offering or for the sacrifice, for each lamb.
Num 15:6 Or for a ram you shall prepare for a cereal offering two tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with a third of a hin of oil.
Num 15:7 And for the drink offering you shall offer a third of a hin of wine, for a sweet {and} pleasing odor to the Lord.
Num 15:8 And when you prepare a bull for a burnt offering or for a sacrifice, in fulfilling a special vow or peace offering to the Lord,
Num 15:9 Then shall one offer with the bull a cereal offering of three tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with half a hin of oil.
Num 15:10 And you shall bring for the drink offering half a hin of wine for an offering made by fire, of a pleasant {and} soothing fragrance to the Lord.
Num 15:11 Thus shall it be done for each bull or for each ram, or for each of the male lambs or of the kids.
Num 15:12 According to the number that you shall prepare, so shall you do to everyone according to their number.
Num 15:13 All who are native-born shall do these things in this way in bringing an offering made by fire of a sweet {and} pleasant odor to the Lord.
Num 15:14 And if a stranger sojourns with you or whoever may be among you throughout your generations, and he wishes to offer an offering made by fire, of a pleasing {and} soothing fragrance to the Lord, as you do, so shall he do.
Num 15:15 There shall be one [and the same] statute [both] for you [of the congregation] and for the stranger who is a

temporary resident with you, a statute forever throughout your generations: as you are, so shall the stranger be before the Lord.
Num 15:16 One law and one ordinance shall be for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you.
Num 15:17 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 15:18 Say to the Israelites, When you come into the land to which I am bringing you,
Num 15:19 Then, when you eat of the food of the land, you shall set apart a portion for a gift to the Lord [called a heave or taken-out offering].
Num 15:20 You shall set apart a cake made of the first of your coarse meal as a gift [to the Lord]; as an offering set apart from the threshing floor, so shall you lift it out {or} heave it.
Num 15:21 Of the first of your coarse meal you shall give to the Lord a portion for a gift throughout your generations [your heave or lifted-out offering].
Num 15:22 When you have erred and have not observed all these commandments which the Lord has spoken to Moses,
Num 15:23 Even all that the Lord has commanded you through Moses, from the day that the Lord gave commandment and onward throughout your generations,
Num 15:24 Then it shall be, if it was done unwittingly {or} in error without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bull for a burnt offering, for a pleasant {and} soothing fragrance to the Lord, with its cereal offering and its drink offering, according to the ordinance, and one male goat for a sin offering.
Num 15:25 And the priest shall make atonement for all the congregation of the Israelites, and they shall be forgiven, for it was an error and they have brought their offering, an offering made by fire to the Lord, and their sin offering before the Lord for their error.
Num 15:26 And all the congregation of the Israelites shall be forgiven and the stranger who lives temporarily among them, because all the people were involved in the error.
Num 15:27 And if any person sins unknowingly {or} unintentionally, he shall offer a female goat a year old for a sin offering.
Num 15:28 And the priest shall make atonement before the Lord for the person who commits an error when he sins unknowingly {or} unintentionally, to make atonement for him; and he shall be forgiven.
Num 15:29 You shall have one law for him who sins unknowingly {or} unintentionally, whether he is native born among the Israelites or a stranger who is sojourning among them.
Num 15:30 But the person who does anything [wrong] willfully {and} openly, whether he is native-born or a stranger, that one reproaches, reviles, {and} blasphemes the Lord, and that person shall be cut off from among his people [that the atonement made for them may not include him].
Num 15:31 Because he has despised and rejected the word of the Lord, and has broken His commandment, that person shall be utterly cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him.
Num 15:32 While the Israelites were in the wilderness, they found a man who was gathering sticks on the Sabbath day.
Num 15:33 Those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation.
Num 15:34 They put him in custody, because it was not certain {or} clear what should be done to him.
Num 15:35 And the Lord said to Moses, The man shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.
Num 15:36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp and stoned him to death with stones, as the Lord commanded Moses.
Num 15:37 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 15:38 Speak to the Israelites and bid them make fringes {or} tassels on the corners in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and put upon the fringe of the borders {or} upon the tassel of each corner a cord of blue.
Num 15:39 And it shall be to you a fringe {or} tassel that you may look upon and remember all the commandments of the Lord and do them, that you may not spy out {and} follow after [the desires of] your own heart and your own eyes, after which you used to follow {and} play the harlot [spiritually, if not physically],
Num 15:40 That you may remember and do all My commandments and be holy to your God.
Num 15:41 I am the Lord your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God. I am the Lord your God.
Num 16:1 NOW KORAH son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men,

Num 16:2 And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the Israelites, 250 princes {or} leaders of the congregation called to the assembly, men well known {and} of distinction.
Num 16:3 And they gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, [Enough of you!] You take too much upon yourselves, seeing that all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them. Why then do you lift yourselves up above the assembly of the Lord?
Num 16:4 And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face.
Num 16:5 And he said to Korah and all his company, In the morning the Lord will show who are His and who is holy, and will cause him to come near to Him; him whom He has chosen will He cause to come near to Him.
Num 16:6 Do this: Take censers, Korah and all your company,
Num 16:7 And put fire in them and put incense upon them before the Lord tomorrow; and the man whom the Lord chooses shall be holy. You take too much upon yourselves, you sons of Levi.
Num 16:8 And Moses said to Korah, Hear, I pray you, you sons of Levi:
Num 16:9 Does it seem but a small thing to you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the Lord and to stand before the congregation to minister to them,
Num 16:10 And that He has brought you near to Him, and all your brethren the sons of Levi with you? Would you seek the priesthood also?
Num 16:11 Therefore you and all your company are gathered together against the Lord. And Aaron, what is he that you murmur against him?
Num 16:12 And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and they said, We will not come up.
Num 16:13 Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey to kill us in the wilderness, but you must also make yourself a prince over us?
Num 16:14 Moreover, you have not brought us into a land that flows with milk and honey or given us an inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you bore out the eyes of these men? We will not come up!
Num 16:15 And Moses was very angry and said to the Lord, Do not respect their offering! I have not taken one donkey from them, nor have I hurt one of them.
Num 16:16 And Moses said to Korah, You and all your company be before the Lord tomorrow, you and they and Aaron.
Num 16:17 And let every man take his censer and put incense upon it and bring before the Lord every man his censer, 250 censers; you also and Aaron, each his censer.
Num 16:18 So they took every man his censer, and they put fire in them and laid incense upon it, and they stood at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting with Moses and Aaron.
Num 16:19 Then Korah assembled all the congregation against Moses and Aaron before the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the Lord appeared to all the congregation.
Num 16:20 And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron,
Num 16:21 Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.
Num 16:22 And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin and will You be angry with all the congregation?
Num 16:23 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 16:24 Say to the congregation, Get away from around the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.
Num 16:25 Then Moses rose up and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him.
Num 16:26 And he said to the congregation, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest you be consumed in all their sins.
Num 16:27 So they got away from around the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. And Dathan and Abiram came out and stood in the door of their tents with their wives, and their sons, and their little ones.
Num 16:28 And Moses said, By this you shall know that the Lord has sent me to do all these works, for I do not act of my own accord:
Num 16:29 If these men die the common death of all men or if [only] what happens to everyone happens to them, then the Lord has not sent me.
Num 16:30 But if the Lord causes a new thing [to happen], and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them up, with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into Sheol (the place of the dead), then you shall understand that these men have provoked (spurned, despised) the Lord!
Num 16:31 As soon as he stopped speaking, the ground under the offenders split apart
Num 16:32 And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and their households and [Korah and] all [his] men

and all their possessions.
Num 16:33 They and all that belonged to them went down alive into Sheol (the place of the dead); and the earth closed upon them, and they perished from among the assembly.
Num 16:34 And all Israel who were round about them fled at their cry, for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up also.
Num 16:35 And fire came forth from the Lord and devoured the 250 men who offered the incense.
Num 16:36 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 16:37 Speak to Eleazar son of Aaron, the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning and scatter the fire at a distance. For the censers are hallowed--
Num 16:38 The censers of these men who have sinned against themselves {and} at the cost of their own lives. Let the censers be made into hammered plates for a covering of the altar [of burnt offering], for they were used in offering before the Lord and therefore they are sacred. They shall be a sign [of warning] to the Israelites.
Num 16:39 Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers with which the Levites who were burned had offered incense, and they were hammered into broad sheets for a covering of the [brazen] altar [of burnt offering],
Num 16:40 To be a memorial [a warning forever] to the Israelites, so that no outsider, that is, no one not of the descendants of Aaron, should come near to offer incense before the Lord, lest he become as Korah and as his company, as the Lord said to Eleazar through Moses.
Num 16:41 But on the morrow all the congregation of the Israelites murmured against Moses and Aaron, saying, You have killed the people of the Lord.
Num 16:42 When the congregation was gathered against Moses and Aaron, they looked at the Tent of Meeting, and behold, the cloud covered it and they saw the Lord's glory.
Num 16:43 And Moses and Aaron came to the front of the Tent of Meeting.
Num 16:44 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 16:45 Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment. And Moses and Aaron fell on their faces.
Num 16:46 And Moses said to Aaron, Take a censer and put fire in it from off the altar and lay incense on it, and carry it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them. For there is wrath gone out from the Lord; the plague has begun!
Num 16:47 So Aaron took the burning censer as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and behold, the plague was begun among the people; and he put on the incense and made atonement for the people.
Num 16:48 And he stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stayed.
Num 16:49 Now those who died in the plague were 14,700, besides those who died in the matter of Korah.
Num 16:50 And Aaron returned to Moses to the door of the Tent of Meeting, since the plague was stayed.
Num 17:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Num 17:2 Speak to the Israelites and get from them rods {or} staves, one for each father's house, from all their leaders according to their father's houses, twelve rods. Write every man's name on his rod.
Num 17:3 And you shall write Aaron's name on the rod of Levi [his great-grandfather]. For there shall be one rod for the head of each father's house.
Num 17:4 You shall lay them up in the Tent of Meeting before [the ark of] the Testimony, where I meet with you.
Num 17:5 And the rod of the man whom I choose shall bud, and I will make to cease from Me the murmurings of the Israelites, which they murmur against you.
Num 17:6 And Moses spoke to the Israelites, and every one of their leaders gave him a rod {or} staff, one for each leader according to their fathers' houses, twelve rods, and the rod of Aaron was among their rods.
Num 17:7 And Moses deposited the rods before the Lord in the Tent of the Testimony.
Num 17:8 And the next day Moses went into the Tent of the Testimony, and behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi had sprouted and brought forth buds and produced blossoms and yielded [ripe] almonds.
Num 17:9 Moses brought out all the rods from before the Lord to all the Israelites; and they looked, and each man took his rod.
Num 17:10 And the Lord told Moses, Put Aaron's rod back before the Testimony [in the ark], to be kept as a [warning] sign for the rebels; and you shall make an end of their murmurings against Me, lest they die.
Num 17:11 And Moses did so; as the Lord commanded him, so he did.
Num 17:12 The Israelites said to Moses, Behold, we perish, we are undone, all undone!
Num 17:13 Everyone who comes near, who comes near the tabernacle of the Lord, dies {or} shall die! Are we all to perish?
Num 18:1 AND THE Lord said to Aaron, You and your sons and your father's house with you shall bear {and}

remove the iniquity of the sanctuary [that is, the guilt for the offenses which the people unknowingly commit when brought into contact with the manifestations of God's presence]. And you and your sons with you shall bear {and} remove the iniquity of your priesthood [your own unintentional offenses].
Num 18:2 And your brethren also of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your [fore]father, bring with you, that they may be joined to you and minister to you; but only you and your sons with you shall come before the Tent of the Testimony [into the Holy Place where only priests may go and into the Most Holy Place which only the high priest dares enter].
Num 18:3 And the Levites shall attend you [as servants] and attend to all the duties of the Tent; only they shall not come near the sacred vessels of the sanctuary or to the brazen altar, that they and also you [Aaron] die not.
Num 18:4 And they shall be joined to you and attend to the duties of the Tent of Meeting--all the [menial] service of the Tent--and no stranger [no layman, anyone who is not a Levite] shall come near you [Aaron and your sons].
Num 18:5 And you shall attend to the duties of the sanctuary and attend to the altar [of burnt offering and the altar of incense], that there be no wrath any more upon the Israelites [as in the incident of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram].
Num 18:6 And I, behold, I have taken your brethren the Levites from among the Israelites; to you they are a gift, given to the Lord, to do the [menial] service of the Tent of Meeting.
Num 18:7 Therefore you and your sons with you shall attend to your priesthood for everything of the altar [of burnt offering and the altar of incense] and [of the Holy of Holies] within the veil, and you shall serve. I give you your priesthood as a service of gift. And the stranger [anyone other than Moses or your sons, Aaron] who comes near shall be put to death.
Num 18:8 And the Lord said to Aaron, And I, behold, I have given you the charge of My heave offerings [whatever is taken out and kept of the offerings made to Me], all the dedicated {and} consecrated things of the Israelites; to you have I given them [as your portion] and to your sons as a continual allowance forever by reason of your anointing as priests.
Num 18:9 This shall be yours of the most holy things, reserved from the fire: every offering of the people, every cereal offering and sin offering and trespass offering of theirs, which they shall render to Me, shall be most holy for you [Aaron] and for your sons.
Num 18:10 As the most holy thing {and} in a sacred place shall you eat of it; every male [of your house] shall eat of it. It shall be holy to you.
Num 18:11 And this also is yours: the heave offering of their gift, with all the wave offerings of the Israelites. I have given them to you and to your sons and to your daughters with you as a continual allowance forever; everyone in your house who is [ceremonially] clean may eat of it.
Num 18:12 All the best of the oil, and all the best of the [fresh] wine and of the grain, the firstfruits of what they give to the Lord, to you have I given them.
Num 18:13 Whatever is first ripe in the land, which they bring to the Lord, shall be yours. Everyone who is [ceremonially] clean in your house may eat of it.
Num 18:14 Every devoted thing in Israel [everything that has been vowed to the Lord] shall be yours.
Num 18:15 Everything that first opens the womb in all flesh, which they bring to the Lord, whether it be of men or beasts, shall be yours. Nevertheless the firstborn of man you shall surely redeem, and the firstling of unclean beasts you shall redeem.
Num 18:16 And those that are to be redeemed of them, from a month old shall you redeem, according to your estimate [of their age], for the fixed price of five shekels in silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs.
Num 18:17 But the firstling of a cow or of a sheep or of a goat you shall not redeem. They [as the firstborn of clean beasts belong to God and] are holy. You shall sprinkle their blood upon the altar and shall burn their fat for an offering made by fire, for a sweet {and} soothing odor to the Lord.
Num 18:18 And the flesh of them shall be yours, as the wave breast and as the right shoulder are yours.
Num 18:19 All the heave offerings [the lifted-out and kept portions] of the holy things which the Israelites give to the Lord I give to you and to your sons and your daughters with you, as a continual debt forever. It is a covenant of salt [that cannot be dissolved or violated] forever before the Lord for you [Aaron] and for your posterity with you.
Num 18:20 And the Lord said to Aaron, You shall have no inheritance in the land [of the Israelites], neither shall you have any part among them. I am your portion and your inheritance among the Israelites.
Num 18:21 And, behold, I have given the Levites all the tithes in Israel for an inheritance in return for their service which they serve, the [menial] service of the Tent of Meeting.
Num 18:22 Henceforth the Israelites shall not come near the Tent of Meeting [the covered sanctuary, the Holy Place, and the Holy of Holies], lest they incur guilt and die.

Num 18:23 But the Levites shall do the [menial] service of the Tent of Meeting, and they shall bear and remove the iniquity of the people [that is, be answerable for the legal pollutions of the holy things and offer the necessary atonements for unintentional offenses in these matters]. It shall be a statute forever in all your generations, that among the Israelites the Levites have no inheritance [of land].
Num 18:24 But the tithes of the Israelites, which they present as an offering to the Lord, I have given to the Levites to inherit; therefore I have said to them, Among the Israelites they shall have no inheritance. [They have homes and cities and pasturage to use but not to possess as their personal inheritance.]
Num 18:25 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 18:26 Moreover, you shall say to the Levites, When you take from the Israelites the tithe which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall present an offering from it to the Lord, even a tenth of the tithe [paid by the people].
Num 18:27 And what you lift out and keep [your heave offering] shall be credited to you as though it were the grain of the threshing floor or as the fully ripe produce of the vine.
Num 18:28 Likewise you shall also present an offering to the Lord of all your tithes which you receive from the Israelites; and therefore you shall give this heave offering [lifted out and kept] for the Lord to Aaron the priest.
Num 18:29 Out of all the gifts to you, you shall present every offering due to the Lord, of all the best of it, even the hallowed part lifted out {and} held back out of it [for the Levites].
Num 18:30 Therefore you shall say to them, When you have lifted out {and} held back the best from it [and presented it to the Lord by giving it to yourselves, the Levites], then it shall be counted to [you] the Levites just as if it were the increase of the threshing floor or of the winepress.
Num 18:31 And you may eat it in every place, you and your households, for it is your reward for your service in the Tent of Meeting.
Num 18:32 And you shall be guilty of no sin by reason of it when you have lifted out {and} held back the best of it; neither shall you have polluted the holy things of the Israelites, neither shall you die [because of it].
Num 19:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses and Aaron,
Num 19:2 This is the ritual of the law which the Lord has commanded: Tell the Israelites to bring you a red heifer without spot, in which is no blemish, upon which a yoke has never come.
Num 19:3 And you shall give her to Eleazar the priest, and he shall bring her outside the camp, and she shall be slaughtered before him.
Num 19:4 Eleazar the priest shall take some of her blood with his finger and sprinkle it toward the front of the Tent of Meeting seven times.
Num 19:5 The heifer shall be burned in his sight, her skin, flesh, blood, and dung.
Num 19:6 And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet [stuff] and cast them into the midst of the burning heifer.
Num 19:7 Then the priest shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water; afterward he shall come into the camp, but he shall be unclean until evening.
Num 19:8 He who burns the heifer shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and shall be unclean until evening.
Num 19:9 And a man who is clean shall collect the ashes of the heifer and put them outside the camp in a clean place, and they shall be kept for the congregation of the Israelites for the water for impurity; it is a sin offering.
Num 19:10 And he who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until evening. This shall be to the Israelites and to the stranger who sojourns among them a perpetual statute.
Num 19:11 He who touches the dead body of any person shall be unclean for seven days.
Num 19:12 He shall purify himself with the water for impurity [made with the ashes of the burned heifer] on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean. But if he does not purify himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.
Num 19:13 Whoever touches the corpse of any who has died and does not purify himself defiles the tabernacle of the Lord, and that person shall be cut off from Israel. Because the water for impurity was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is still upon him.
Num 19:14 This is the law when a man dies in a tent: all who come into the tent and all who are in the tent shall be unclean for seven days.
Num 19:15 And every open vessel, which has no covering fastened upon it, is unclean.
Num 19:16 And whoever in the open field touches one who is slain with a sword, or a dead body, or a bone of a dead man, or a grave, shall be unclean for seven days.

Num 19:17 And for the unclean, they shall take of the ashes of the burning of the sin offering, and the running water shall be put with it in a vessel.
Num 19:18 And a clean person shall take hyssop and dip it in the water and sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons who were there, and upon him who touched the bone, or the slain, or the naturally dead, or the grave.
Num 19:19 And the clean person shall sprinkle [the water for purification] upon the unclean person on the third day and on the seventh day, and on the seventh day the unclean man shall purify himself, and wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at evening.
Num 19:20 But the man who is unclean and does not purify himself, that person shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he has defiled the sanctuary of the Lord. The water for purification has not been sprinkled upon him; he is unclean.
Num 19:21 And it shall be a perpetual statute to them. He who sprinkles the water for impurity [upon another] shall wash his clothes, and he who touches the water for impurity shall be unclean until evening.
Num 19:22 And whatever the unclean person touches shall be unclean, and anyone who touches it shall be unclean until evening.
Num 20:1 AND THE Israelites, the whole congregation, came into the Wilderness of Zin in the first month. And the people dwelt in Kadesh. Miriam died and was buried there.
Num 20:2 Now there was no water for the congregation, and they assembled together against Moses and Aaron.
Num 20:3 And the people contended with Moses, and said, Would that we had died when our brethren died [in the plague] before the Lord!
Num 20:4 And why have you brought up the congregation of the Lord into this wilderness, that we should die here, we and our livestock?
Num 20:5 And why have you made us come up out of Egypt to bring us into this evil place? It is no place of grain or of figs or of vines or of pomegranates. And there is no water to drink.
Num 20:6 Then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the Tent of Meeting and fell on their faces. Then the glory of the Lord appeared to them.
Num 20:7 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 20:8 Take the rod, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to give forth its water, and you shall bring forth to them water out of the rock; so you shall give the congregation and their livestock drink.
Num 20:9 So Moses took the rod from before the Lord, as He commanded him.
Num 20:10 And Moses and Aaron assembled the congregation before the rock and Moses said to them, Hear now, you rebels; must we bring you water out of this rock?
Num 20:11 And Moses lifted up his hand and with his rod he smote the rock twice. And the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock.
Num 20:12 And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, Because you did not believe in (rely on, cling to) Me to sanctify Me in the eyes of the Israelites, you therefore shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.
Num 20:13 These are the waters of Meribah [strife], where the Israelites contended with the Lord and He showed Himself holy among them.
Num 20:14 And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom, saying, Thus says your kinsman Israel: You know all the adversity {and} birth pangs that have come upon us [as a nation]:
Num 20:15 How our fathers went down to Egypt; we dwelt there a long time, and the Egyptians dealt evilly with us and our fathers.
Num 20:16 But when we cried to the Lord, He heard us and sent an angel and brought us forth out of Egypt. Now behold, we are in Kadesh, a city on your country's edge.
Num 20:17 Let us pass, I pray you, through your country. We will not pass through field or vineyard, or drink of the water of the wells. We will go along the king's highway; we will not turn aside to the right hand or to the left until we have passed your borders.
Num 20:18 But Edom said to him, You shall not go through, lest I come out against you with the sword.
Num 20:19 And the Israelites said to him, We will go by the highway, and if I and my livestock drink of your water, I will pay for it. Only let me pass through on foot, nothing else.
Num 20:20 But Edom said, You shall not go through. And Edom came out against Israel with many people and a strong hand.
Num 20:21 Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his territory, so Israel turned away from him.

Num 20:22 They journeyed from Kadesh, and the Israelites, even the whole congregation, came to Mount Hor.
Num 20:23 And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron at Mount Hor, on the border of the land of Edom,
Num 20:24 Aaron shall be gathered to his people. For he shall not enter the land which I have given to the Israelites, because you both rebelled against My instructions at the waters of Meribah.
Num 20:25 Take Aaron and Eleazar his son and bring them up to Mount Hor.
Num 20:26 Strip Aaron of his vestments and put them on Eleazar his son, and Aaron shall be gathered to his people, and shall die there.
Num 20:27 And Moses did as the Lord commanded; and they went up Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.
Num 20:28 And Moses stripped Aaron of his [priestly] garments and put them on Eleazar his son. And Aaron died there on the mountain top; and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain.
Num 20:29 When all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they wept {and} mourned for him thirty days, all the house of Israel.
Num 21:1 WHEN THE Canaanite king of Arad, who dwelt in the South (the Negeb), heard that Israel was coming by the way of Atharim [the route traveled by the spies sent out by Moses], he fought against Israel and took some of them captive.
Num 21:2 And Israel vowed a vow to the Lord, and said, If You will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.
Num 21:3 And the Lord hearkened to Israel and gave over the Canaanites. And they utterly destroyed them and their cities; and the name of the place was called Hormah [a banned or devoted thing].
Num 21:4 And they journeyed from Mount Hor by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, and the people became impatient (depressed, much discouraged), because [of the trials] of the way.
Num 21:5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses, Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no bread, neither is there any water, and we loathe this light (contemptible, unsubstantial) manna.
Num 21:6 Then the Lord sent fiery (burning) serpents among the people; and they bit the people, and many Israelites died.
Num 21:7 And the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord, that He may take away the serpents from us. So Moses prayed for the people.
Num 21:8 And the Lord said to Moses, Make a fiery serpent [of bronze] and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.
Num 21:9 And Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it on a pole, and if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked to the serpent of bronze [attentively, expectantly, with a steady and absorbing gaze], he lived.
Num 21:10 And the Israelites journeyed on and encamped at Oboth.
Num 21:11 They journeyed from Oboth and encamped at Iye-abarim, in the wilderness opposite Moab, toward the sunrise.
Num 21:12 From there they journeyed and encamped in the Valley of Zared.
Num 21:13 From there they journeyed and encamped on the other side of [the river] Arnon, which is in the desert {or} wilderness that extends from the frontier of the Amorites; for [the river] Arnon is the boundary of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.
Num 21:14 That is why it is said in the Book of the Wars of the Lord: Waheb in Suphah, and the valleys of [the branches of] the Arnon [River],
Num 21:15 And the slope of the valleys that stretch toward the site of Ar and find support on the border of Moab.
Num 21:16 From there the Israelites went on to Beer [a well], the well of which the Lord had said to Moses, Assemble the people together and I will give them water.
Num 21:17 Then Israel sang this song, Spring up, O well! Let all sing to it,
Num 21:18 The fountain that the princes opened, that the nobles of the people hollowed out from their staves. And from the wilderness {or} desert [Israel journeyed] to Mattanah,
Num 21:19 And from Mattanah to Nahaliel, and from Nahaliel to Bamoth,
Num 21:20 And from Bamoth to the valley that is in the field of Moab, to the top of Pisgah which looks down upon Jeshimon {and} the desert.
Num 21:21 And Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, saying,
Num 21:22 Let me pass through your land. We will not turn aside into field or vineyard; we will not drink the water of the wells. We will go by the king's highway until we have passed your border.
Num 21:23 But Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his border. Instead Sihon gathered all his people together

and went out against Israel into the wilderness, and came to Jahaz, and he fought against Israel.
Num 21:24 And Israel smote the king of the Amorites with the edge of the sword and possessed his land from the river Arnon to the river Jabbok, as far as the Ammonites, for the boundary of the Ammonites was strong.
Num 21:25 And Israel took all these cities and dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon and in all its towns.
Num 21:26 For Heshbon was the city of Sihon king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab and taken all his land out of his hand, as far as [the river] Arnon.
Num 21:27 That is why those who sing ballads say, Come to Heshbon, let the city of Sihon be built and established.
Num 21:28 For fire has gone out of Heshbon, a flame from the city of Sihon; it has devoured Ar of Moab and the lords of the heights of the Arnon.
Num 21:29 Woe to you, Moab! You are undone, O people of [the god] Chemosh! Moab has given his sons as fugitives and his daughters into captivity to Sihon king of the Amorites.
Num 21:30 We have shot them down; Heshbon has perished as far as Dibon, and we have laid them waste as far as Nophah, which reaches to Medeba.
Num 21:31 Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites.
Num 21:32 And Moses sent to spy out Jazer, and they took its villages and dispossessed the Amorites who were there.
Num 21:33 Then they turned and went up by the way of Bashan; and Og the king of Bashan went out against them, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.
Num 21:34 But the Lord said to Moses, Do not fear him, for I have delivered him and all his people and his land into your hand; and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon.
Num 21:35 So the Israelites slew Og and his sons and all his people until there was not one left alive, And they possessed his land.
Num 22:1 THE ISRAELITES journeyed and encamped in the plains of Moab, on the east side of the Jordan [River] at Jericho.
Num 22:2 And Balak [the king of Moab] son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.
Num 22:3 And Moab was terrified at the people {and} full of dread, because they were many. Moab was distressed {and} overcome with fear because of the Israelites.
Num 22:4 And Moab said to the elders of Midian, Now will this multitude lick up all that is round about us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field. So Balak son of Zippor, the king of the Moabites at that time,
Num 22:5 Sent messengers to Balaam [a foreteller of events] son of Beor at Pethor, which is by the [Euphrates] River, even to the land of the children of his people, to say to him, There is a people come out from Egypt; behold, they cover the face of the earth and they have settled down {and} dwell opposite me.
Num 22:6 Now come, I beg of you, curse this people for me, for they are too powerful for me. Perhaps I may be able to defeat them and drive them out of the land, for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.
Num 22:7 And the elders of Moab and of Midian departed with the rewards of foretelling in their hands; and they came to Balaam and told him the words of Balak.
Num 22:8 And he said to them, Lodge here tonight and I will bring you word as the Lord may speak to me. And the princes of Moab abode with Balaam [that night].
Num 22:9 And God came to Balaam, and said, What men are these with you?
Num 22:10 And Balaam said to God, Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent to me, saying,
Num 22:11 Behold, the people who came out of Egypt cover the face of the earth; come now, curse them for me. Perhaps I shall be able to fight against them and drive them out.
Num 22:12 And God said to Balaam, You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for they are blessed.
Num 22:13 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said to the princes of Balak, Go back to your own land, for the Lord refuses to permit me to go with you.
Num 22:14 So the princes of Moab rose up and went to Balak, and said, Balaam refuses to come with us.
Num 22:15 Then Balak again sent princes, more of them and more honorable than the first ones.
Num 22:16 And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus says Balak son of Zippor, I beg of you, let nothing hinder you from coming to me.
Num 22:17 For I will promote you to very great honor and I will do whatever you tell me; so come, I beg of you, curse this people for me.
Num 22:18 And Balaam answered the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more.
Num 22:19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry here again tonight that I may know what more the Lord will say to me.

Num 22:20 And God came to Balaam at night, and said to him, If the men come to call you, rise up and go with them, but still only what I tell you may you do.
Num 22:21 And Balaam rose up in the morning and saddled his donkey and went with the princes of Moab.
Num 22:22 And God's anger was kindled because he went, and the Angel of the Lord stood in the way as an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his donkey, and his two servants were with him.
Num 22:23 And the donkey saw the Angel of the Lord standing in the way and His sword drawn in His hand, and the donkey turned aside out of the way and went into the field. And Balaam struck the donkey to turn her into the way.
Num 22:24 But the Angel of the Lord stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall on this side and a wall on that side.
Num 22:25 And when the donkey saw the Angel of the Lord, she thrust herself against the wall and crushed Balaam's foot against it, and he struck her again.
Num 22:26 And the Angel of the Lord went further and stood in a narrow place where there was no room to turn, either to the right hand or to the left.
Num 22:27 And when the donkey saw the Angel of the Lord, she fell down under Balaam, and Balaam's anger was kindled and he struck the donkey with his staff.
Num 22:28 And the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, What have I done to you that you should strike me these three times?
Num 22:29 And Balaam said to the donkey, Because you have ridiculed {and} provoked me! I wish there were a sword in my hand, for now I would kill you!
Num 22:30 And the donkey said to Balaam, Am not I your donkey, upon which you have ridden all your life long until this day? Was I ever accustomed to do so to you? And he said, No.
Num 22:31 Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the Angel of the Lord standing in the way with His sword drawn in His hand; and he bowed his head and fell on his face.
Num 22:32 And the Angel of the Lord said to him, Why have you struck your donkey these three times? See, I came out to stand against {and} resist you, for your behavior is willfully obstinate {and} contrary before Me.
Num 22:33 And the ass saw Me and turned from Me these three times. If she had not turned from Me, surely I would have slain you and saved her alive.
Num 22:34 Balaam said to the Angel of the Lord, I have sinned, for I did not know You stood in the way against me. But now, if my going displeases You, I will return.
Num 22:35 The Angel of the Lord said to Balaam, Go with the men, but you shall speak only what I tell you. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.
Num 22:36 When Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him at the city of Moab on the border formed by the Arnon [River], at the farthest end of the boundary.
Num 22:37 Balak said to Balaam, Did I not [earnestly] send to you to ask you [to come] to me? Why did you not come? Am not I able to promote you to honor?
Num 22:38 And Balaam said to Balak, Indeed I have come to you, but do I now have any power at all to say anything? The word that God puts in my mouth, that shall I speak.
Num 22:39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath-huzoth.
Num 22:40 And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent [portions] to Balaam and to the princes who were with him.
Num 22:41 And on the following day Balak took Balaam and brought him up into the high places of Bamoth-baal; from there he saw the nearest of the Israelites.
Num 23:1 AND BALAAM said to Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams.
Num 23:2 And Balak did as Balaam had spoken, and Balak and Balaam offered on each altar a bull and a ram.
Num 23:3 And Balaam said to Balak, Stand by your burnt offering and I will go. Perhaps the Lord will come to meet me; and whatever He shows me I will tell you. And he went to a bare height.
Num 23:4 God met Balaam, who said to Him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered on each altar a bull and a ram.
Num 23:5 And the Lord put a speech in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return to Balak and thus shall you speak.
Num 23:6 Balaam returned to Balak, who was standing by his burnt sacrifice, he and all the princes of Moab.
Num 23:7 Balaam took up his [figurative] speech and said: Balak, the king of Moab, has brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse Jacob for me; and come, violently denounce Israel.
Num 23:8 How can I curse those God has not cursed? Or how can I [violently] denounce those the Lord has not denounced?
Num 23:9 For from the top of the rocks I see Israel, and from the hills I behold him. Behold, the people [of Israel] shall dwell alone and shall not be reckoned {and} esteemed among the nations.

Num 23:10 Who can count the dust (the descendants) of Jacob and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous [those who are upright and in right standing with God], and let my last end be like theirs!
Num 23:11 And Balak said to Balaam, What have you done to me? I brought you to curse my enemies, and here you have [thoroughly] blessed them instead!
Num 23:12 And Balaam answered, Must I not be obedient {and} speak what the Lord has put in my mouth?
Num 23:13 Balak said to him, Come with me, I implore you, to another place from which you can see them, though you will see only the nearest and not all of them; and curse them for me from there.
Num 23:14 So he took Balaam into the field of Zophim to the top of [Mount] Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bull and a ram on each altar.
Num 23:15 Balaam said to Balak, Stand here by your burnt offering while I go to meet the Lord yonder.
Num 23:16 And the Lord met Balaam and put a speech in his mouth, and said, Go again to Balak and speak thus.
Num 23:17 And when he returned to Balak, he was standing beside his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said to him, What has the Lord said?
Num 23:18 Balaam took up his [figurative] discourse and said: Rise up, Balak, and hear; listen [closely] to me, son of Zippor.
Num 23:19 God is not a man, that He should tell {or} act a lie, neither the son of man, that He should feel repentance {or} compunction [for what He has promised]. Has He said and shall He not do it? Or has He spoken and shall He not make it good?
Num 23:20 You see, I have received His command to bless Israel. He has blessed, and I cannot reverse {or} qualify it.
Num 23:21 [God] has not beheld iniquity in Jacob [for he is forgiven], neither has He seen mischief {or} perverseness in Israel [for the same reason]. The Lord their God is with Israel, and the shout of praise to their King is among the people.
Num 23:22 God brought them forth out of Egypt; they have as it were the strength of a wild ox.
Num 23:23 Surely there is no enchantment with {or} against Jacob, neither is there any divination with {or} against Israel. [In due season and even] now it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What has God wrought!
Num 23:24 Behold, a people! They rise up as a lioness and lift themselves up as a lion; he shall not lie down until he devours the prey and drinks the blood of the slain.
Num 23:25 And Balak said to Balaam, Neither curse them at all nor bless them at all.
Num 23:26 But Balaam answered Balak, Did I not say to you, All the Lord speaks, that I must do?
Num 23:27 And Balak said to Balaam, Come, I implore you; I will take you to another place. Perhaps it will please God to let you curse them for me from there.
Num 23:28 So Balak brought Balaam to the top of [Mount] Peor, that overlooks [the wilderness or desert] Jeshimon.
Num 23:29 And Balaam said to Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bulls and seven rams.
Num 23:30 And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bull and a ram on each altar.
Num 24:1 WHEN BALAAM saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he did not go as he had done each time before [superstitiously] to meet with omens {and} signs in the natural world, but he set his face toward the wilderness {or} desert.
Num 24:2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes and he saw Israel abiding in their tents according to their tribes. And the Spirit of God came upon him
Num 24:3 And he took up his [figurative] discourse and said: Balaam son of Beor, the man whose eye is opened [at last, to see clearly the purposes and will of God],
Num 24:4 He [Balaam] who hears the words of God, who sees the vision of the Almighty, falling down, but having his eyes open {and} uncovered, he says:
Num 24:5 How attractive {and} considerable are your tents, O Jacob, {and} your tabernacles, O Israel!
Num 24:6 As valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the riverside, as [rare spice] of lignaloes which the Lord has planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters.
Num 24:7 [Israel] shall pour water out of his own buckets [have his own sources of rich blessing and plenty], and his offspring shall dwell by many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.
Num 24:8 God brought [Israel] forth out of Egypt; [Israel] has strength like the wild ox; he shall eat up the nations, his enemies, crushing their bones and piercing them through with his arrows.
Num 24:9 He couched, he lay down as a lion; and as a lioness, who shall rouse him? Blessed [of God] is he who blesses you [who prays for and contributes to your welfare] and cursed [of God] is he who curses you [who in word, thought, or deed would bring harm upon you].
Num 24:10 Then Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together; and Balak said to

Balaam, I called you to curse my enemies, and, behold, you have done nothing but bless them these three times.
Num 24:11 Therefore now go back where you belong {and} do it in a hurry! I had intended to promote you to great honor, but behold, the Lord has held you back from honor.
Num 24:12 Balaam said to Balak, Did I not say to your messengers whom you sent to me,
Num 24:13 If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the command of the Lord, to do either good or bad of my own will, but what the Lord says, that will I speak?
Num 24:14 And now, behold, I am going to my people; come, I will tell you what this people [Israel] will do to your people [Moab] in the latter days.
Num 24:15 And he took up his [figurative] discourse, and said: Balaam son of Beor speaks, the man whose eye is opened speaks,
Num 24:16 He speaks, who heard the words of God and knew the knowledge of the Most High, who saw the vision of the Almighty, falling down, but having his eyes open {and} uncovered:
Num 24:17 I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but He is not near. A star (Star) shall come forth out of Jacob, and a scepter (Scepter) shall rise out of Israel and shall crush all the corners of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth [Moab's sons of tumult].
Num 24:18 And Edom shall be [taken as] a possession, [Mount] Seir also shall be dispossessed, who were Israel's enemies, while Israel does valiantly.
Num 24:19 Out of Jacob shall one (One) come having dominion and shall destroy the remnant from the city.
Num 24:20 [Balaam] looked at Amalek and took up his [prophetic] utterance, and said: Amalek is the foremost of the [neighboring] nations, but in his latter end he shall come to destruction.
Num 24:21 And he looked at the Kenites and took up his [prophetic] utterance, and said: Strong is your dwelling place, and you set your nest in the rock.
Num 24:22 Nevertheless the Kenites shall be wasted. How long shall Asshur (Assyria) take you away captive?
Num 24:23 And he took up his [prophetic] speech, and said: Alas, who shall live when God does this {and} establishes [Assyria]?
Num 24:24 But ships shall come from Kittim [Cyprus and the greater part of the Mediterranean's east coast] and shall afflict Assyria and Eber [the Hebrews, certain Arabs, and descendants of Nahor], and he [the victor] also shall come to destruction.
Num 24:25 And Balaam rose up, returned to his place, and Balak also went his way.
Num 25:1 ISRAEL SETTLED down {and} remained in Shittim, and the people began to play the harlot with the daughters of Moab,
Num 25:2 Who invited the [Israelites] to the sacrifices of their gods, and [they] ate and bowed down to Moab's gods.
Num 25:3 So Israel joined himself to [the god] Baal of Peor. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel.
Num 25:4 And the Lord said to Moses, Take all the leaders {or} chiefs of the people, and hang them before the Lord in the sun [after killing them], that the fierce anger of the Lord may turn away from Israel.
Num 25:5 And Moses said to the judges of Israel, Each one of you slay his men who joined themselves to Baal of Peor.
Num 25:6 And behold, one of the Israelites came and brought to his brethren a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses and of all the congregation of Israel while they were weeping at the door of the Tent of Meeting [over the divine judgment and the punishment].
Num 25:7 And when Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from the midst of the congregation and took a spear in his hand
Num 25:8 And went after the man of Israel into the inner room and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel and the woman through her body. Then the [smiting] plague was stayed from the Israelites.
Num 25:9 Nevertheless those who died in the [smiting] plague were 24,000.
Num 25:10 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 25:11 Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned my wrath away from the Israelites, in that he was jealous with My jealousy among them, so that I did not consume the Israelites in My jealousy.
Num 25:12 Therefore say, Behold, I give to Phinehas the priest My covenant of peace.
Num 25:13 And he shall have it, and his descendants after him, the covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was jealous for his God and made atonement for the Israelites.
Num 25:14 Now the man of Israel who was slain with the Midianite woman was Zimri son of Salu, a head of a father's house among the Simeonites.
Num 25:15 And the Midianite woman who was slain was Cozbi daughter of Zur; he was head of a father's house in

Midian.
Num 25:16 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 25:17 Provoke hostilities with the Midianites and attack them,
Num 25:18 For they harass you with their wiles with which they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and of Cozbi, the daughter of the prince of Midian, their sister, who was slain on the day of the plague in the matter of Peor.
Num 26:1 AFTER THE plague the Lord said to Moses and Eleazar son of Aaron, the priest,
Num 26:2 Take a census of all the [male] congregation of the Israelites from twenty years old and upward, by their fathers' houses, all in Israel able to go to war.
Num 26:3 And Moses and Eleazar the priest told [the people] in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho,
Num 26:4 A census of the people shall be taken from twenty years old and upward, as the Lord commanded Moses. And the Israelites who came forth out of the land of Egypt were:
Num 26:5 Reuben, the firstborn of Israel, the sons of Reuben: of Hanoch, the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, the family of the Palluites;
Num 26:6 Of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.
Num 26:7 These are the families of the Reubenites; and their number was 43,730.
Num 26:8 And the son of Pallu: Eliab.
Num 26:9 The sons of Eliab: Nemuel, Dathan, and Abiram. These are the Dathan and Abiram chosen from the congregation who contended against Moses and Aaron in the company of Korah when they contended against the Lord.
Num 26:10 And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died and the fire devoured 250 men; and they became a [warning] sign.
Num 26:11 But Korah's sons did not die.
Num 26:12 The sons of Simeon according to their families: of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites; of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites;
Num 26:13 Of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites; of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.
Num 26:14 These are the families of the Simeonites, 22,200.
Num 26:15 The sons of Gad after their families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites;
Num 26:16 Of Ozni, the family of the Oznites; of Eri, the family of the Erites;
Num 26:17 Of Arod, the family of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of the Arelites.
Num 26:18 These, the families of the sons of Gad according to their numbering, totaled 40,500.
Num 26:19 The sons of Judah were Er and Onan, but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.
Num 26:20 And the sons of Judah according to their families were: of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; of Perez, the family of the Perezites; of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites.
Num 26:21 And the sons of Perez were: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.
Num 26:22 These, the families of Judah according to their numbering, totaled 76,500.
Num 26:23 The sons of Issachar after their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites; of Puvah, the family of the Punites;
Num 26:24 Of Jashub, the family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.
Num 26:25 These, the families of Issachar according to their numbering, totaled 64,300.
Num 26:26 The sons of Zebulun after their families: of Sered, the family of the Seredites; of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.
Num 26:27 These, the families of the Zebulunites according to their numbering, totaled 60,500.
Num 26:28 The sons of Joseph after their families were Manasseh and Ephraim.
Num 26:29 The sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites (and Machir was the father of Gilead); of Gilead, the family of the Gileadites.
Num 26:30 These are the sons of Gilead: of Iezer, the family of the Iezerites; of Helek, the family of the Helekites;
Num 26:31 Of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites;
Num 26:32 Of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites; and of Hepher, the family of the Hepherites.
Num 26:33 Zelophehad son of Hepher had no sons, but only daughters, and their names were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.
Num 26:34 These are the families of Manasseh, and their number was 52,700.
Num 26:35 These are the sons of Ephraim according to their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthelahites; of

Becher, the family of the Becherites; of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.
Num 26:36 And these are the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites.
Num 26:37 These, the families of the sons of Ephraim according to their number, totaled 32,500. These are the sons of Joseph after their families.
Num 26:38 The sons of Benjamin according to their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites;
Num 26:39 Of Shephupham, the family of the Shuphamites; of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.
Num 26:40 And the sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman; of Ard, the family of the Ardites; of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.
Num 26:41 These are the sons of Benjamin according to their families; and their number was 45,600.
Num 26:42 These are the sons of Dan according to their families: of Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These are the families of Dan according to their families.
Num 26:43 All the families of the Shuhamites according to their number were 64,400.
Num 26:44 Of the sons of Asher according to their families: of Imnah, the family of the Imnites; of Ishvi, the family of the Ishvites; of Beriah, the family of the Beriites.
Num 26:45 Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.
Num 26:46 And the name of the daughter of Asher was Serah.
Num 26:47 These, the families of the sons of Asher according to their number, totaled 53,400.
Num 26:48 Of the sons of Naphtali after their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites;
Num 26:49 Of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.
Num 26:50 These are the families of Naphtali according to their families; and their number totaled 45,400.
Num 26:51 This was the number of the Israelites, 601,730.
Num 26:52 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 26:53 To these the land shall be divided for inheritance according to the number of names.
Num 26:54 To a larger tribe you shall give the greater inheritance, and to a small tribe the less inheritance; to each tribe shall its inheritance be given according to its numbers.
Num 26:55 But the land shall be divided by lot; according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit.
Num 26:56 According to the lot shall their inheritance be divided between the larger and the smaller.
Num 26:57 And these were numbered of the Levites according to their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites.
Num 26:58 These are the families of Levi: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korahites. And Kohath was the father of Amram.
Num 26:59 Amram's wife was Jochebed daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt; and she bore to Amram Aaron, Moses, and Miriam their sister.
Num 26:60 And to Aaron were born Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
Num 26:61 But Nadab and Abihu died when they offered strange {and} unholy fire before the Lord.
Num 26:62 And those numbered of them were 23,000, every male from a month old and upward; for they were not numbered among the Israelites, because there was no inheritance given them among the Israelites.
Num 26:63 These were those numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the Israelites in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.
Num 26:64 But among these there was not a man of those numbered by Moses and Aaron the priest when they numbered the Israelites in the Wilderness of Sinai.
Num 26:65 For the Lord had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. There was not left a man of them except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.
Num 27:1 THEN CAME the daughters of Zelophehad son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, from the families of Manasseh son of Joseph. The names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.
Num 27:2 They stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, and the leaders, and all the congregation at the door of the Tent of Meeting, saying,
Num 27:3 Our father died in the wilderness. He was not among those who assembled together against the Lord in the company of Korah, but died for his own sin [as did all those who rebelled at Kadesh], and he had no sons.
Num 27:4 Why should the name of our father be removed from his family because he had no son? Give to us a possession among our father's brethren.

Num 27:5 Moses brought their case before the Lord.
Num 27:6 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 27:7 The daughters of Zelophehad are justified {and} speak correctly. You shall surely give them an inheritance among their father's brethren, and you shall cause their father's inheritance to pass to them.
Num 27:8 And say to the Israelites, If a man dies and has no son, you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter.
Num 27:9 If he has no daughter, you shall give his inheritance to his brethren.
Num 27:10 If he has no brethren, give his inheritance to his father's brethren.
Num 27:11 And if his father has no brethren, then give his inheritance to his next of kin, and he shall possess it. It shall be to the Israelites a statute and ordinance, as the Lord commanded Moses.
Num 27:12 And the Lord said to Moses, Go up into this mountain of Abarim and behold the land I have given to the Israelites.
Num 27:13 And when you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your [departed] people as Aaron your brother was gathered,
Num 27:14 For you disobeyed My order in the Wilderness of Zin during the strife of the congregation to uphold My sanctity [by strict obedience to My authority] at the waters before their eyes. [These are the waters of Meribah in Kadesh in the Wilderness of Zin].
Num 27:15 And Moses said to the Lord,
Num 27:16 Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation
Num 27:17 Who shall go out and come in before them, leading them out and bringing them in, that the congregation of the Lord may not be as sheep which have no shepherd.
Num 27:18 The Lord said to Moses, Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand upon him;
Num 27:19 And set him before Eleazar the priest and all the congregation and give him a charge in their sight.
Num 27:20 And put some of your honor {and} authority upon him, that all the congregation of the Israelites may obey him.
Num 27:21 He shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him before the Lord by the judgment of the Urim [one of two articles in the priest's breastplate worn when asking counsel of the Lord for the people]. At Joshua's word the people shall go out and come in, both he and all the Israelite congregation with him.
Num 27:22 And Moses did as the Lord commanded him. He took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest and all the congregation,
Num 27:23 And he laid his hands upon him and commissioned him, as the Lord commanded through Moses.
Num 28:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Num 28:2 Command the Israelites, saying, My offering, My food for My offerings made by fire, My sweet {and} soothing odor you shall be careful to offer to Me at its proper time.
Num 28:3 And you shall say to the people, This is the offering made by fire which you shall offer to the Lord: two male lambs a year old without spot {or} blemish, two day by day, for a continual burnt offering.
Num 28:4 One lamb you shall offer in the morning and the other in the evening,
Num 28:5 Also a tenth of an ephah of flour for a cereal offering, mixed with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil.
Num 28:6 It is a continual burnt offering which was ordained in Mount Sinai for a sweet {and} soothing odor, an offering made by fire to the Lord.
Num 28:7 Its drink offering shall be a fourth of a hin for each lamb; in the Holy Place you shall pour out a fermented drink offering to the Lord.
Num 28:8 And the other lamb you shall offer in the evening; like the cereal offering of the morning and like its drink offering, you shall offer it, an offering made by fire, a sweet {and} soothing odor to the Lord.
Num 28:9 And on the Sabbath day two male lambs a year old without spot {or} blemish, and two-tenths of an ephah of flour for a cereal offering, mixed with oil, and its drink offering.
Num 28:10 This is the burnt offering of every Sabbath, besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering.
Num 28:11 And at the beginning of your months you shall offer a burnt offering to the Lord: two young bulls, one ram, seven male lambs a year old without spot {or} blemish;
Num 28:12 And three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour for a cereal offering, mixed with oil, for each bull; and two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour for a cereal offering, mixed with oil, for the one ram.
Num 28:13 And a tenth part of fine flour mixed with oil as a cereal offering, for each lamb, for a burnt offering of a sweet {and} pleasant fragrance, an offering made by fire to the Lord.

Num 28:14 And their drink offerings shall be half a hin of wine for a bull, and a third of a hin for a ram, and a fourth of a hin for a lamb. This is the burnt offering of each month throughout the months of the year.
Num 28:15 And one male goat for a sin offering to the Lord--it shall be offered in addition to the continual burnt offering and its drink offering.
Num 28:16 On the fourteenth day of the first month is the Lord's Passover.
Num 28:17 On the fifteenth day of this month is a feast; for seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten.
Num 28:18 On the first day there shall be a holy [summoned] assembly; you shall do no servile work that day.
Num 28:19 But you shall offer an offering made by fire, a burnt offering to the Lord: two young bulls, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old; they shall be without blemish to the best of your knowledge.
Num 28:20 And their cereal offering shall be of fine flour mixed with oil; three-tenths of an ephah shall you offer for a bull, and two-tenths for a ram;
Num 28:21 A tenth shall you offer for each of the seven male lambs,
Num 28:22 Also one male goat for a sin offering to make atonement for you.
Num 28:23 You shall offer these in addition to the burnt offering of the morning, which is for a continual burnt offering.
Num 28:24 In this way you shall offer daily for seven days the food of an offering made by fire, a sweet {and} soothing odor to the Lord; it shall be offered in addition to the continual burnt offering and its drink offering.
Num 28:25 And on the seventh day you shall have a holy [summoned] assembly; you shall do no work befitting a slave {or} a servant.
Num 28:26 Also in the day of the firstfruits, when you offer a cereal offering of new grain to the Lord at your Feast of Weeks, you shall have a holy [summoned] assembly; you shall do no servile work.
Num 28:27 But you shall offer the burnt offering for a sweet, pleasing, {and} soothing fragrance to the Lord: two young bulls, one ram, seven male lambs a year old,
Num 28:28 And their cereal offering of fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths of an ephah for each bull, two-tenths for one ram,
Num 28:29 A tenth for each of the seven male lambs,
Num 28:30 And one male goat to make atonement for you.
Num 28:31 You shall offer them in addition to the continual burnt offering and its cereal offering and their drink offerings. See that they are without blemish.
Num 29:1 ON THE first day of the seventh month [on New Year's Day of the civil year], you shall have a holy [summoned] assembly; you shall do no servile work. It is a day of blowing of trumpets for you [everyone blowing who wishes, proclaiming that the glad New Year has come and that the great Day of Atonement and the Feast of Tabernacles are now approaching].
Num 29:2 And you shall offer a burnt offering for a sweet {and} pleasing odor to the Lord: one young bull, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old without blemish.
Num 29:3 Their cereal offering shall be of fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths of an ephah for a bull, two-tenths for a ram,
Num 29:4 And one-tenth of an ephah for each of the seven lambs,
Num 29:5 And one male goat for a sin offering to make atonement for you.
Num 29:6 These are in addition to the burnt offering of the new moon and its cereal offering, and the daily burnt offering and its cereal offering, and their drink offerings, according to the ordinance for them, for a pleasant {and} soothing fragrance, an offering made by fire to the Lord.
Num 29:7 And you shall have on the tenth day of this seventh month a holy [summoned] assembly; [it is the great Day of Atonement, a day of humiliation] and you shall humble {and} abase yourselves; you shall not do any work in it.
Num 29:8 But you shall offer a burnt offering to the Lord for a sweet {and} soothing fragrance: one young bull, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old. See that they are without blemish.
Num 29:9 And their cereal offering shall be of fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths of an ephah for the bull, two-tenths for the one ram,
Num 29:10 A tenth for each of the seven male lambs,
Num 29:11 One male goat for a sin offering, in addition to the sin offering of atonement, and the continual burnt offering and its cereal offering, and their drink offerings.
Num 29:12 And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy [summoned] assembly; you shall do no servile work, and you shall keep a feast to the Lord for seven days.
Num 29:13 And you shall offer a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet {and} pleasing fragrance to the

Lord: thirteen young bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old; they shall be without blemish.
Num 29:14 And their cereal offering shall be of fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths of an ephah for each of the thirteen bulls, two-tenths for each of the two rams,
Num 29:15 And a tenth part for each of the fourteen male lambs,
Num 29:16 Also one male goat for a sin offering, in addition to the continual burnt offering, its cereal offering, and its drink offering.
Num 29:17 And on the second day you shall offer twelve young bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without spot {or} blemish,
Num 29:18 With their cereal offering and the drink offerings for the bulls, the rams, and the lambs, by number according to the ordinance,
Num 29:19 Also one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its cereal offering, and their drink offerings.
Num 29:20 And on the third day eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish,
Num 29:21 With their cereal offering and drink offerings for the bulls, the rams, and the lambs, by number according to the ordinance,
Num 29:22 And one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its cereal offering, and its drink offerings.
Num 29:23 On the fourth day ten bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish,
Num 29:24 Their cereal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, the rams, and the lambs shall be by number according to the ordinance,
Num 29:25 And one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its cereal offering, and its drink offerings.
Num 29:26 And on the fifth day nine bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old without spot {or} blemish,
Num 29:27 And their cereal offering and drink offerings for the bulls, the rams, and the lambs, by number according to the ordinance,
Num 29:28 And one goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, and its cereal offering, and its drink offerings.
Num 29:29 And on the sixth day eight bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish,
Num 29:30 And their cereal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, the rams, and the lambs, by number according to the ordinance,
Num 29:31 And one goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its cereal offering, and its drink offerings.
Num 29:32 And on the seventh day seven bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish,
Num 29:33 And their cereal and drink offerings for the bulls, the rams, and the lambs, by number according to the ordinance.
Num 29:34 And one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, and its cereal offering, and its drink offerings.
Num 29:35 On the eighth day you shall have a solemn assembly; you shall do no servile work.
Num 29:36 You shall offer a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet {and} pleasing fragrance to the Lord: one bull, one ram, seven male lambs a year old without blemish,
Num 29:37 Their cereal offering and drink offerings for the bull, the ram, and the lambs shall be by number according to the ordinance,
Num 29:38 And one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, and its cereal offering, and its drink offerings.
Num 29:39 These you shall offer to the Lord at your appointed feasts, besides the offerings you have vowed and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings, cereal offerings, drink offerings, and peace offerings.
Num 29:40 And Moses told the Israelites all that the Lord commanded him.
Num 30:1 AND MOSES said to the heads {or} leaders of the tribes of Israel, This is the thing which the Lord has commanded:
Num 30:2 If a man vows a vow to the Lord or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break {and} profane his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.
Num 30:3 Also when a woman vows a vow to the Lord and binds herself by a pledge, being in her father's house in her youth,
Num 30:4 And her father hears her vow and her pledge with which she has bound herself and he offers no objection,

then all her vows shall stand and every pledge with which she has bound herself shall stand.
Num 30:5 But if her father refuses to allow her [to carry out her vow] on the day that he hears about it, not any of her vows or of her pledges with which she has bound herself shall stand. And the Lord will forgive her because her father refused to let her [carry out her purpose].
Num 30:6 And if she is married to a husband while her vows are upon her or she has bound herself by a rash utterance
Num 30:7 And her husband hears of it and holds his peace concerning it on the day that he hears it, then her vows shall stand and her pledge with which she bound herself shall stand.
Num 30:8 But if her husband refuses to allow her [to keep her vow or pledge] on the day that he hears of it, then he shall make void {and} annul her vow which is upon her and the rash utterance of her lips by which she bound herself, and the Lord will forgive her.
Num 30:9 But the vow of a widow or of a divorced woman, with which she has bound herself, shall stand against her.
Num 30:10 And if she vowed in her husband's house or bound herself by a pledge with an oath
Num 30:11 And her husband heard it and did not oppose or prohibit her, then all her vows and every pledge with which she bound herself shall stand.
Num 30:12 But if her husband positively made them void on the day he heard them, then whatever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows or concerning her pledge of herself shall not stand. Her husband has annulled them, and the Lord will forgive her.
Num 30:13 Every vow and every binding oath to humble {or} afflict herself, her husband may establish it or her husband may annul it.
Num 30:14 But if her husband altogether holds his peace [concerning the matter] with her from day to day, then he establishes {and} confirms all her vows or all her pledges which are upon her. He establishes them because he said nothing to [restrain] her on the day he heard of them.
Num 30:15 But if he shall nullify them after he hears of them, then he shall be responsible for {and} bear her iniquity.
Num 30:16 These are the statutes which the Lord commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, and between a father and his daughter while in her youth in her father's house.
Num 31:1 THE LORD said to Moses,
Num 31:2 Avenge the Israelites on the Midianites; afterward you shall be gathered to your [departed] people.
Num 31:3 And Moses said to the people, Arm men from among you for the war, that they may go against Midian and execute the Lord's vengeance on Midian [for seducing Israel].
Num 31:4 From each of the tribes of Israel you shall send 1,000 to the war.
Num 31:5 So there were provided out of the thousands of Israel 1,000 from each tribe, 12,000 armed for war.
Num 31:6 And Moses sent them to the war, 1,000 from each tribe, together with Phinehas son of Eleazar, the priest, with the [sacred] vessels of the sanctuary and the trumpets to blow the alarm in his hand.
Num 31:7 They fought with Midian, as the Lord commanded Moses, and slew every male,
Num 31:8 Including the five kings of Midian: Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba; also Balaam son of Beor they slew with the sword.
Num 31:9 And the Israelites took captive the women of Midian and their little ones, and all their cattle, their flocks, and their goods as booty.
Num 31:10 They burned all the cities in which they dwelt, and all their encampments.
Num 31:11 And they took all the spoil and all the prey, both of man and of beast.
Num 31:12 Then they brought the captives, the prey, and the spoil to Moses and Eleazar the priest and to the congregation of the Israelites at the camp on the plains of Moab by Jordan at Jericho.
Num 31:13 Moses and Eleazar the priest and all the princes {or} leaders of the congregation went to meet them outside the camp.
Num 31:14 But Moses was angry with the officers of the army, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, who served in the war.
Num 31:15 And Moses said to them, Have you let all the women live?
Num 31:16 Behold, these caused the Israelites by the counsel of Balaam to trespass {and} act treacherously against the Lord in the matter of Peor, and so a [smiting] plague came among the congregation of the Lord.
Num 31:17 Now therefore, kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman who is not a virgin.
Num 31:18 But all the young girls who have not known man by lying with him keep alive for yourselves.
Num 31:19 Encamp outside the camp seven days; whoever has killed any person and whoever has touched any slain, purify yourselves and your captives on the third day and on the seventh day.
Num 31:20 You shall purify every garment, all that is made of skins, all work of goats' hair, and every article of wood.

Num 31:21 And Eleazar the priest said to the men of war who had gone to battle, This is the statute of the law which the Lord has commanded Moses:
Num 31:22 Only the gold, the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin, and the lead,
Num 31:23 Everything that can stand fire, you shall make go through fire, and it shall be clean. Nevertheless it shall also be purified with the water of impurity; and all that cannot stand fire [such as fabrics] you shall pass through water.
Num 31:24 And you shall wash your clothes on the seventh day and you shall be clean; then you shall come into the camp.
Num 31:25 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 31:26 Take the count of the prey that was taken, both of man and of beast, you and Eleazar the priest and the heads of the fathers' houses of the congregation.
Num 31:27 Divide the booty into two [equal] parts between the warriors who went out to battle and all the congregation.
Num 31:28 And levy a tribute to the Lord from the warriors who went to battle, one out of every 500 of the persons, the oxen, the donkeys, and the flocks.
Num 31:29 Take [this tribute] from the warriors' half and give it to Eleazar the priest as an offering to the Lord.
Num 31:30 And from the Israelites' half [of the booty] you shall take one out of every fifty of the persons, the oxen, the donkeys, the flocks, and of all livestock, and give them to the Levites who have charge of the tabernacle of the Lord.
Num 31:31 And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the Lord commanded Moses.
Num 31:32 The prey, besides the booty which the men of war took, was 675,000 sheep,
Num 31:33 And 72,000 cattle,
Num 31:34 And 61,000 donkeys,
Num 31:35 And 32,000 persons in all, of the women who were virgins.
Num 31:36 And the half share, the portion of those who went to war, was: 337,500 sheep,
Num 31:37 And the Lord's tribute of the sheep was 675;
Num 31:38 The cattle were 36,000, of which the Lord's tribute was 72;
Num 31:39 The donkeys were 30,500, of which the Lord's tribute was 61;
Num 31:40 The persons were 16,000, of whom the Lord's tribute was 32 persons.
Num 31:41 And Moses gave the tribute which was the Lord's offering to Eleazar the priest, as the Lord commanded Moses.
Num 31:42 And the Israelites' half Moses separated from that of the warriors'--
Num 31:43 Now the congregation's half was 337,500 sheep,
Num 31:44 And 36,000 cattle,
Num 31:45 And 30,500 donkeys,
Num 31:46 And 16,000 persons--
Num 31:47 Even of the Israelites' half, Moses took one of every 50, both of persons and of beasts, and gave them to the Levites, who had charge of the tabernacle of the Lord, as the Lord commanded Moses.
Num 31:48 And the officers who were over the thousands of the army, the commanders of thousands and hundreds, came to Moses.
Num 31:49 They told [him], Your servants have counted the warriors under our command, and not one man of us is missing.
Num 31:50 We have brought as the Lord's offering what each man obtained--articles of gold, armlets, bracelets, signet rings, earrings, neck ornaments--to make atonement for ourselves before the Lord.
Num 31:51 Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from them, all the wrought articles.
Num 31:52 And all the gold of the offering that they offered to the Lord from the commanders of thousands and of hundreds was 16,750 shekels.
Num 31:53 For the men of war had taken booty, every man for himself.
Num 31:54 And Moses and Eleazar the priest received the gold from the commanders of thousands and of hundreds and brought it into the Tent of Meeting as a memorial for the Israelites before the Lord.
Num 32:1 NOW THE sons of Reuben and of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle, and they saw the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead [on the east side of the Jordan], and behold, the place was suitable for cattle.
Num 32:2 So the sons of Gad and of Reuben came and said to Moses, Eleazar the priest, and the leaders of the congregation,
Num 32:3 [The country around] Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Sebam, Nebo, and Beon,

Num 32:4 The land the Lord smote before the congregation of Israel, is a land for cattle, and your servants have cattle.
Num 32:5 And they said, If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants for a possession. Do not take us over the Jordan.
Num 32:6 And Moses said to the sons of Gad and of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war while you sit here?
Num 32:7 Why do you discourage the hearts of the Israelites from going over into the land which the Lord has given them?
Num 32:8 Thus your fathers did when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land!
Num 32:9 For when they went up to the Valley of Eshcol and saw the land, they discouraged the hearts of the Israelites from going into the land the Lord had given them.
Num 32:10 And the Lord's anger was kindled on that day and He swore, saying,
Num 32:11 Surely none of the men who came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, because they have not wholly followed Me--
Num 32:12 Except Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua son of Nun, for they have wholly followed the Lord.
Num 32:13 And the Lord's anger was kindled against Israel and He made them wander in the wilderness for forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the Lord was consumed.
Num 32:14 And behold, you are risen up in your fathers' stead, a brood of sinful men, to increase still more the fierce anger of the Lord against Israel.
Num 32:15 For if you turn from following Him, He will again abandon them in the wilderness, and you will destroy all this people.
Num 32:16 But they came near to him and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our flocks and walled settlements for our little ones.
Num 32:17 But we will be armed and ready to go before the Israelites until we have brought them to their place. Our little ones shall dwell in the fortified settlements because of the people of the land.
Num 32:18 We will not return to our homes until the Israelites have inherited every man his inheritance.
Num 32:19 For we will not inherit with them on the [west] side of the Jordan and beyond, because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side of the Jordan eastward.
Num 32:20 Moses replied, If you will do as you say, going armed before the Lord to war,
Num 32:21 And every armed man of you will pass over the Jordan before the Lord until He has driven out His enemies before Him
Num 32:22 And the land is subdued before the Lord, then afterward you shall return and be guiltless [in this matter] before the Lord and before Israel, and this land shall be your possession before the Lord.
Num 32:23 But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the Lord; and be sure your sin will find you out.
Num 32:24 Build settlements for your little ones, and folds for your sheep, and do that of which you have spoken.
Num 32:25 And the sons of Gad and of Reuben said to Moses, Your servants will do as my lord commands.
Num 32:26 Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle shall be there in the cities of Gilead.
Num 32:27 But your servants will pass over, every man armed for war, before the Lord to battle, as my lord says.
Num 32:28 So Moses gave command concerning them to Eleazar the priest and Joshua son of Nun and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of Israel.
Num 32:29 And Moses said to them, If the sons of Gad and Reuben will pass with you over the Jordan, every man armed to battle before the Lord, and the land shall be subdued before you, then you shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession.
Num 32:30 But if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan.
Num 32:31 The sons of Gad and Reuben answered, As the Lord has said to your servants, so will we do.
Num 32:32 We will pass over armed before the Lord into the land of Canaan, that the possession of our inheritance on this side of the Jordan may be ours.
Num 32:33 Moses gave to them, to the sons of Gad and of Reuben and to half the tribe of Manasseh son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan--the land with its cities and their territories, even the cities round about the country.
Num 32:34 And the sons of Gad built Dibon, Ataroth, Aroer,
Num 32:35 Atroth-shophan, Jazer, Jogbehah,
Num 32:36 Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran, fortified cities, and folds for sheep.
Num 32:37 And the sons of Reuben built Heshbon, Elealeh, Kiriathaim,

Num 32:38 Nebo, and Baal-meon--their names were to be changed--and Shibmah; and they gave other names to the cities they built.
Num 32:39 And the sons of Machir son of Manasseh went to Gilead and took it and dispossessed the Amorites who were in it.
Num 32:40 And Moses gave Gilead to Machir son of Manasseh, and he settled in it.
Num 32:41 Jair son of Manasseh took their villages and called them Havvoth-jair.
Num 32:42 And Nobah took Kenath and its villages and called it Nobah after his own name.
Num 33:1 THESE ARE the stages of the journeys of the Israelites by which they went out of the land of Egypt by their hosts under the leadership of Moses and Aaron.
Num 33:2 Moses recorded their starting places, as the Lord commanded, stage by stage; and these are their journeying stages from their starting places:
Num 33:3 They set out from Rameses on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the day after the Passover the Israelites went out [of Egypt] with a high hand {and} triumphantly in the sight of all the Egyptians,
Num 33:4 While the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn whom the Lord had struck down among them; upon their gods also the Lord executed judgments.
Num 33:5 The Israelites set out from Rameses and encamped in Succoth.
Num 33:6 And they departed from Succoth and encamped in Etham, which is at the edge of the wilderness.
Num 33:7 They set out from Etham and turned back to Pi-hahiroth, east of Baal-zephon, and they encamped before Migdol.
Num 33:8 And they journeyed from before Pi-hahiroth and passed through the midst of the [Red] Sea into the wilderness; and they went a three days' journey in the Wilderness of Etham and encamped at Marah.
Num 33:9 They journeyed from Marah and came to Elim; at Elim there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there.
Num 33:10 They set out from Elim and encamped by the Red Sea.
Num 33:11 They journeyed from the Red Sea and encamped in the Wilderness of Sin.
Num 33:12 And they traveled on from the Wilderness of Sin and encamped at Dophkah.
Num 33:13 And they departed from Dophkah and encamped at Alush.
Num 33:14 And they set out from Alush and encamped at Rephidim, where there was no water for the people to drink.
Num 33:15 And they departed from Rephidim and encamped in the Wilderness of Sinai.
Num 33:16 And they journeyed from the Wilderness of Sinai and encamped at Kibroth-hattaavah.
Num 33:17 And they traveled on from Kibroth-hattaavah and encamped at Hazeroth.
Num 33:18 And they journeyed from Hazeroth and encamped at Rithmah.
Num 33:19 And they departed from Rithmah and encamped at Rimmon-perez.
Num 33:20 And they departed from Rimmon-perez and encamped at Libnah.
Num 33:21 And they removed from Libnah and encamped at Rissah.
Num 33:22 And they journeyed from Rissah and encamped at Kehelathah.
Num 33:23 And they went from Kehelathah and encamped at Mount Shepher.
Num 33:24 And they removed from Mount Shepher and encamped at Haradah.
Num 33:25 And they set out from Haradah and encamped at Makheloth.
Num 33:26 And they removed from Makheloth and encamped at Tahath.
Num 33:27 And they departed from Tahath and encamped at Terah.
Num 33:28 And they removed from Terah and encamped at Mithkah.
Num 33:29 And they set out from Mithkah and encamped at Hashmonah.
Num 33:30 And they traveled on from Hashmonah and encamped at Moseroth.
Num 33:31 And they journeyed from Moseroth and pitched in Bene-jaakan.
Num 33:32 And they set out from Bene-jaakan and encamped at Hor-haggidgad.
Num 33:33 And they set out from Hor-haggidgad and encamped at Jotbathah.
Num 33:34 And they journeyed from Jotbathah and encamped at Abronah.
Num 33:35 And they traveled on from Abronah and encamped at Ezion-geber.
Num 33:36 And they removed from Ezion-geber and encamped in the Wilderness of Zin, which is Kadesh.
Num 33:37 And they removed from Kadesh and encamped at Mount Hor, on the edge of Edom.
Num 33:38 Aaron the priest went up on Mount Hor at the command of the Lord, and died there in the fortieth year after the Israelites came out of Egypt, the first day of the fifth month.
Num 33:39 Aaron was 123 years old when he died on Mount Hor.

Num 33:40 The Canaanite king of Arad, who lived in the South (the Negeb) in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the Israelites.
Num 33:41 They set out from Mount Hor and encamped at Zalmonah.
Num 33:42 And they set out from Zalmonah and encamped at Punon.
Num 33:43 And they set out from Punon and encamped at Oboth.
Num 33:44 And they traveled on from Oboth and encamped at Iye-abarim, on the border of Moab.
Num 33:45 And they departed from Iyim and encamped at Dibon-gad.
Num 33:46 And they set out from Dibon-gad and encamped in Almon-diblathaim.
Num 33:47 And they traveled on from Almon-diblathaim and encamped in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo.
Num 33:48 And they departed from the mountains of Abarim and encamped in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.
Num 33:49 And they encamped by the Jordan from Beth-jeshimoth as far as Abel-shittim in the plains of Moab.
Num 33:50 And the Lord said to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho,
Num 33:51 Tell the Israelites, When you have passed over the Jordan into the land of Canaan,
Num 33:52 Then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land before you and destroy all their figured stones and all their molten images and completely demolish all their [idolatrous] high places,
Num 33:53 And you shall take possession of the land and dwell in it, for to you I have given the land to possess it.
Num 33:54 You shall inherit the land by lot according to your families; to the large tribe you shall give a larger inheritance, and to the small tribe you shall give a smaller inheritance. Wherever the lot falls to any man, that shall be his. According to the tribes of your fathers you shall inherit.
Num 33:55 But if you will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then those you let remain of them shall be as pricks in your eyes and as thorns in your sides, and they shall vex you in the land in which you dwell.
Num 33:56 And as I thought to do to them, so will I do to you.
Num 34:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,
Num 34:2 Command the Israelites, When you come into the land of Canaan (which is the land that shall be yours for an inheritance, the land of Canaan according to its boundaries),
Num 34:3 Your south side shall be from the Wilderness of Zin along the side of Edom, and your southern boundary from the end of the Salt [Dead] Sea eastward.
Num 34:4 Your boundary shall turn south of the ascent of Akrabbim, and pass on to Zin, and its end shall be south of Kadesh-barnea. Then it shall go on to Hazar-addar and pass on to Azmon.
Num 34:5 Then the boundary shall turn from Azmon to the Brook of Egypt, and it shall terminate at the [Mediterranean] Sea.
Num 34:6 For the western boundary you shall have the Great Sea and its coast.
Num 34:7 And this shall be your north border: from the Great Sea mark out your boundary line to Mount Hor;
Num 34:8 From Mount Hor you shall mark out your boundary to the entrance of Hamath, and its end shall be at Zedad;
Num 34:9 Then the northern boundary shall go on to Ziphron, and the end of it shall be at Hazar-enan.
Num 34:10 You shall mark out your eastern boundary from Hazar-enan to Shepham;
Num 34:11 The boundary shall go down from Shepham to Riblah on the east side of Ain and shall descend and reach to the shoulder of the Sea of Chinnereth [the Sea of Galilee] on the east;
Num 34:12 And the boundary shall go down to the Jordan, and the end shall be at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land with its boundaries all around.
Num 34:13 Moses commanded the Israelites, This is the land you shall inherit by lot, which the Lord has commanded to give to the nine tribes and the half-tribe [of Manasseh],
Num 34:14 For the tribes of the sons of Reuben and of Gad by their fathers' houses have received their inheritance, and also the half-tribe of Manasseh.
Num 34:15 The two and a half tribes have received their inheritance east of the Jordan at Jericho, toward the sunrise.
Num 34:16 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 34:17 These are the men who shall divide the land to you for inheritance: Eleazar the priest and Joshua son of Nun.
Num 34:18 And [with them] you shall take one head {or} prince of each tribe to divide the land for inheritance.
Num 34:19 The names of the men are: Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb son of Jephunneh;
Num 34:20 Of the tribe of the sons of Simeon, Shemuel son of Ammihud;
Num 34:21 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad son of Chislon;

Num 34:22 Of the tribe of the sons of Dan a leader, Bukki son of Jogli;
Num 34:23 Of the sons of Joseph: of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh a leader, Hanniel son of Ephod;
Num 34:24 And of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim a leader, Kemuel son of Shiphtan;
Num 34:25 And of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun a leader, Elizaphan son of Parnach;
Num 34:26 And of the tribe of the sons of Issachar a leader, Paltiel son of Azzan;
Num 34:27 And of the tribe of the sons of Asher a leader, Ahihud son of Shelomi;
Num 34:28 And of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali a leader, Pedahel son of Ammihud.
Num 34:29 These are the men whom the Lord commanded to divide the inheritance to the Israelites in the land of Canaan.
Num 35:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho,
Num 35:2 Command the Israelites that they give to the Levites from the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and [suburb] pasturelands round about the cities' walls you shall give to the Levites also.
Num 35:3 They shall have the cities to dwell in and their [suburb] pasturelands shall be for their cattle, for their wealth [in flocks], and for all their beasts.
Num 35:4 And the pasturelands of the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall reach from the wall of the city and outward 1,000 cubits round about.
Num 35:5 You shall measure from the wall of the city outward on the east, south, west, and north sides 2,000 cubits, the city being in the center. This shall belong to [the Levites] as [suburb] pasturelands for their cities.
Num 35:6 Of the cities which you shall give to the Levites there shall be the six cities of refuge, which you shall give for the manslayer to flee into; and in addition to them you shall give forty-two cities.
Num 35:7 So all the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall be forty-eight; you shall give them with their adjacent [suburb] pasturelands.
Num 35:8 As for the cities, you shall give from the possession of the Israelites, from the larger tribes you shall take many and from the smaller tribes few; each tribe shall give of its cities to the Levites in proportion to its inheritance.
Num 35:9 And the Lord said to Moses,
Num 35:10 Say to the Israelites, When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan,
Num 35:11 Then you shall select cities to be cities of refuge for you, that the slayer who kills any person unintentionally {and} unawares may flee there.
Num 35:12 And the cities shall be to you for refuge from the avenger, that the manslayer may not die until he has had a fair trial before the congregation.
Num 35:13 And of the cities which you give there shall be your six cities for refuge.
Num 35:14 You shall give three cities on this [east] side of the Jordan and three cities in the land of Canaan, to be cities of refuge.
Num 35:15 These six cities shall be a refuge for the Israelites and for the stranger and the temporary resident among them; that anyone who kills any person unintentionally {and} unawares may flee there.
Num 35:16 But if he struck him down with an instrument of iron so that he died, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.
Num 35:17 And if he struck him down by throwing a stone, by which a person may die, and he died, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.
Num 35:18 Or if he struck him down with a weapon of wood in his hand, by which one may die, and he died, the offender is a murderer; he shall surely be put to death.
Num 35:19 The avenger of blood shall himself slay the murderer; when he meets him, he shall slay him.
Num 35:20 But if he stabbed him through hatred or hurled at him by lying in wait so that he died
Num 35:21 Or in enmity struck him down with his hand so that he died, he that smote him shall surely be put to death; he is a murderer. The avenger of blood shall slay the murderer when he meets him.
Num 35:22 But if he stabbed him suddenly without enmity or threw anything at {or} upon him without lying in wait
Num 35:23 Or with any stone with which a man may be killed, not seeing him, and threw it at him so that he died, and was not his enemy nor sought to harm him,
Num 35:24 Then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the avenger of blood according to these ordinances.
Num 35:25 And the congregation shall rescue the manslayer from the hand of the avenger of blood and restore him to his city of refuge to which he had fled; and he shall live in it until the high priest dies, who was anointed with the sacred oil.
Num 35:26 But if the slayer shall at any time come outside the limits of his city of refuge to which he had fled

Num 35:27 And the avenger of blood finds him outside the limits of his city of refuge and kills the manslayer, he shall not be guilty of blood
Num 35:28 Because the manslayer should have remained in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest. But after the high priest's death the manslayer shall return to the land of his possession.
Num 35:29 And these things shall be for a statute {and} ordinance to you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.
Num 35:30 Whoever kills any person [intentionally], the murderer shall be put to death on the testimony of witnesses; but no one shall be put to death on the testimony of one witness.
Num 35:31 Moreover, you shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer guilty of death; but he shall surely be put to death.
Num 35:32 And you shall accept no ransom for him who has fled to his city of refuge, so that he may return to dwell in the land before the death of the high priest.
Num 35:33 So you shall not pollute the land in which you live; for blood pollutes the land, and no atonement can be made for the land for the blood shed in it, but by the blood of him who shed it.
Num 35:34 And you shall not defile the land in which you live, in the midst of which I dwell, for I, the Lord, dwell in the midst of the people of Israel.
Num 36:1 THE HEADS of the fathers' houses of the families of the sons of Gilead son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the fathers' houses of the sons of Joseph, came near and spoke before Moses and the leaders, the heads of the fathers' houses of the Israelites.
Num 36:2 They said, The Lord commanded [you] my lord to give the land for inheritance by lot to the Israelites; and my lord was commanded by the Lord to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother to his daughters.
Num 36:3 But if they are married to any of the sons of the other tribes of the Israelites, then their inheritance will be taken from that of our fathers and added to the inheritance of the tribe to which they are received {and} belong; so it will be taken out of the lot of our inheritance.
Num 36:4 And when the Jubilee of the Israelites comes, then their inheritance will be added to that of the tribe to which they are received {and} belong; so will their inheritance be taken away from that of the tribe of our fathers.
Num 36:5 And Moses commanded the Israelites according to the word of the Lord, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph is right.
Num 36:6 This is what the Lord commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad: Let them marry whom they think best; only they shall marry within the family of the tribe of their father.
Num 36:7 So shall no inheritance of the Israelites be transferred from tribe to tribe, for every one of the Israelites shall cling to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.
Num 36:8 And every daughter who possesses an inheritance in any tribe of the Israelites shall be wife to one of the family of the tribe of her father, so that the Israelites may each one possess the inheritance of his fathers.
Num 36:9 So shall no inheritance be transferred from one tribe to another, but each of the tribes of the Israelites shall cling to its own inheritance.
Num 36:10 The daughters of Zelophehad did as the Lord commanded Moses.
Num 36:11 For Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were married to sons of their father's brothers.
Num 36:12 They married into the families of the sons of Manasseh son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father.
Num 36:13 These are the commandments and ordinances which the Lord commanded the Israelites through Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan [River] at Jericho.
Deut 1:1 THESE ARE the words which Moses spoke to all Israel [still] on the [east] side of the Jordan [River] in the wilderness, in the Arabah [the deep valley running north and south from the eastern arm of the Red Sea to beyond the Dead Sea], over near Suph, between Paran and Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab.
Deut 1:2 It is [only] eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh-barnea [on Canaan's border; yet Israel took forty years to get beyond it].
Deut 1:3 And in the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, Moses spoke to the Israelites according to all that the Lord had given him in commandment to them,
Deut 1:4 After He had defeated Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth [and] Edrei.
Deut 1:5 Beyond (east of) the Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses began to explain this law, saying,
Deut 1:6 The Lord our God said to us in Horeb, You have dwelt long enough on this mountain.

Deut 1:7 Turn and take up your journey and go to the hill country of the Amorites, and to all their neighbors in the Arabah, in the hill country, in the lowland, in the South (the Negeb), and on the coast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates.
Deut 1:8 Behold, I have set the land before you; go in and take possession of the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their descendants after them.
Deut 1:9 I said to you at that time, I am not able to bear you alone.
Deut 1:10 The Lord your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are this day as the stars of the heavens for multitude.
Deut 1:11 May the Lord, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are and bless you as He has promised you!
Deut 1:12 How can I bear alone the weariness {and} pressure and burden of you and your strife?
Deut 1:13 Choose wise, understanding, experienced, {and} respected men according to your tribes, and I will make them heads over you.
Deut 1:14 And you answered me, The thing which you have spoken is good for us to do.
Deut 1:15 So I took the heads of your tribes, wise, experienced, {and} respected men, and made them heads over you, commanders of thousands, and hundreds, and fifties, and tens, and officers according to your tribes.
Deut 1:16 And I charged your judges at that time: Hear the cases between your brethren and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the stranger {or} sojourner who is with him.
Deut 1:17 You shall not be partial in judgment; but you shall hear the small as well as the great. You shall not be afraid of the face of man, for the judgment is God's. And the case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.
Deut 1:18 And I commanded you at that time all the things that you should do.
Deut 1:19 And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness which you saw on the way to the hill country of the Amorites, as the Lord our God commanded us, and we came to Kadesh-barnea.
Deut 1:20 And I said to you, You have come to the hill country of the Amorites, which the Lord our God gives us.
Deut 1:21 Behold, the Lord your God has set the land before you; go up and possess it, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has said to you. Fear not, neither be dismayed.
Deut 1:22 Then you all came near to me and said, Let us send men before us, that they may search out the land for us and bring us word again by what way we should go up and the cities into which we shall come.
Deut 1:23 The thing pleased me well, and I took twelve men of you, one for each tribe.
Deut 1:24 And they turned and went up into the hill country, and came to the Valley of Eshcol and spied it out.
Deut 1:25 And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands and brought it down to us and brought us word again, and said, It is a good land which the Lord our God gives us.
Deut 1:26 Yet you would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the Lord your God.
Deut 1:27 You were peevish {and} discontented in your tents, and said, Because the Lord hated us, He brought us forth out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites to destroy us.
Deut 1:28 To what are we going up? Our brethren have made our hearts melt, saying, The people are bigger and taller than we are; the cities are great and fortified to the heavens. And moreover we have seen the [giantlike] sons of the Anakim there.
Deut 1:29 Then I said to you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them.
Deut 1:30 The Lord your God Who goes before you, He will fight for you just as He did for you in Egypt before your eyes,
Deut 1:31 And in the wilderness, where you have seen how the Lord your God bore you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.
Deut 1:32 Yet in spite of this word you did not believe (trust, rely on, and remain steadfast to) the Lord your God,
Deut 1:33 Who went in the way before you to search out a place to pitch your tents, in fire by night, to show you by what way you should go, and in the cloud by day.
Deut 1:34 And the Lord heard your words, and was angered and He swore,
Deut 1:35 Not one of these men of this evil generation shall see that good land which I swore to give to your fathers,
Deut 1:36 Except [Joshua, of course, and] Caleb son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and to his children I will give the land upon which he has walked, because he has wholly followed the Lord.
Deut 1:37 The Lord was angry with me also for your sakes, and said, You also shall not enter Canaan.
Deut 1:38 But Joshua son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall enter there. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

Deut 1:39 Moreover, your little ones whom you said would become a prey, and your children who at this time cannot discern between good and evil, they shall enter Canaan, and to them I will give it and they shall possess it.
Deut 1:40 But as for you, turn and journey into the wilderness by way of the Red Sea.
Deut 1:41 Then you said to me, We have sinned against the Lord. We will go up and fight, as the Lord our God commanded us. And you girded on every man his battle weapons, and thought it a simple matter to go up into the hill country.
Deut 1:42 And the Lord said to me, Say to them, Do not go up or fight, for I am not among you--lest you be dangerously hurt by your enemies.
Deut 1:43 So I spoke to you, and you would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the Lord, and were presumptuous and went up into the hill country.
Deut 1:44 Then the Amorites who lived in that hill country came out against you and chased you as bees do and struck you down in Seir as far as Hormah.
Deut 1:45 And you returned and wept before the Lord, but the Lord would not heed your voice or listen to you.
Deut 1:46 So you remained in Kadesh; many days you remained there.
Deut 2:1 THEN WE turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea, as the Lord directed me; and for many days we journeyed around Mount Seir.
Deut 2:2 And the Lord spoke to me [Moses], saying,
Deut 2:3 You have roamed around this mountain country long enough; turn northward.
Deut 2:4 And command the Israelites, You are to pass through the territory of your kinsmen the sons of Esau, who live in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. So watch yourselves carefully.
Deut 2:5 Do not provoke {or} stir them up, for I will not give you of their land, no, not enough for the sole of your foot to tread on, for I have given Mount Seir to Esau for a possession.
Deut 2:6 You shall buy food from them for money, that you may eat, and you shall also buy water from them for money, that you may drink.
Deut 2:7 For the Lord your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand. He knows your walking through this great wilderness. These forty years the Lord your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing.
Deut 2:8 So we passed on from our brethren the sons of Esau, who dwelt in Seir, away from the Arabah (wilderness), and from Elath and from Ezion-geber. We turned and went by the way of the wilderness of Moab.
Deut 2:9 And the Lord said to me, Do not trouble {or} assault Moab or contend with them in battle, for I will not give you any of their land for a possession, because I have given Ar to the sons of Lot for a possession.
Deut 2:10 (The Emim dwelt there in times past, a people great and many, and tall as the Anakim.
Deut 2:11 These also are known as Rephaim [of giant stature], as are the Anakim, but the Moabites call them Emim.
Deut 2:12 The Horites also formerly lived in Seir, but the sons of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them and dwelt in their stead, as Israel did to the land of their possession which the Lord gave to them.)
Deut 2:13 Now rise up and go over the brook Zered. So we went over the brook Zered.
Deut 2:14 And the time from our leaving Kadesh-barnea until we had come over the brook Zered was thirty-eight years, until the whole generation of the men of war had perished from the camp, as the Lord had sworn to them.
Deut 2:15 Moreover the hand of the Lord was against them to exterminate them from the midst of the camp, until they were all gone.
Deut 2:16 So when all the men of war had died from among the people,
Deut 2:17 The Lord spoke to me [Moses], saying,
Deut 2:18 You are this day to pass through Ar, the border of Moab.
Deut 2:19 But when you come near the territory of the sons of Ammon, do not trouble {or} assault them or provoke {or} stir them up, for I will not give you any of the land of the Ammonites for a possession, because I have given it to the sons of Lot for a possession.
Deut 2:20 (That also is known as a land of Rephaim [of giant stature]; Rephaim dwelt there formerly, but the Ammonites call them Zamzummim,
Deut 2:21 A people great and many, and tall as the Anakim. But the Lord destroyed them before [Ammon], and they dispossessed them and settled in their stead,
Deut 2:22 As He did for the sons of Esau, who dwell in Seir, when He destroyed the Horites from before them, and they dispossessed them and settled in their stead even to this day.
Deut 2:23 As for the Avvim who dwelt in villages as far as Gaza, the Caphtorim who came from Caphtor destroyed them and dwelt in their stead.)
Deut 2:24 Rise up, take your journey, and pass over the Valley of the Arnon. Behold, I have given into your hand

Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land; begin to possess it and contend with him in battle.
Deut 2:25 This day will I begin to put the dread and fear of you upon the peoples who are under the whole heavens, who shall hear the report of you and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.
Deut 2:26 So I sent messengers from the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying,
Deut 2:27 Let me pass through your land. I will go only by the road, turning aside neither to the right nor to the left.
Deut 2:28 You shall sell me food to eat and sell me water to drink; only let me walk through,
Deut 2:29 As the sons of Esau, who dwell in Seir, and the Moabites, who dwell in Ar, did for me, until I go over the Jordan into the land which the Lord our God gives us.
Deut 2:30 But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him; for the Lord your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that He might give him into your hand, as at this day.
Deut 2:31 And the Lord said to me [Moses], Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land over to you. Begin to take possession, that you may succeed him {and} occupy his land.
Deut 2:32 Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz.
Deut 2:33 And the Lord our God gave him over to us, and we defeated him and his sons and all his people.
Deut 2:34 At the same time we took all his cities and utterly destroyed every city--men, women, and children. We left none to remain.
Deut 2:35 Only the cattle we took as booty for ourselves and the spoil of the cities which we had captured.
Deut 2:36 From Aroer, which is on the edge of the Arnon Valley, and from the city that is in the valley, as far as Gilead, there was no city too high {and} strong for us; the Lord our God delivered all to us.
Deut 2:37 Only you did not go near the land of the Ammonites, that is, to any bank of the river Jabbok and the cities of the hill country, and wherever the Lord our God had forbidden us.
Deut 3:1 THEN WE turned and went up the road to Bashan, and Og king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.
Deut 3:2 And the Lord said to me, Do not fear him, for I have given him and all his people and his land into your hand; and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.
Deut 3:3 So the Lord our God also gave into our hands Og king of Bashan and all his people, and we smote him until not one was left to him.
Deut 3:4 And we took all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we did not take from them, sixty cities, the whole region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.
Deut 3:5 All these cities were fortified with high {and} haughty walls, gates, and bars, besides a great many unwalled villages.
Deut 3:6 And we utterly destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying every city--men, women, and children.
Deut 3:7 But all the cattle and the spoil of the cities we took for booty for ourselves.
Deut 3:8 So we took the land at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, from the Valley of the Arnon to Mount Hermon
Deut 3:9 (The Sidonians call Hermon, Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir),
Deut 3:10 All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan as far as Salecah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.
Deut 3:11 For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the [gigantic] Rephaim. Behold, his bedstead was of iron; is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? Nine cubits was its length and four cubits its breadth, using the cubit of a man [the forearm to the end of the middle finger].
Deut 3:12 When we took possession of this land, I gave to the Reubenites and the Gadites the territory from Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and half the hill country of Gilead and its cities.
Deut 3:13 The rest of Gilead and all of Bashan, the kingdom of Og, that is, all the region of Argob in Bashan, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh. It is called the land of Rephaim [of giant stature].
Deut 3:14 Jair son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob, that is, Bashan, as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and called it after his own name, Havvoth-jair, so called to this day.
Deut 3:15 And I gave Gilead to Machir [son of Manasseh].
Deut 3:16 And to the Reubenites and Gadites I gave from Gilead even to the Valley of the Arnon, with the middle of the valley as the boundary of it, as far over as the river Jabbok, the boundary of the Ammonites,
Deut 3:17 The Arabah also, with the Jordan as its boundary, from Chinnereth as far as the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt [Dead] Sea, under the cliffs [of the headlands] of Pisgah on the east.

Deut 3:18 And I commanded you at that time, saying, The Lord your God has given you this land to possess it; you [Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh] shall go over [the Jordan] armed before your brethren the other Israelites, all that are able for war.
Deut 3:19 But your wives and your little ones and your cattle--I know that you have many cattle--shall remain in your cities which I have given you,
Deut 3:20 Until the Lord has given rest to your brethren as to you, and until they also possess the land which the Lord your God has given them beyond the Jordan. Then shall you return every man to the possession which I have given you.
Deut 3:21 And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Your {own} eyes have seen all that the Lord your God has done to these two kings [Sihon and Og]; so shall the Lord do to all the kingdoms into which you are going over [the Jordan].
Deut 3:22 You shall not fear them, for the Lord your God shall fight for you.
Deut 3:23 And I besought the Lord at that time, saying,
Deut 3:24 O Lord God, You have only begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your mighty hand; for what god is there in heaven or on earth that can do according to Your works and according to Your might?
Deut 3:25 I pray You, [will You not just] let me go over and see the good land that is beyond the Jordan, that goodly mountain country [with Hermon] and Lebanon?
Deut 3:26 But the Lord was angry with me on your account and would not listen to me; and the Lord said to me, That is enough! Say no more to Me about it.
Deut 3:27 Get up to the top of Pisgah and lift up your eyes westward and northward and southward and eastward, and behold it with your eyes, for you shall not go over this Jordan.
Deut 3:28 But charge Joshua, and encourage and strengthen him, for he shall go over before this people and he shall cause them to possess the land which you shall see.
Deut 3:29 So we remained in the valley opposite Beth-peor.
Deut 4:1 NOW LISTEN {and} give heed, O Israel, to the statutes and ordinances which I teach you, and do them, that you may live and go in and possess the land which the Lord, the God of your fathers, gives you.
Deut 4:2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, neither shall you diminish it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.
Deut 4:3 Your eyes still see what the Lord did because of Baal-peor; for all the men who followed the Baal of Peor the Lord your God has destroyed from among you,
Deut 4:4 But you who clung fast to the Lord your God are alive, every one of you, this day.
Deut 4:5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and ordinances as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land which you are entering to possess.
Deut 4:6 So keep them and do them, for that is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.
Deut 4:7 For what great nation is there who has a god so near to them as the Lord our God is to us in all things for which we call upon Him?
Deut 4:8 And what large {and} important nation has statutes and ordinances so upright {and} just as all this law which I set before you today?
Deut 4:9 Only take heed, and guard your life diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen and lest they depart from your [mind and] heart all the days of your life. Teach them to your children and your children's children--
Deut 4:10 Especially how on the day that you stood before the Lord your God in Horeb, the Lord said to me, Gather the people together to Me and I will make them hear My words, that they may learn [reverently] to fear Me all the days they live upon the earth and that they may teach their children.
Deut 4:11 And you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the heart of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick gloom.
Deut 4:12 And the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the voice of the words, but saw no form; there was only a voice.
Deut 4:13 And He declared to you His covenant, which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments, and He wrote them on two tables of stone.
Deut 4:14 And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you the statutes and precepts, that you might do them in the land which you are going over to possess.
Deut 4:15 Therefore take good heed to yourselves, since you saw no form of Him on the day the Lord spoke to you on

Horeb out of the midst of the fire,
Deut 4:16 Beware lest you become corrupt by making for yourselves [to worship] a graven image in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female,
Deut 4:17 The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, or of any winged fowl that flies in the air,
Deut 4:18 The likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, or of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth.
Deut 4:19 And beware lest you lift up your eyes to the heavens, and when you see the sun, moon, and stars, even all the host of the heavens, you be drawn away and worship them and serve them, things which the Lord your God has allotted to all nations under the whole heaven.
Deut 4:20 But the Lord has taken you and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be to Him a people of His own possession, as you are this day.
Deut 4:21 Furthermore the Lord was angry with me because of you, and He swore that I should not go over the Jordan and that I should not enter the good land which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance.
Deut 4:22 But I must die in this land; I must not cross the Jordan; but you shall go over and possess that good land.
Deut 4:23 Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the Lord your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a graven image in the form of anything which the Lord your God has forbidden you.
Deut 4:24 For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.
Deut 4:25 When children shall be born to you, and children's children, and you have grown old in the land, if you corrupt yourselves by making a graven image in the form of anything, and do evil in the sight of the Lord your God, provoking Him to anger,
Deut 4:26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day that you shall soon utterly perish from the land which you are going over the Jordan to possess. You will not live long upon it but will be utterly destroyed.
Deut 4:27 And the Lord will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations to which the Lord will drive you.
Deut 4:28 There you will serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell.
Deut 4:29 But if from there you will seek (inquire for and require as necessity) the Lord your God, you will find Him if you [truly] seek Him with all your heart [and mind] and soul and life.
Deut 4:30 When you are in tribulation and all these things come upon you, in the latter days you will turn to the Lord your God and be obedient to His voice.
Deut 4:31 For the Lord your God is a merciful God; He will not fail you or destroy you or forget the covenant of your fathers, which He swore to them.
Deut 4:32 For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ask from one end of the heavens to the other, whether such a great thing as this has ever occurred or been heard of anywhere.
Deut 4:33 Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you heard, and live?
Deut 4:34 Or has God ever tried to go and take for Himself a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand, by an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, as the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?
Deut 4:35 To you it was shown, that you might realize {and} have personal knowledge that the Lord is God; there is no other besides Him.
Deut 4:36 Out of heaven He made you hear His voice, that He might correct, discipline, {and} admonish you; and on earth He made you see His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire.
Deut 4:37 And because He loved your fathers, He chose their descendants after them, and brought you out from Egypt with His own Presence, by His mighty power,
Deut 4:38 Driving out nations from before you, greater and mightier than yourselves, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day;
Deut 4:39 Know, recognize, {and} understand therefore this day and turn your [mind and] heart to it that the Lord is God in the heavens above and upon the earth beneath; there is no other.
Deut 4:40 Therefore you shall keep His statutes and His commandments, which I command you this day, that it may go well with you and your children after you and that you may prolong your days in the land which the Lord your God gives you forever.
Deut 4:41 Then Moses set apart three cities [of refuge] beyond the Jordan to the east,
Deut 4:42 That the manslayer might flee there, who slew his neighbor unintentionally and had not previously been at enmity with him, that fleeing to one of these cities he might save his life:

Deut 4:43 Bezer in the wilderness on the tableland, for the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, for the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, for the Manassites.
Deut 4:44 This is the law which Moses set before the Israelites.
Deut 4:45 These are the testimonies and the laws and the precepts which Moses spoke to the Israelites when they came out of Egypt,
Deut 4:46 Beyond the Jordan in the valley opposite Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the Israelites smote when they came out of Egypt.
Deut 4:47 And they took possession of his land and the land of Og king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites, who lived beyond the Jordan to the east,
Deut 4:48 From Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, as far as Mount Sirion (that is, Hermon),
Deut 4:49 And all the Arabah (lowlands) beyond the Jordan eastward, as far as the Sea of the Arabah [the Dead Sea], under the slopes {and} springs of Pisgah.
Deut 5:1 AND MOSES called all Israel, and said to them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and ordinances which I speak in your hearing this day, that you may learn them and take heed and do them.
Deut 5:2 The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.
Deut 5:3 The Lord made this covenant not with our fathers, but with us, who are all of us here alive this day.
Deut 5:4 The Lord spoke with you face to face at the mount out of the midst of the fire.
Deut 5:5 I stood between the Lord and you at that time to show you the word of the Lord, for you were afraid because of the fire and went not up into the mount. He said,
Deut 5:6 I am the Lord your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.
Deut 5:7 You shall have no other gods before Me {or} besides Me.
Deut 5:8 You shall not make for yourself [to worship] a graven image or any likeness of anything that is in the heavens above or that is in the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.
Deut 5:9 You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,
Deut 5:10 And showing mercy {and} steadfast love to thousands {and} to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.
Deut 5:11 You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in falsehood {or} without purpose.
Deut 5:12 Observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you.
Deut 5:13 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
Deut 5:14 But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, or your manservant or your maidservant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the stranger {or} sojourner who is within your gates, that your manservant and your maidservant may rest as well as you.
Deut 5:15 And [earnestly] remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt and that the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to observe {and} take heed to the Sabbath day.
Deut 5:16 Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, that your days may be prolonged and that it may go well with you in the land which the Lord your God gives you.
Deut 5:17 You shall not murder.
Deut 5:18 Neither shall you commit adultery.
Deut 5:19 Neither shall you act slyly {or} steal.
Deut 5:20 Neither shall you witness falsely against your neighbor.
Deut 5:21 Neither shall you covet your neighbor's wife, nor desire your neighbor's house, his field, his manservant or his maidservant, his ox or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.
Deut 5:22 These words the Lord spoke to all your assembly at the mountain out of the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and He spoke not again [added no more]. He wrote them on two tables of stone and gave them to me [Moses].
Deut 5:23 And when you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, you came near me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders;
Deut 5:24 And you said, Behold, the Lord our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice out of the midst of the fire; we have this day seen that God speaks with man and man still lives.
Deut 5:25 Now therefore, why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the Lord our God any longer, we shall die.

Deut 5:26 For who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of fire, as we have, and lived?
Deut 5:27 Go near [Moses] and hear all that the Lord our God will say. And speak to us all that the Lord our God will speak to you; and we will hear and do it.
Deut 5:28 And the Lord heard your words when you spoke to me and the Lord said to me, I have heard the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They have said well all that they have spoken.
Deut 5:29 Oh, that they had such a [mind and] heart in them always [reverently] to fear Me and keep all My commandments, that it might go well with them and with their children forever!
Deut 5:30 Go and say to them, Return to your tents.
Deut 5:31 But you [Moses], stand here by Me, and I will tell you all the commandments and the statutes and the precepts which you shall teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess.
Deut 5:32 Therefore you people shall be watchful to do as the Lord your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.
Deut 5:33 You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land which you shall possess.
Deut 6:1 NOW THIS is the instruction, the laws, and the precepts which the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you might do them in the land to which you go to possess it,
Deut 6:2 That you may [reverently] fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son's son, and keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.
Deut 6:3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and be watchful to do them, that it may be well with you and that you may increase exceedingly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.
Deut 6:4 Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord [the only Lord].
Deut 6:5 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your [mind and] heart and with your entire being and with all your might.
Deut 6:6 And these words which I am commanding you this day shall be [first] in your [own] minds {and} hearts; [then]
Deut 6:7 You shall whet {and} sharpen them so as to make them penetrate, {and} teach {and} impress them diligently upon the [minds and] hearts of your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up.
Deut 6:8 And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets (forehead bands) between your eyes.
Deut 6:9 And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and on your gates.
Deut 6:10 And when the Lord your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you, with great and goodly cities which you did not build,
Deut 6:11 And houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and cisterns hewn out which you did not hew, and vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and when you eat and are full,
Deut 6:12 Then beware lest you forget the Lord, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
Deut 6:13 You shall [reverently] fear the Lord your God and serve Him and swear by His name [and presence].
Deut 6:14 You shall not go after other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who are round about you;
Deut 6:15 For the Lord your God in the midst of you is a jealous God; lest the anger of the Lord your God be kindled against you, and He destroy you from the face of the earth.
Deut 6:16 You shall not tempt {and} try the Lord your God as you tempted {and} tried Him in Massah.
Deut 6:17 You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God and His exhortations and His statutes which He commanded you.
Deut 6:18 And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, that it may go well with you and that you may go in and possess the good land which the Lord swore to give to your fathers,
Deut 6:19 To cast out all your enemies from before you, as the Lord has promised.
Deut 6:20 When your son asks you in time to come, What is the meaning of the testimonies and statutes and precepts which the Lord our God has commanded you?
Deut 6:21 Then you shall say to your son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt, and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.
Deut 6:22 And the Lord showed signs and wonders, great and evil, against Egypt, against Pharaoh, and all his household, before our eyes;

Deut 6:23 And He brought us out from there, that He might bring us in to give us the land which He swore to give our fathers.
Deut 6:24 And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to [reverently] fear the Lord our God for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day.
Deut 6:25 And it will be accounted as righteousness (conformity to God's will in word, thought, and action) for us if we are watchful to do all this commandment before the Lord our God, as He has commanded us.
Deut 7:1 WHEN THE Lord your God brings you into the land which you are entering to possess and has plucked away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you,
Deut 7:2 And when the Lord your God gives them over to you and you smite them, then you must utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them, or show mercy to them.
Deut 7:3 You shall not make marriages with them; your daughter you shall not give to his son nor shall you take his daughter for your son,
Deut 7:4 For they will turn away your sons from following Me, that they may serve other gods; so will the anger of the Lord be kindled against you and He will destroy you quickly.
Deut 7:5 But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and hew down their Asherim [symbols of the goddess Asherah] and burn their graven images with fire.
Deut 7:6 For you are a holy {and} set-apart people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a special people to Himself out of all the peoples on the face of the earth.
Deut 7:7 The Lord did not set His love upon you and choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the fewest of all people.
Deut 7:8 But because the Lord loves you and because He would keep the oath which He had sworn to your fathers, the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.
Deut 7:9 Know, recognize, {and} understand therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, Who keeps covenant and steadfast love {and} mercy with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations,
Deut 7:10 And repays those who hate Him to their face, by destroying them; He will not be slack to him who hates Him, but will requite him to his face.
Deut 7:11 You shall therefore keep and do the instruction, laws, and precepts which I command you this day.
Deut 7:12 And if you hearken to these precepts and keep and do them, the Lord your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love which He swore to your fathers.
Deut 7:13 And He will love you, bless you, and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your body and the fruit of your land, your grain, your new wine, and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the young of your flock in the land which He swore to your fathers to give you.
Deut 7:14 You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.
Deut 7:15 And the Lord will take away from you all sickness, and none of the evil diseases of Egypt which you knew will He put upon you, but will lay them upon all who hate you.
Deut 7:16 And you shall consume all the peoples whom the Lord your God will give over to you; your eye shall not pity them, neither shall you serve their gods, for that would be a snare to you.
Deut 7:17 If you say in your [minds and] hearts, These nations are greater than we are; how can we dispossess them?
Deut 7:18 You shall not be afraid of them, but remember [earnestly] what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt,
Deut 7:19 The great trials which your eyes saw, the signs, the wonders, the mighty hand and the outstretched arm by which the Lord your God brought you out. So shall the Lord your God do to all the people of whom you are afraid.
Deut 7:20 Moreover, the Lord your God will send the hornet among them until those who are left and hide themselves from you are destroyed.
Deut 7:21 You shall not dread them, for the Lord your God is among you, a mighty and terrible God.
Deut 7:22 And the Lord your God will clear out those nations before you, little by little; you may not consume them quickly, lest the beasts of the field increase among you.
Deut 7:23 But the Lord your God will give them over to you and will confuse them with a mighty panic until they are destroyed.
Deut 7:24 And He will give their kings into your hand, and you shall make their name perish from under the heavens;

there shall no man be able to stand before you, until you have destroyed them.
Deut 7:25 The graven images of their gods you shall burn with fire. You shall not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be ensnared by it, for it is an abomination to the Lord your God.
Deut 7:26 Neither shall you bring an abomination (an idol) into your house, lest you become an accursed thing like it; but you shall utterly detest and abhor it, for it is an accursed thing.
Deut 8:1 ALL THE commandments which I command you this day you shall be watchful to do, that you may live and multiply and go in and possess the land which the Lord swore to give to your fathers.
Deut 8:2 And you shall [earnestly] remember all the way which the Lord your God led you these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and to prove you, to know what was in your [mind and] heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.
Deut 8:3 And He humbled you and allowed you to hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you recognize {and} personally know that man does not live by bread only, but man lives by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.
Deut 8:4 Your clothing did not become old upon you nor did your feet swell these forty years.
Deut 8:5 Know also in your [minds and] hearts that, as a man disciplines {and} instructs his son, so the Lord your God disciplines {and} instructs you.
Deut 8:6 So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and [reverently] fear Him.
Deut 8:7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills;
Deut 8:8 A land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey;
Deut 8:9 A land in which you shall eat food without shortage and lack nothing in it; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper.
Deut 8:10 When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the Lord your God for all the good land which He has given you.
Deut 8:11 Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments, His precepts, and His statutes which I command you today,
Deut 8:12 Lest when you have eaten and are full, and have built goodly houses and live in them,
Deut 8:13 And when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all you have is multiplied,
Deut 8:14 Then your [minds and] hearts be lifted up and you forget the Lord your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage,
Deut 8:15 Who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, but Who brought you forth water out of the flinty rock,
Deut 8:16 Who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end.
Deut 8:17 And beware lest you say in your [mind and] heart, My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.
Deut 8:18 But you shall [earnestly] remember the Lord your God, for it is He Who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.
Deut 8:19 And if you forget the Lord your God and walk after other gods and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish.
Deut 8:20 Like the nations which the Lord makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.
Deut 9:1 HEAR, O Israel. You are to cross the Jordan today to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than you are, cities great and fortified up to the heavens,
Deut 9:2 A people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know and of whom you have heard it said, Who can stand before the sons of Anak?
Deut 9:3 Know therefore this day that the Lord your God is He Who goes over before you as a devouring fire. He will destroy them and bring them down before you; so you shall dispossess them and make them perish quickly, as the Lord has promised you.
Deut 9:4 Do not say in your [mind and] heart, after the Lord your God has thrust them out from before you, It is because of my righteousness that the Lord has brought me in to possess this land--whereas it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord is dispossessing them before you.
Deut 9:5 Not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your [minds and] hearts do you go to possess their land;

but because of the wickedness of these nations the Lord your God is driving them out before you, and that He may fulfill the promise which the Lord swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
Deut 9:6 Know therefore that the Lord your God does not give you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a hard {and} stubborn people.
Deut 9:7 [Earnestly] remember and forget not how you provoked the Lord your God to wrath in the wilderness; from the day you left the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the Lord.
Deut 9:8 Even in Horeb you provoked the Lord to wrath, and the Lord was so angry with you that He would have destroyed you.
Deut 9:9 When I went up the mountain to receive the tables of stone, the tables of the covenant which the Lord made with you, I remained on the mountain forty days and forty nights; I neither ate food nor drank water.
Deut 9:10 And the Lord delivered to me the two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them were all the words which the Lord spoke with you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.
Deut 9:11 And at the end of forty days and forty nights the Lord gave me the two tables of stone, the tables of the covenant.
Deut 9:12 And the Lord said to me, Arise, go down from here quickly, for your people whom you brought out of Egypt have corrupted themselves. They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them; they have made for themselves a molten image.
Deut 9:13 Furthermore the Lord said to me, I have seen this people, and behold, they are stubborn {and} hard.
Deut 9:14 Let me alone, that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under the heavens; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.
Deut 9:15 So I turned and came down from the mountain, and the mountain was burning with fire. And the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands.
Deut 9:16 And I looked, and behold, you had sinned against the Lord your God; you had made for yourselves a molten calf. You had turned aside quickly from the way which the Lord had commanded you.
Deut 9:17 I took the two tables, cast them out of my two hands, and broke them before your eyes.
Deut 9:18 Then I fell down before the Lord as before, for forty days and forty nights; I neither ate food nor drank water, because of all the sin you had committed in doing wickedly in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger.
Deut 9:19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure which the Lord held against you, enough to destroy you. But the Lord listened to me that time also.
Deut 9:20 And the Lord was very angry with Aaron, angry enough to have destroyed him, and I prayed for Aaron also at the same time.
Deut 9:21 And I took your sin, the calf which you had made, and burned it with fire and crushed it, grinding it very small, until it was as fine as dust; and I cast the dust of it into the brook that came down out of the mountain.
Deut 9:22 At Taberah also and at Massah and at Kibroth-hattaavah you provoked the Lord to wrath.
Deut 9:23 Likewise when the Lord sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you, then you rebelled against the commandment of the Lord your God, and you did not believe Him {or} trust {and} rely on Him or obey His voice.
Deut 9:24 You have been rebellious against the Lord from the day that I knew you.
Deut 9:25 So I fell down {and} lay prostrate before the Lord forty days and nights because the Lord had said He would destroy you.
Deut 9:26 And I prayed to the Lord, O Lord God, do not destroy Your people and Your heritage, whom You have redeemed through Your greatness, whom You have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.
Deut 9:27 Remember [earnestly] Your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not at the stubbornness of this people or at their wickedness or at their sin,
Deut 9:28 Lest the land from which You brought us out say, Because the Lord was not able to bring them into the land which He promised them, and because He hated them, He has brought them out to slay them in the wilderness.
Deut 9:29 Yet they are Your people and Your inheritance, whom You brought out by Your mighty power and by Your outstretched arm.
Deut 10:1 AT THAT time the Lord said to me, Hew two tables of stone like the first and come up to Me on the mountain and make an ark of wood.
Deut 10:2 And I will write on the tables the words that were on the first tables which you broke, and you shall put them in the ark.
Deut 10:3 So I [Moses] made an ark of acacia wood and hewed two tables of stone like the first, and went up the mountain with the two tables of stone in my [one] hand.

Deut 10:4 And the Lord wrote on the tables as at the first writing, the Ten Commandments which the Lord had spoken to you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly; and the Lord gave them to me.
Deut 10:5 And I turned and came down from the mountain and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they are, as the Lord commanded me.
Deut 10:6 (The Israelites journeyed from the wells of the sons of Jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died, and there he was buried, and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead.
Deut 10:7 From there they journeyed to Gudgodah, and then to Jotbathah, a land of brooks [dividing the valley].
Deut 10:8 At that time the Lord set apart the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister to Him and to bless in His name unto this day.
Deut 10:9 Therefore Levi has no part or inheritance with his brethren; the Lord is his inheritance, as the Lord your God promised him.)
Deut 10:10 And I [Moses] stayed on the mountain, as the first time, forty days and nights, and the Lord listened to me at that time also; the Lord would not destroy you.
Deut 10:11 And the Lord said to me, Arise, journey on before the people, that they may go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers to give to them.
Deut 10:12 And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you but [reverently] to fear the Lord your God, [that is] to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your [mind and] heart and with your entire being,
Deut 10:13 To keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good?
Deut 10:14 Behold, the heavens and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth also, with all that is in it {and} on it.
Deut 10:15 Yet the Lord had a delight in loving your fathers, and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as it is this day.
Deut 10:16 So circumcise the foreskin of your [minds and] hearts; be no longer stubborn {and} hardened.
Deut 10:17 For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, the terrible God, Who is not partial and takes no bribe.
Deut 10:18 He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger {or} temporary resident and gives him food and clothing.
Deut 10:19 Therefore love the stranger {and} sojourner, for you were strangers {and} sojourners in the land of Egypt.
Deut 10:20 You shall [reverently] fear the Lord your God; you shall serve Him and cling to Him, and by His name {and} presence you shall swear.
Deut 10:21 He is your praise; He is your God, Who has done for you these great and terrible things which your eyes have seen.
Deut 10:22 Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons in all, and now the Lord your God has made you as the stars of the heavens for multitude.
Deut 11:1 THEREFORE YOU shall love the Lord your God and keep His charge, His statutes, His precepts, and His commandments always.
Deut 11:2 And know this day--for I am not speaking to your children who have not [personally] known and seen it--the instruction {and} discipline of the Lord your God: His greatness, His mighty hand, and His outstretched arm;
Deut 11:3 His signs and His deeds which He did in Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land;
Deut 11:4 And what He did to the army of Egypt, to their horses and chariots, how He made the waters of the Red Sea flow over them as they pursued you, and how the Lord has destroyed them to this day;
Deut 11:5 And what He did to you in the wilderness until you came to this place;
Deut 11:6 And what He did to Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben, how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up them, their households, their tents, and every living thing that followed them, in the midst of all Israel.
Deut 11:7 For your eyes have seen all the great work of the Lord which He did.
Deut 11:8 Therefore you shall keep all the commandments which I command you today, that you may be strong and go in and possess the land which you go across [the Jordan] to possess,
Deut 11:9 And that you may live long in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give to them and to their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey.
Deut 11:10 For the land which you go in to possess is not like the land of Egypt, from which you came out, where you sowed your seed and watered it with your foot laboriously as in a garden of vegetables.
Deut 11:11 But the land which you enter to possess is a land of hills and valleys which drinks water of the rain of the

heavens,
Deut 11:12 A land for which the Lord your God cares; the eyes of the Lord your God are always upon it from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.
Deut 11:13 And if you will diligently heed My commandments which I command you this day--to love the Lord your God and to serve Him with all your [mind and] heart and with your entire being--
Deut 11:14 I will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil.
Deut 11:15 And I will give grass in your fields for your cattle, that you may eat and be full.
Deut 11:16 Take heed to yourselves, lest your [minds and] hearts be deceived and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them,
Deut 11:17 And the Lord's anger be kindled against you, and He shut up the heavens so that there will be no rain and the land will not yield its fruit, and you perish quickly off the good land which the Lord gives you.
Deut 11:18 Therefore you shall lay up these My words in your [minds and] hearts and in your [entire] being, and bind them for a sign upon your hands and as forehead bands between your eyes.
Deut 11:19 And you shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you rise up.
Deut 11:20 And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and on your gates,
Deut 11:21 That your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.
Deut 11:22 For if you diligently keep all this commandment which I command you to do, to love the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, and to cleave to Him--
Deut 11:23 Then the Lord will drive out all these nations before you, and you shall dispossess nations greater and mightier than you.
Deut 11:24 Every place upon which the sole of your foot shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness to Lebanon, and from the River, the river Euphrates, to the western sea [the Mediterranean] your territory shall be.
Deut 11:25 There shall no man be able to stand before you; the Lord your God shall lay the fear and the dread of you upon all the land that you shall tread, as He has said to you.
Deut 11:26 Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse--
Deut 11:27 The blessing if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you this day;
Deut 11:28 And the curse if you will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you this day to go after other gods, which you have not known.
Deut 11:29 And when the Lord your God has brought you into the land which you go to possess, you shall set the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal.
Deut 11:30 Are they not beyond the Jordan, west of the road, where the sun goes down, in the land of the Canaanites living in the Arabah opposite Gilgal, beside the oaks {or} terebinths of Moreh?
Deut 11:31 For you are to cross over the Jordan to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God gives you, and you shall possess it and live in it.
Deut 11:32 And you shall be watchful to do all the statutes and ordinances which I set before you this day.
Deut 12:1 THESE ARE the statutes and ordinances which you shall be watchful to do in the land which the Lord, the God of your fathers, gives you to possess all the days you live on the earth.
Deut 12:2 You shall surely destroy all the places where the nations you dispossess served their gods, upon the high mountains and the hills and under every green tree.
Deut 12:3 You shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and burn their Asherim with fire; you shall hew down the graven images of their gods and destroy their name out of that place.
Deut 12:4 You shall not behave so toward the Lord your God.
Deut 12:5 But you shall seek the place which the Lord your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put His Name and make His dwelling place, and there shall you come;
Deut 12:6 And there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the offering of your hands, and your vows and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herd and of your flock.
Deut 12:7 And there you shall eat before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice in all to which you put your hand, you and your households, in which the Lord your God has blessed you.
Deut 12:8 You shall not do according to all we do here [in the camp] this day, every man doing whatever looks right in his own eyes.
Deut 12:9 For you have not yet come to the rest and to the inheritance which the Lord your God gives you.

Deut 12:10 But when you go over the Jordan and dwell in the land which the Lord your God causes you to inherit, and He gives you rest from all your enemies round about so that you dwell in safety,
Deut 12:11 Then there shall be a place which the Lord your God shall choose to cause His Name [and His Presence] to dwell there; to it you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes and what the hand presents [as a first gift from the fruits of the ground], and all your choicest offerings which you vow to the Lord.
Deut 12:12 And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you and your sons and your daughters, and your menservants and your maidservants, and the Levite that is within your towns, since he has no part or inheritance with you.
Deut 12:13 Be watchful not to offer your burnt offerings in every place you see.
Deut 12:14 But in the place which the Lord shall choose in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all I command you.
Deut 12:15 However, you may kill and eat flesh in any of your towns whenever you desire, according to the provision for the support of life with which the Lord your God has blessed you; those [ceremonially] unclean and the clean may eat of it, as of the gazelle and the hart.
Deut 12:16 Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it upon the ground as water.
Deut 12:17 You may not eat within your towns the tithe of your grain or of your new wine or of your oil, or the firstlings of your herd or flock, or anything you have vowed, or your freewill offerings, or the offerings from your hand [of garden products].
Deut 12:18 But you shall eat them before the Lord your God in the place which the Lord your God shall choose, you and your son and your daughter, your manservant and your maidservant, and the Levite that is within your towns; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God in all that you undertake.
Deut 12:19 Take heed not to forsake {or} neglect the Levite [God's minister] as long as you live in your land.
Deut 12:20 When the Lord your God enlarges your territory, as He promised you, and you say, I will eat flesh, because you crave flesh, you may eat flesh whenever you desire.
Deut 12:21 If the place where the Lord your God has chosen to put His Name [and Presence] is too far from you, then you shall kill from your herd or flock which the Lord has given you, as I [Moses] have commanded you; eat in your towns as much as you desire.
Deut 12:22 Just as the roebuck and the hart is eaten, so you may eat of it [but not offer it]; the unclean and the clean alike may eat of it.
Deut 12:23 Only be sure that you do not eat the blood, for the blood is the life, and you may not eat the life with the flesh.
Deut 12:24 You shall not eat it; you shall pour it out on the earth like water.
Deut 12:25 You shall not eat it, that all may go well with you and with your children after you, when you do what is right in the sight of the Lord.
Deut 12:26 Only your holy things which you have [to offer] and what you have vowed you shall take, and go to the place [before the sanctuary] which the Lord shall choose.
Deut 12:27 And offer your burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of the Lord your God; and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on the altar of the Lord your God, and you may eat the flesh.
Deut 12:28 Be watchful and obey all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you and with your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the sight of the Lord your God.
Deut 12:29 When the Lord your God cuts off before you the nations whom you go to dispossess, and you dispossess them and live in their land,
Deut 12:30 Be watchful that you are not ensnared into following them after they have been destroyed before you and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? We will do likewise.
Deut 12:31 You shall not do so to the Lord your God, for every abominable thing which the Lord hates they have done for their gods. For even their sons and their daughters they have burned in the fire to their gods.
Deut 12:32 Whatever I command you, be watchful to do it; you shall not add to it or diminish it.
Deut 13:1 IF A prophet arises among you, or a dreamer of dreams, and gives you a sign or a wonder,
Deut 13:2 And the sign or the wonder he foretells to you comes to pass, and if he says, Let us go after other gods--gods you have not known--and let us serve them,
Deut 13:3 You shall not listen to the words of that prophet or to that dreamer of dreams. For the Lord your God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your [mind and] heart and with your entire being.
Deut 13:4 You shall walk after the Lord your God and [reverently] fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey

His voice, and you shall serve Him and cling to Him.
Deut 13:5 But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has talked rebellion {and} turning away from the Lord your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of bondage; that man has tried to draw you aside from the way in which the Lord your God commanded you to walk. So shall you put the evil away from your midst.
Deut 13:6 If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son or daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is as your own life entices you secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods--gods you have not known, you nor your fathers,
Deut 13:7 Of the gods of the peoples who are round about you, near you or far away from you, from one end of the earth to the other--
Deut 13:8 You shall not give consent to him or listen to him; nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him or conceal him.
Deut 13:9 But you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hands of all the people.
Deut 13:10 And you shall stone him to death with stones, because he has tried to draw you away from the Lord your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.
Deut 13:11 And all Israel shall hear and [reverently] fear, and shall never again do any such wickedness as this among you.
Deut 13:12 If you hear it said in one of your cities which the Lord your God has given you in which to dwell
Deut 13:13 That certain base fellows have gone out from your midst and have enticed away the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods--gods you have not known--
Deut 13:14 Then you shall inquire and make search and ask diligently. And behold, if it is true and certain that such an abominable thing has been done among you,
Deut 13:15 You shall surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly and all who are in it and its beasts with the edge of the sword.
Deut 13:16 And you shall collect all its spoil into the midst of its open square and shall burn the city with fire with every bit of its spoil [as a whole burnt offering] to the Lord your God. It shall be a heap [of ruins] forever; it shall not be built again.
Deut 13:17 And nothing of the accursed thing shall cling to your hand, so that the Lord may turn from the fierceness of His anger, and show you mercy and have compassion on you and multiply you, as He swore to your fathers,
Deut 13:18 If you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep all His commandments which I command you this day, to do what is right in the eyes of the Lord your God.
Deut 14:1 YOU ARE the sons of the Lord your God; you shall not cut yourselves or make any baldness on your foreheads for the dead,
Deut 14:2 For you are a holy people [set apart] to the Lord your God; and the Lord has chosen you to be a peculiar people to Himself, above all the nations on the earth.
Deut 14:3 You shall not eat anything that is abominable [to the Lord and so forbidden by Him].
Deut 14:4 These are the beasts which you may eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat,
Deut 14:5 The hart, the gazelle, the roebuck, the wild goat, the ibex, the antelope, and the mountain sheep.
Deut 14:6 And every beast that parts the hoof and has it divided into two and brings up {and} chews the cud among the beasts you may eat.
Deut 14:7 Yet these you shall not eat of those that chew the cud or have the hoof split in two: the camel, the hare, and the coney, because they chew the cud but divide not the hoof; they are unclean for you.
Deut 14:8 And the swine, because it parts the hoof but does not chew the cud; it is unclean to you. You shall not eat of their flesh or touch their dead bodies.
Deut 14:9 These you may eat of all that are in the waters: whatever has fins and scales you may eat,
Deut 14:10 And whatever has not fins and scales you may not eat; it is unclean for you.
Deut 14:11 Of all clean birds you may eat.
Deut 14:12 But these are the ones which you shall not eat: the eagle, the vulture, the ospray,
Deut 14:13 The buzzard, the kite in its several species,
Deut 14:14 The raven in all its species,
Deut 14:15 The ostrich, the nighthawk, the sea gull, the hawk of any variety,
Deut 14:16 The little owl, the great owl, the horned owl,
Deut 14:17 The pelican, the carrion vulture, the cormorant,

Deut 14:18 The stork, the heron of any variety, the hoopoe, and the bat.
Deut 14:19 And all flying insects are unclean for you; they shall not be eaten.
Deut 14:20 But of all clean winged things you may eat.
Deut 14:21 You shall not eat of anything that dies of itself. You may give it to the stranger {or} the foreigner who is within your towns, that he may eat it, or you may sell it to an alien. [They are not under God's law in this matter] but you are a people holy to the Lord your God. You shall not [even] boil a kid in its mother's milk.
Deut 14:22 You shall surely tithe all the yield of your seed produced by your field each year.
Deut 14:23 And you shall eat before the Lord your God in the place in which He will cause His Name [and Presence] to dwell the tithe (tenth) of your grain, your new wine, your oil, and the firstlings of your herd and your flock, that you may learn [reverently] to fear the Lord your God always.
Deut 14:24 And if the distance is too long for you to carry your tithe, or the place where the Lord your God chooses to set His Name [and Presence] is too far away for you, when the Lord your God has blessed you,
Deut 14:25 Then you shall turn it into money, and bind up the money in your hand, and shall go to the place [of worship] which the Lord your God has chosen.
Deut 14:26 And you may spend that money for whatever your appetite craves, for oxen, or sheep, or new wine or strong[er] drink, or whatever you desire; and you shall eat there before the Lord your God and you shall rejoice, you and your household.
Deut 14:27 And you shall not forsake {or} neglect the Levite [God's minister] in your towns, for he has been given no share or inheritance with you.
Deut 14:28 At the end of every three years you shall bring forth all the tithe of your increase the same year and lay it up within your towns.
Deut 14:29 And the Levite [because he has no part or inheritance with you] and the stranger {or} temporary resident, and the fatherless and the widow who are in your towns shall come and eat and be satisfied, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.
Deut 15:1 AT THE end of every seven years you shall grant a release.
Deut 15:2 And this is the manner of the release: every creditor shall release that which he has lent to his neighbor; he shall not exact it of his neighbor, his brother, for the Lord's release is proclaimed.
Deut 15:3 Of a foreigner you may exact it, but whatever of yours is with your brother [Israelite] your hand shall release.
Deut 15:4 But there will be no poor among you, for the Lord will surely bless you in the land which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance to possess,
Deut 15:5 If only you carefully listen to the voice of the Lord your God, to do watchfully all these commandments which I command you this day.
Deut 15:6 When the Lord your God blesses you as He promised you, then you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow; and you shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over you.
Deut 15:7 If there is among you a poor man, one of your kinsmen in any of the towns of your land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not harden your [minds and] hearts or close your hands to your poor brother;
Deut 15:8 But you shall open your hands wide to him and shall surely lend him sufficient for his need in whatever he lacks.
Deut 15:9 Beware lest there be a base thought in your [minds and] hearts, and you say, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand, and your eye be evil against your poor brother and you give him nothing, and he cry to the Lord against you, and it be sin in you.
Deut 15:10 You shall give to him freely without begrudging it; because of this the Lord will bless you in all your work and in all you undertake.
Deut 15:11 For the poor will never cease out of the land; therefore I command you, You shall open wide your hands to your brother, to your needy, and to your poor in your land.
Deut 15:12 And if your brother, a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you and serves you six years, then in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you.
Deut 15:13 And when you send him out free from you, you shall not let him go away empty-handed.
Deut 15:14 You shall furnish him liberally out of your flock, your threshing floor, and your winepress; of what the Lord your God has blessed you, you shall give to him.
Deut 15:15 And you shall [earnestly] remember that you were a bondman in the land of Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you; therefore I give you this command today.
Deut 15:16 But if the servant says to you, I will not go away from you, because he loves you and your household,

since he does well with you,
Deut 15:17 Then take an awl and pierce his ear through to the door, and he shall be your servant always. And also to your bondwoman you shall do likewise.
Deut 15:18 It shall not seem hard to you when you let him go free from you, for at half the cost of a hired servant he has served you six years; and the Lord your God will bless you in all you do.
Deut 15:19 All the firstling males that are born of your herd and flock you shall set apart for the Lord your God; you shall do no work with the firstling of your herd, nor shear the firstling of your flock.
Deut 15:20 You shall eat it before the Lord your God annually in the place [for worship] which the Lord shall choose, you and your household.
Deut 15:21 But if it has any blemish, if it is lame, blind, or has any bad blemish whatsoever, you shall not sacrifice it to the Lord your God.
Deut 15:22 You shall eat it within your towns; the [ceremonially] unclean and the clean alike may eat it, as if it were a gazelle or a hart.
Deut 15:23 Only you shall not eat its blood; you shall pour it on the ground like water.
Deut 16:1 OBSERVE THE month of Abib and keep the Passover to the Lord your God, for in the month of Abib the Lord your God brought you out of Egypt by night.
Deut 16:2 You shall offer the Passover sacrifice to the Lord your God from the flock or the herd in the place where the Lord will choose to make His Name [and His Presence] dwell.
Deut 16:3 You shall eat no leavened bread with it; for seven days you shall eat it with unleavened bread, the bread of affliction--for you fled from the land of Egypt in haste--that all the days of your life you may [earnestly] remember the day when you came out of Egypt.
Deut 16:4 No leaven shall be seen with you in all your territory for seven days; nor shall any of the flesh which you sacrificed the first day at evening be left all night until the morning.
Deut 16:5 You may not offer the Passover sacrifice within any of your towns which the Lord your God gives you,
Deut 16:6 But at the place which the Lord your God will choose in which to make His Name [and His Presence] dwell, there you shall offer the Passover sacrifice in the evening at sunset, at the season that you came out of Egypt.
Deut 16:7 And you shall roast {or} boil and eat it in the place which the Lord your God will choose. And in the morning you shall turn and go to your tents.
Deut 16:8 For six days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a solemn assembly to the Lord your God; you shall do no work on it.
Deut 16:9 You shall count seven weeks; begin to number the seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain.
Deut 16:10 Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God with a tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give to the Lord your God, as the Lord your God blesses you.
Deut 16:11 And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you and your son and daughter, your manservant and maidservant, and the Levite who is within your towns, the stranger {or} temporary resident, the fatherless, and the widow who are among you, at the place in which the Lord your God chooses to make His Name [and His Presence] dwell.
Deut 16:12 And you shall [earnestly] remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and you shall be watchful and obey these statutes.
Deut 16:13 You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles {or} Booths for seven days after you have gathered in from your threshing floor and wine vat.
Deut 16:14 You shall rejoice in your Feast, you, your son and daughter, your manservant and maidservant, the Levite, the transient {and} the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow who are within your towns.
Deut 16:15 For seven days you shall keep a solemn Feast to the Lord your God in the place which the Lord chooses; because the Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the works of your hands, so that you will be altogether joyful.
Deut 16:16 Three times a year shall all your males appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles {or} Booths. They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed:
Deut 16:17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you.
Deut 16:18 You shall appoint judges and officers in all your towns which the Lord your God gives you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment.

Deut 16:19 You shall not misinterpret {or} misapply judgment; you shall not be partial, or take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous.
Deut 16:20 Follow what is altogether just (uncompromisingly righteous), that you may live and inherit the land which your God gives you.
Deut 16:21 You shall not plant for yourselves any kind of tree dedicated to [the goddess] Asherah beside the altar of the Lord your God which you shall make.
Deut 16:22 Neither shall you set up an idolatrous stone {or} image, which the Lord your God hates.
Deut 17:1 YOU SHALL not sacrifice to the Lord your God an ox or sheep with a blemish or any defect whatsoever, for that is an abomination to the Lord your God.
Deut 17:2 If there is found among you within any of your towns which the Lord your God gives you a man or woman who does what is wicked in the sight of the Lord your God by transgressing His covenant,
Deut 17:3 Who has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, or the sun or moon or any of the host of the heavens, which I have forbidden,
Deut 17:4 And it is told and you hear of it, then inquire diligently. And if it is certainly true that such an abomination has been committed in Israel,
Deut 17:5 Then you shall bring forth to your town's gates that man or woman who has done that wicked thing and you shall stone that man or woman to death.
Deut 17:6 On the evidence of two or three witnesses he who is worthy of death shall be put to death; he shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness.
Deut 17:7 The hands of the witnesses shall be the first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So you shall purge the evil from among you.
Deut 17:8 If there arises a matter too hard for you in judgment--between one kind of bloodshed and another, between one legality and another, between one kind of assault and another, matters of controversy within your towns--then arise and go to the place which the Lord your God chooses.
Deut 17:9 And you shall come to the Levitical priests and to the judge who is in office in those days, and you shall consult them and they shall make clear to you the decision.
Deut 17:10 And you shall do according to the decision which they declare to you from that place which the Lord chooses; and you shall be watchful to do according to all that they tell you;
Deut 17:11 According to the decision of the law which they shall teach you and the judgment which they shall announce to you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside from the verdict they give you, either to the right hand or the left.
Deut 17:12 The man who does presumptuously and will not listen to the priest who stands to minister there before the Lord your God or to the judge, that man shall die; so you shall purge the evil from Israel.
Deut 17:13 And all the people shall hear and [reverently] fear, and not act presumptuously again.
Deut 17:14 When you come to the land which the Lord your God gives you and you possess it and live there, and then say, We will set a king over us like all the nations that are about us,
Deut 17:15 You shall surely set as king over you him whom the Lord your God will choose. One from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner, who is not your brother, over you.
Deut 17:16 But he shall not multiply horses to himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to multiply horses, since the Lord said to you, You shall never return that way.
Deut 17:17 And he shall not multiply wives to himself, that his [mind and] heart turn not away; neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.
Deut 17:18 And when he sits on his royal throne, he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, out of what is before the Levitical priests.
Deut 17:19 And he shall keep it with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn [reverently] to fear the Lord his God, by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes and doing them,
Deut 17:20 That his [mind and] heart may not be lifted up above his brethren and that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left; so that he may continue long, he and his sons, in his kingdom in Israel.
Deut 18:1 THE LEVITICAL priests and all the tribe of Levi shall have no part or inheritance with Israel; they shall eat the offerings made by fire to the Lord, and His rightful dues.
Deut 18:2 They shall have no inheritance among their brethren; the Lord is their inheritance, as He promised them.
Deut 18:3 And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, whether it be ox or sheep: they shall give to the priest the shoulder and the two cheeks and the stomach.
Deut 18:4 The firstfruits of your grain, of your new wine, and of your oil, and the first {or} best of the fleece of your

sheep you shall give the priest.
Deut 18:5 For the Lord your God has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand to minister in the name [and presence] of the Lord, him and his sons forever.
Deut 18:6 And if a Levite comes from any of your towns out of all Israel where he is a temporary resident, he may come whenever he desires to [the sanctuary] the place the Lord will choose;
Deut 18:7 Then he may minister in the name [and presence of] the Lord his God like all his brethren the Levites who stand to minister there before the Lord.
Deut 18:8 They shall have equal portions to eat, besides what may come of the sale of his patrimony.
Deut 18:9 When you come into the land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of these nations.
Deut 18:10 There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or daughter pass through the fire, or who uses divination, or is a soothsayer, or an augur, or a sorcerer,
Deut 18:11 Or a charmer, or a medium, or a wizard, or a necromancer.
Deut 18:12 For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and it is because of these abominable practices that the Lord your God is driving them out before you.
Deut 18:13 You shall be blameless [and absolutely true] to the Lord your God.
Deut 18:14 For these nations whom you shall dispossess listen to soothsayers and diviners. But as for you, the Lord your God has not allowed you to do so.
Deut 18:15 The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet (Prophet) from the midst of your brethren like me [Moses]; to him you shall listen.
Deut 18:16 This is what you desired [and asked] of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.
Deut 18:17 And the Lord said to me, They have well said all that they have spoken.
Deut 18:18 I will raise up for them a prophet (Prophet) from among their brethren like you, and will put My words in his mouth; and he shall speak to them all that I command him.
Deut 18:19 And whoever will not hearken to My words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him.
Deut 18:20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.
Deut 18:21 And if you say in your [minds and] hearts, How shall we know which words the Lord has not spoken?
Deut 18:22 When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or prove true, that is a word which the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.
Deut 19:1 WHEN THE Lord your God has cut off the nations whose land the Lord your God gives you, and you dispossess them and dwell in their cities and in their houses,
Deut 19:2 You shall set apart three cities for yourselves in the land which the Lord your God gives you to possess.
Deut 19:3 You shall prepare the road and divide into three parts the territory of your land which the Lord your God gives you to possess, so that any manslayer can flee to them.
Deut 19:4 And this is the case of the slayer who shall flee there in order that he may live. Whoever kills his neighbor unintentionally, for whom he had no enmity in time past--
Deut 19:5 As when a man goes into the wood with his neighbor to hew wood, and his hand strikes with the ax to cut down the tree, and the head slips off the handle and lights on his neighbor and kills him--he may flee to one of those cities and live;
Deut 19:6 Lest the avenger of the blood pursue the slayer while his [mind and] heart are hot with anger and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him even though the slayer was not worthy of death, since he had not been at enmity with him previously.
Deut 19:7 Therefore I command you, You shall set apart three [refuge] cities.
Deut 19:8 And if the Lord your God enlarges your territory, as He has sworn to your fathers to do, and gives you all the land which He promised to your fathers to give,
Deut 19:9 If you keep all these commandments to do them, which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God and to walk always in His ways, then you shall add three other cities to these three,
Deut 19:10 Lest innocent blood be shed in your land, which the Lord your God gives you as an inheritance, and so blood guilt be upon you.
Deut 19:11 But if any man hates his neighbor and lies in wait for him, and attacks him and wounds him mortally so that he dies, and the assailant flees into one of these cities,

Deut 19:12 Then the elders of his own city shall send for him and fetch him from there and give him over to the avenger of blood, so that he may die.
Deut 19:13 Your eyes shall not pity him, but you shall clear Israel of the guilt of innocent blood, that it may go well with you.
Deut 19:14 You shall not remove your neighbor's landmark in the land which the Lord your God gives you to possess, which the men of old [the first dividers of the land] set.
Deut 19:15 One witness shall not prevail against a man for any crime or any wrong in connection with any sin he commits; only on the testimony of two or three witnesses shall a charge be established.
Deut 19:16 If a false witness rises up against any man to accuse him of wrongdoing,
Deut 19:17 Then both parties to the controversy shall stand before the Lord, before the priests and the judges who are in office in those days.
Deut 19:18 The judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely,
Deut 19:19 Then you shall do to him as he had intended to do to his brother. So you shall put away the evil from among you.
Deut 19:20 And those who remain shall hear and [reverently] fear, and shall henceforth commit no such evil among you.
Deut 19:21 Your eyes shall not pity: it shall be life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.
Deut 20:1 WHEN YOU go forth to battle against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than your own, do not be afraid of them, for the Lord your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, is with you.
Deut 20:2 And when you come near to the battle, the priest shall approach and speak to the men,
Deut 20:3 And shall say to them, Hear, O Israel, you draw near this day to battle against your enemies. Let not your [minds and] hearts faint; fear not, and do not tremble or be terrified [and in dread] because of them.
Deut 20:4 For the Lord your God is He Who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to save you.
Deut 20:5 And the officers shall speak to the people, saying, What man is there who has built a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man dedicate it.
Deut 20:6 And what man has planted a vineyard and has not used the fruit of it? Let him also return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man use the fruit of it.
Deut 20:7 And what man has betrothed a wife and has not taken her? Let him return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man take her.
Deut 20:8 And the officers shall speak further to the people, and say, What man is fearful and fainthearted? Let him return to his house, lest [because of him] his brethren's [minds and] hearts faint as does his own.
Deut 20:9 And when the officers finish speaking to the people, they shall appoint commanders at the head of the people.
Deut 20:10 When you draw near to a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace to it.
Deut 20:11 And if that city makes an answer of peace to you and opens to you, then all the people found in it shall be tributary to you and they shall serve you.
Deut 20:12 But if it refuses to make peace with you and fights against you, then you shall besiege it.
Deut 20:13 And when the Lord your God has given it into your hands, you shall smite every male there with the edge of the sword.
Deut 20:14 But the women, the little ones, the beasts, and all that is in the city, all the spoil in it, you shall take for yourselves; and you shall use the spoil of your enemies which the Lord your God has given you.
Deut 20:15 So shall you treat all the cities that are very far off from you, that do not belong to the cities of these nations.
Deut 20:16 But in the cities of these people which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance, you shall save alive nothing that breathes.
Deut 20:17 But you shall utterly exterminate them, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, as the Lord your God has commanded you,
Deut 20:18 So that they may not teach you all the abominable practices they have carried on for their gods, and so cause you to sin against the Lord your God.
Deut 20:19 When you besiege a city for a long time, making war against it to take it, you shall not destroy its trees by using an ax on them, for you can eat their fruit; you must not cut them down, for is the tree of the field a man, that it should be besieged by you?
Deut 20:20 Only the trees which you know are not trees for food you may destroy and cut down, that you may build siege works against the city that makes war with you until it falls.

Deut 21:1 IF ONE is found slain in the land which the Lord your God gives you to possess, lying in the field, and it is not known who has killed him,
Deut 21:2 Then your elders and judges shall come forth and measure the distance to the cities around him who is slain.
Deut 21:3 And the city which is nearest to the slain man, the elders of that city shall take a heifer which has never been worked, never pulled in the yoke,
Deut 21:4 And the elders of that city shall bring the heifer down to a valley with running water which is neither plowed nor sown, and shall break the heifer's neck there in the valley.
Deut 21:5 And the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near, for the Lord your God has chosen them to minister to Him and to bless in the name [and presence] of the Lord, and by their word shall every controversy and every assault be settled.
Deut 21:6 And all the elders of that city nearest to the slain man shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley,
Deut 21:7 And they shall testify, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it.
Deut 21:8 Forgive, O Lord, Your people Israel, whom You have redeemed, and do not allow the shedding of innocent blood to be charged to Your people Israel. And the guilt of blood shall be forgiven them.
Deut 21:9 So shall you purge the guilt of innocent blood from among you, when you do what is right in the sight of the Lord.
Deut 21:10 When you go forth to battle against your enemies and the Lord your God has given them into your hands and you carry them away captive,
Deut 21:11 And you see among the captives a beautiful woman and desire her, that you may have her as your wife,
Deut 21:12 Then you shall bring her home to your house, and she shall shave her head and pare her nails [in purification from heathenism]
Deut 21:13 And put off her prisoner's garb, and shall remain in your house and bewail her father and her mother a full month. After that you may go in to her and be her husband and she shall be your wife.
Deut 21:14 And if you have no delight in her, then you shall let her go absolutely free. You shall not sell her at all for money; you shall not deal with her as a slave {or} a servant, because you have humbled her.
Deut 21:15 If a man has two wives, one loved and the other disliked, and they both have borne him children, and if the firstborn son is the son of the one who is disliked,
Deut 21:16 Then on the day when he wills his possessions to his sons, he shall not put the firstborn of his loved wife in place of the [actual] firstborn of the disliked wife--her firstborn being older.
Deut 21:17 But he shall acknowledge the son of the disliked as the firstborn by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he was the first issue of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.
Deut 21:18 If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or his mother and though they chasten him will not listen to them,
Deut 21:19 Then his father and mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gate of the place where he lives,
Deut 21:20 And they shall say to the elders of his city, This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious. He will not obey our voice. He is a glutton and a drunkard.
Deut 21:21 Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death; so you shall cleanse out the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear and [reverently] fear.
Deut 21:22 And if a man has committed a sin worthy of death and he is put to death and [afterward] you hang him on a tree,
Deut 21:23 His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but you shall surely bury him on the same day, for a hanged man is accursed by God. Thus you shall not defile your land which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance.
Deut 22:1 YOU SHALL not see your brother's ox or his sheep being driven away {or} stolen, and hide yourself from [your duty to help] them; you shall surely take them back to your brother.
Deut 22:2 And if your brother [the owner] is not near you or if you do not know who he is, you shall bring the animal to your house and it shall be with you until your brother comes looking for it; then you shall restore it to him.
Deut 22:3 And so shall you do with his donkey or his garment or with anything which your brother has lost and you have found. You shall not hide from [your duty concerning] them.
Deut 22:4 You shall not see your brother's donkey or his ox fall down by the way, and hide from [your duty concerning] them; you shall surely help him to lift them up again.
Deut 22:5 The woman shall not wear that which pertains to a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment, for

all that do so are an abomination to the Lord your God.
Deut 22:6 If a bird's nest should chance to be before you in the way, in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs, and the mother bird is sitting on the young or on the eggs, you shall not take the mother bird with the young.
Deut 22:7 You shall surely let the mother bird go, and take only the young, that it may be well with you and that you may prolong your days.
Deut 22:8 When you build a new house, then you shall put a railing around your [flat] roof, so that no one may fall from there and bring guilt of blood upon your house.
Deut 22:9 You shall not plant your vineyard with two kinds of seed, lest the whole crop be forfeited [under this ban], the seed which you have sown and the yield of the vineyard forfeited to the sanctuary.
Deut 22:10 You shall not plow with an ox [a clean animal] and a donkey [unclean] together.
Deut 22:11 You shall not wear a garment of mingled stuff, wool and linen together.
Deut 22:12 You shall make yourself tassels on the four corners of your cloak with which you cover yourself.
Deut 22:13 If any man takes a wife and goes in to her, and then scorns her
Deut 22:14 And charges her with shameful things and gives her an evil reputation, and says, I took this woman, but when I came to her, I did not find in her the tokens of a virgin,
Deut 22:15 Then the father of the young woman, and her mother, shall get and bring out the tokens of her virginity to the elders of the city at the gate.
Deut 22:16 And her father shall say to the elders, I gave my daughter to this man as wife, but he hates {and} spurns her;
Deut 22:17 And behold, he has made shameful charges against her, saying, I found not in your daughter the evidences of her virginity. And yet these are the tokens of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the garment before the elders of the city,
Deut 22:18 And the elders of that city shall take the man and rebuke {and} whip him.
Deut 22:19 And they shall fine him 100 shekels of silver and give them to the father of the young woman, because he has brought an evil name upon a virgin of Israel. And she shall be his wife; he may not divorce her all his days.
Deut 22:20 But if it is true that the evidences of virginity were not found in the young woman,
Deut 22:21 Then they shall bring her to the door of her father's house and the men of her city shall stone her to death, because she has wrought [criminal] folly in Israel by playing the harlot in her father's house. So you shall put away the evil from among you.
Deut 22:22 If a man is found lying with another man's wife, they shall both die, the man who lay with the woman and the woman. So you shall purge the evil from Israel.
Deut 22:23 If a maiden who is a virgin is engaged to be married, and a man finds her in the city and lies with her,
Deut 22:24 Then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city and shall stone them to death--the young woman because she did not cry for help though she was in the city, and the man because he has violated his neighbor's [promised] wife. So shall you put away evil from among you.
Deut 22:25 But if a man finds the betrothed maiden in the open country and the man seizes her and lies with her, then only the man who lay with her shall die.
Deut 22:26 But you shall do nothing to the young woman; she has committed no sin punishable by death, for this is as when a man attacks and slays his neighbor,
Deut 22:27 For he came upon her in the open country, and the betrothed girl cried out, but there was no one to save her.
Deut 22:28 If a man finds a girl who is a virgin, who is not betrothed, and he seizes her and lies with her and they are found,
Deut 22:29 Then the man who lay with her shall give to the girl's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife, because he has violated her; he may not divorce her all his days.
Deut 22:30 A man shall not take his father's former wife, nor shall he uncover her who belongs to his father.
Deut 23:1 HE WHO is wounded in the testicles, or has been made a eunuch, shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord.
Deut 23:2 A person begotten out of wedlock shall not enter into the assembly of the Lord; even to his tenth generation shall his descendants not enter into the congregation of the Lord.
Deut 23:3 An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even to their tenth generation their descendants shall not enter into the assembly of the Lord forever,
Deut 23:4 Because they did not meet you with food and water on the way when you came forth out of Egypt, and because they hired Balaam son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia against you to curse you.

Deut 23:5 Nevertheless, the Lord your God would not listen to Balaam, but the Lord your God turned the curse into a blessing to you, because the Lord your God loves you.
Deut 23:6 You shall not seek their peace or their prosperity all your days forever.
Deut 23:7 You shall not abhor an Edomite, for he is your brother [Esau's descendant]. You shall not abhor an Egyptian, because you were a stranger {and} temporary resident in his land.
Deut 23:8 Their children may enter into the congregation of the Lord in their third generation.
Deut 23:9 When you go forth against your enemies and are in camp, you shall keep yourselves from every evil thing.
Deut 23:10 If there is among you any man who is not clean by reason of what happens to him at night, then he shall go outside the camp; he shall not come within the camp;
Deut 23:11 But when evening comes he shall bathe himself in water, and when the sun is down he may return to the camp.
Deut 23:12 You shall have a place also outside the camp to which you shall go [as a comfort station];
Deut 23:13 And you shall have a paddle {or} shovel among your weapons, and when you sit down outside [to relieve yourself], you shall dig a hole with it and turn back and cover up what has come from you.
Deut 23:14 For the Lord your God walks in the midst of your camp to deliver you and to give up your enemies before you. Therefore shall your camp be holy, that He may see nothing indecent among you and turn away from you.
Deut 23:15 You shall not give up to his master a servant who has escaped from his master to you.
Deut 23:16 He shall dwell with you in your midst wherever he chooses in one of your towns where it pleases him best. You shall not defraud {or} oppress him.
Deut 23:17 There shall be no cult prostitute among the daughters of Israel, neither shall there be a cult prostitute (a sodomite) among the sons of Israel.
Deut 23:18 You shall not bring the hire of a harlot or the price of a dog (a sodomite) into the house of the Lord your God as payment of a vow, for both of these [the gift and the giver] are an abomination to the Lord your God.
Deut 23:19 You shall not lend on interest to your brother--interest on money, on victuals, on anything that is lent for interest.
Deut 23:20 You may lend on interest to a foreigner, but to your brother you shall not lend on interest, that the Lord your God may bless you in all that you undertake in the land to which you go to possess it.
Deut 23:21 When you make a vow to the Lord your God, you shall not be slack in paying it, for the Lord your God will surely require it of you, and slackness would be sin in you.
Deut 23:22 But if you refrain from vowing, it will not be sin in you.
Deut 23:23 The vow which has passed your lips you shall be watchful to perform, a voluntary offering which you have made to the Lord your God, which you have promised with your mouth.
Deut 23:24 When you come into your neighbor's vineyard, you may eat your fill of grapes, as many as you please, but you shall not put any in your vessel.
Deut 23:25 When you come into the standing grain of your neighbor, you may pluck the ears with your hand, but you shall not put a sickle to your neighbor's standing grain.
Deut 24:1 WHEN A man takes a wife and marries her, if then she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a bill of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house,
Deut 24:2 And when she departs out of his house she goes and marries another man,
Deut 24:3 And if the latter husband dislikes her and writes her a bill of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies, who took her as his wife,
Deut 24:4 Then her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife after she is defiled. For that is an abomination before the Lord; and you shall not bring guilt upon the land which the Lord your God gives you as an inheritance.
Deut 24:5 When a man is newly married, he shall not go out with the army or be charged with any business; he shall be free at home one year and shall cheer his wife whom he has taken.
Deut 24:6 No man shall take a mill or an upper millstone in pledge, for he would be taking a life in pledge.
Deut 24:7 If a man is found kidnapping any of his brethren of the Israelites and treats him as a slave {or} a servant or sells him, then that thief shall die. So you shall put evil from among you.
Deut 24:8 Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that you watch diligently and do according to all that the Levitical priests shall teach you. As I commanded them, so you shall be watchful and do.
Deut 24:9 Remember [earnestly] what the Lord your God did to Miriam on the way after you had come out of Egypt.
Deut 24:10 When you lend your brother anything, you shall not go into his house to get his pledge.
Deut 24:11 You shall stand outside and the man to whom you lend shall bring the pledge out to you.

Deut 24:12 And if the man is poor, you shall not keep his pledge overnight.
Deut 24:13 You shall surely restore to him the pledge at sunset, that he may sleep in his garment and bless you; and it shall be credited to you as righteousness (rightness and justice) before the Lord your God.
Deut 24:14 You shall not oppress {or} extort from a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he is of your brethren or of your strangers {and} sojourners who are in your land inside your towns.
Deut 24:15 You shall give him his hire on the day he earns it before the sun goes down, for he is poor, and sets his heart upon it; lest he cry against you to the Lord, and it be sin to you.
Deut 24:16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers; only for his own sin shall anyone be put to death.
Deut 24:17 You shall not pervert the justice due the stranger {or} the sojourner or the fatherless, or take a widow's garment in pledge.
Deut 24:18 But you shall [earnestly] remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.
Deut 24:19 When you reap your harvest in your field and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger {and} the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.
Deut 24:20 When you beat your olive tree, do not go over the boughs again; the leavings shall be for the stranger {and} the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow.
Deut 24:21 When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean it afterward; it shall be for the stranger {and} the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow.
Deut 24:22 You shall [earnestly] remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this.
Deut 25:1 IF THERE is a controversy between men, and they come into court and the judges decide between them, justifying the innocent and condemning the guilty,
Deut 25:2 Then if the guilty man deserves to be beaten, the judge shall cause him to lie down and be beaten in his presence with a certain number of stripes according to his offense.
Deut 25:3 Forty stripes may be given him but not more, lest, if he should be beaten with many stripes, your brother should [be treated like a beast and] seem low and worthless to you.
Deut 25:4 You shall not muzzle the ox when he treads out the grain.
Deut 25:5 If brothers live together and one of them dies and has no son, his wife shall not be married outside the family to a stranger [an excluded man]. Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her as his wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.
Deut 25:6 And the firstborn son shall succeed to the name of the dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel.
Deut 25:7 And if the man does not want to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate to the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuses to continue his brother's name in Israel; he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.
Deut 25:8 Then the elders of his city shall call him and speak to him. And if he stands firm and says, I do not want to take her,
Deut 25:9 Then shall his brother's wife come to him in the presence of the elders and pull his shoe off his foot and spit in his face and shall answer, So shall it be done to that man who does not build up his brother's house.
Deut 25:10 And his family shall be called in Israel, The House of Him Whose Shoe Was Loosed.
Deut 25:11 When men strive together one with another and the wife of the one draws near to rescue her husband out of the hand of him who is beating him, and puts out her hand and seizes the other man by the private parts,
Deut 25:12 Then you shall cut off her hand; your eyes shall not pity her.
Deut 25:13 You shall not have in your bag true and false weights, a large and a small.
Deut 25:14 You shall not have in your house true and false measures, a large and a small.
Deut 25:15 But you shall have a perfect and just weight and a perfect and just measure, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you.
Deut 25:16 For all who do such things, all who do unrighteously, are an abomination to the Lord your God.
Deut 25:17 Remember what Amalek did to you on the way when you had come forth from Egypt,
Deut 25:18 How he did not fear God, but when you were faint and weary he attacked you along the way and cut off all the stragglers at your rear.
Deut 25:19 Therefore when the Lord your God has given you rest from all your enemies round about in the land

which the Lord your God gives you to possess as an inheritance, you shall blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under the heavens; you must not forget.
Deut 26:1 WHEN YOU have come into the land which the Lord your God gives you as an inheritance and possess it and live in it,
Deut 26:2 You shall take some of the first of all the produce of the soil which you harvest from the land the Lord your God gives you and put it in a basket, and go to the place [the sanctuary] which the Lord your God has chosen as the abiding place for His Name [and His Presence].
Deut 26:3 And you shall go to the priest who is in office in those days, and say to him, I give thanks this day to the Lord your God that I have come to the land which the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.
Deut 26:4 And the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God.
Deut 26:5 And you shall say before the Lord your God, A wandering {and} lost Aramean ready to perish was my father [Jacob], and he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and he became there a nation, great, mighty, and numerous.
Deut 26:6 And the Egyptians treated us very badly and afflicted us and laid upon us hard bondage.
Deut 26:7 And when we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, the Lord heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our [cruel] oppression;
Deut 26:8 And the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, and with great (awesome) power and with signs and with wonders;
Deut 26:9 And He brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.
Deut 26:10 And now, behold, I bring the firstfruits of the ground which You, O Lord, have given me. And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God;
Deut 26:11 And you and the Levite and the stranger {and} the sojourner among you shall rejoice in all the good which the Lord your God has given you and your household.
Deut 26:12 When you have finished paying all the tithe of your produce the third year, which is the year of tithing, and have given it to the Levite, the stranger {and} the sojourner, the fatherless, and to the widow, that they may eat within your towns and be filled,
Deut 26:13 Then you shall say before the Lord your God, I have brought the hallowed things (the tithe) out of my house and moreover have given them to the Levite, to the stranger {and} the sojourner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all Your commandments which You have commanded me; I have not transgressed any of Your commandments, neither have I forgotten them.
Deut 26:14 I have not eaten of the tithe in my mourning [making the tithe unclean], nor have I handled any of it when I was unclean, nor given any of it to the dead. I have hearkened to the voice of the Lord my God; I have done according to all that You have commanded me.
Deut 26:15 Look down from Your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Your people Israel and the land which You have given us as You swore to our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey.
Deut 26:16 This day the Lord your God has commanded you to do these statutes and ordinances. Therefore you shall keep and do them with all your [mind and] heart and with all your being.
Deut 26:17 You have [openly] declared the Lord this day to be your God, [pledging] to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes and His commandments and His precepts, and to hearken to His voice.
Deut 26:18 And the Lord has declared this day that you are His peculiar people as He promised you, and you are to keep all His commandments;
Deut 26:19 And He will make you high above all nations which He has made, in praise and in fame and in honor, and that you shall be a holy people to the Lord your God, as He has spoken.
Deut 27:1 AND MOSES with the elders of Israel commanded the people, Keep all the commandments with which I charge you today.
Deut 27:2 And on the day when you pass over the Jordan to the land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall set up great stones and cover them with plaster.
Deut 27:3 And you shall write on them all the words of this law when you have passed over, that you may go into the land which the Lord your God is giving you, a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you.
Deut 27:4 And when you have gone over the Jordan, you shall set up these stones, as I command you this day, on Mount Ebal, and coat them with plaster.
Deut 27:5 And there you shall build an altar to the Lord your God, an altar of stones; you shall not lift up any iron tool upon them.

Deut 27:6 You shall build the altar of the Lord your God of whole stones and offer burnt offerings on it to Him;
Deut 27:7 And you shall offer peace offerings, and eat there and rejoice before the Lord your God.
Deut 27:8 And you shall write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly.
Deut 27:9 And Moses and the Levitical priests said to all Israel, Keep silence and hear, O Israel! This day you have become the people of the Lord your God.
Deut 27:10 So you shall obey the voice of the Lord your God and do His commandments and statutes which I command you today.
Deut 27:11 And Moses charged the people the same day, saying,
Deut 27:12 These [tribes] shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people, when you have passed over the Jordan: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph's [sons], and Benjamin.
Deut 27:13 And these [tribes] shall stand on Mount Ebal to pronounce the curse [for disobedience]: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.
Deut 27:14 And the Levites shall declare with a loud voice to all the men of Israel:
Deut 27:15 Cursed is the man who makes a graven or molten image, an abomination to the Lord, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets it up in secret. All the people shall answer, Amen.
Deut 27:16 Cursed is he who dishonors his father or his mother. All the people shall say, Amen.
Deut 27:17 Cursed is he who moves [back] his neighbor's landmark. All the people shall say, Amen.
Deut 27:18 Cursed is he who misleads a blind man on his way. All the people shall say, Amen.
Deut 27:19 Cursed is he who perverts the justice due to the sojourner {or} the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. All the people shall say, Amen.
Deut 27:20 Cursed is he who lies with his father's wife, because he uncovers what belongs to his father. All the people shall say, Amen.
Deut 27:21 Cursed is he who lies with any beast. All the people shall say, Amen.
Deut 27:22 Cursed is he who lies with his half sister, whether his father's or his mother's daughter. All the people shall say, Amen.
Deut 27:23 Cursed is he who lies with his mother-in-law. All the people shall say, Amen.
Deut 27:24 Cursed is he who slays his neighbor secretly. All the people shall say, Amen.
Deut 27:25 Cursed is he who takes a bribe to slay an innocent person. All the people shall say, Amen.
Deut 27:26 Cursed is he who does not support {and} give assent to the words of this law to do them [as the rule of his life]. All the people shall say, Amen.
Deut 28:1 IF YOU will listen diligently to the voice of the Lord your God, being watchful to do all His commandments which I command you this day, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.
Deut 28:2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you if you heed the voice of the Lord your God.
Deut 28:3 Blessed shall you be in the city and blessed shall you be in the field.
Deut 28:4 Blessed shall be the fruit of your body and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your beasts, the increase of your cattle and the young of your flock.
Deut 28:5 Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading trough.
Deut 28:6 Blessed shall you be when you come in and blessed shall you be when you go out.
Deut 28:7 The Lord shall cause your enemies who rise up against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.
Deut 28:8 The Lord shall command the blessing upon you in your storehouse and in all that you undertake. And He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God gives you.
Deut 28:9 The Lord will establish you as a people holy to Himself, as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways.
Deut 28:10 And all people of the earth shall see that you are called by the name [and in the presence of] the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you.
Deut 28:11 And the Lord shall make you have a surplus of prosperity, through the fruit of your body, of your livestock, and of your ground, in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give you.
Deut 28:12 The Lord shall open to you His good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands; and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.
Deut 28:13 And the Lord shall make you the head, and not the tail; and you shall be above only, and you shall not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you this day and are watchful to do them.
Deut 28:14 And you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right hand or to

the left, to go after other gods to serve them.
Deut 28:15 But if you will not obey the voice of the Lord your God, being watchful to do all His commandments and His statutes which I command you this day, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you:
Deut 28:16 Cursed shall you be in the city and cursed shall you be in the field.
Deut 28:17 Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading trough.
Deut 28:18 Cursed shall be the fruit of your body, of your land, of the increase of your cattle and the young of your sheep.
Deut 28:19 Cursed shall you be when you come in and cursed shall you be when you go out.
Deut 28:20 The Lord shall send you curses, confusion, and rebuke in every enterprise to which you set your hand, until you are destroyed, perishing quickly because of the evil of your doings by which you have forsaken me [Moses and God as one].
Deut 28:21 The Lord will make the pestilence cling to you until He has consumed you from the land into which you go to possess.
Deut 28:22 The Lord will smite you with consumption, with fever and inflammation, fiery heat, sword {and} drought, blasting and mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish.
Deut 28:23 The heavens over your head shall be brass and the earth under you shall be iron.
Deut 28:24 The Lord shall make the rain of your land powdered soil and dust; from the heavens it shall come down upon you until you are destroyed.
Deut 28:25 The Lord shall cause you to be struck down before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them, and you shall be tossed to and fro {and} be a terror among all the kingdoms of the earth. [Fulfilled in II Chron. 29:8.]
Deut 28:26 And your dead body shall be food for all the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and there shall be no one to frighten them away.
Deut 28:27 The Lord will smite you with the boils of Egypt and the tumors, the scurvy and the itch, from which you cannot be healed.
Deut 28:28 The Lord will smite you with madness and blindness and dismay of [mind and] heart.
Deut 28:29 And you shall grope at noonday as the blind grope in darkness. And you shall not prosper in your ways; and you shall be only oppressed and robbed continually, and there shall be no one to save you.
Deut 28:30 You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall lie with her; you shall build a house, but not live in it; you shall plant a vineyard, but not gather its grapes.
Deut 28:31 Your ox shall be slain before your eyes, but you shall not eat of it; your donkey shall be violently taken away before your face and not be restored to you; your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you shall have no one to help you.
Deut 28:32 Your sons and daughters shall be given to another people, and your eyes shall look and fail with longing for them all the day; and there shall be no power in your hands to prevent it. [Fulfilled in II Chron. 29:9.]
Deut 28:33 A nation which you have not known shall eat up the fruit of your land and of all your labors, and you shall be only oppressed and crushed continually, [Fulfilled in Judg. 6:1-6; 13:1.]
Deut 28:34 So that you shall be driven mad by the sights which your eyes shall see.
Deut 28:35 The Lord will smite you on the knees and on the legs with a sore boil that cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the top of your head.
Deut 28:36 The Lord shall bring you and your king whom you have set over you to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall [be forced to] serve other gods, of wood and stone. [Fulfilled in II Kings 17:4, 6; 24:12, 14; 25:7, 11; Dan. 6:11, 12.]
Deut 28:37 And you shall become an amazement, a proverb, and a byword among all the peoples to which the Lord will lead you.
Deut 28:38 You shall carry much seed out into the field and shall gather little in, for the locust shall consume it. [Fulfilled in Hag. 1:6.]
Deut 28:39 You shall plant vineyards and dress them but shall neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes, for the worm shall eat them.
Deut 28:40 You shall have olive trees throughout all your territory but you shall not anoint yourselves with the oil, for your olive trees shall drop their fruit.
Deut 28:41 You shall beget sons and daughters but shall not enjoy them, for they shall go into captivity. [Fulfilled in Lam. 1:5.]
Deut 28:42 All your trees and the fruit of your ground shall the locust possess. [Fulfilled in Joel 1:4.]

Deut 28:43 The transient (stranger) among you shall mount up higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower.
Deut 28:44 He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.
Deut 28:45 All these curses shall come upon you and shall pursue you and overtake you till you are destroyed, because you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.
Deut 28:46 They shall be upon you for a sign [of warning to other nations] and for a wonder, and upon your descendants forever.
Deut 28:47 Because you did not serve the Lord your God with joyfulness of [mind and] heart [in gratitude] for the abundance of all [with which He had blessed you],
Deut 28:48 Therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the Lord shall send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness and in want of all things; and He will put a yoke of iron upon your neck until He has destroyed you.
Deut 28:49 The Lord will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flies, a nation whose language you shall not understand,
Deut 28:50 A nation of unyielding countenance who will not regard the person of the old or show favor to the young,
Deut 28:51 And shall eat the fruit of your cattle and the fruit of your ground until you are destroyed, who also shall not leave you grain, new wine, oil, the increase of your cattle or the young of your sheep until they have caused you to perish.
Deut 28:52 They shall besiege you in all your towns until your high and fortified walls in which you trusted come down throughout all your land; and they shall besiege you in all your towns throughout all your land which the Lord your God has given you.
Deut 28:53 And you shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and daughters whom the Lord your God has given you, in the siege and in the [pressing] misery with which your enemies shall distress you. [Fulfilled in II Kings 6:24-29.]
Deut 28:54 The man who is most tender among you and extremely particular {and} well-bred, his eye shall be cruel {and} grudging of food toward his brother and toward the wife of his bosom and toward those of his children still remaining,
Deut 28:55 So that he will not give to any of them any of the flesh of his children which he is eating, because he has nothing left to him in the siege and in the distress with which your enemies shall distress you in all your towns.
Deut 28:56 The most tender and daintily bred woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot upon the ground because she is so dainty and kind, will grudge to the husband of her bosom, to her son and to her daughter
Deut 28:57 Her afterbirth that comes out from her body and the children whom she shall bear. For she will eat them secretly for want of anything else in the siege and distress with which your enemies shall distress you in your towns.
Deut 28:58 If you will not be watchful to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may [reverently] fear this glorious and fearful name [and presence]--THE LORD YOUR %(GOD--
Deut 28:59 Then the Lord will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary strokes and blows, great plagues of long continuance, and grievous sicknesses of long duration.
Deut 28:60 Moreover, He will bring upon you all the diseases of Egypt of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you.
Deut 28:61 Also every sickness and every affliction which is not written in this Book of the Law the Lord will bring upon you until you are destroyed.
Deut 28:62 And you shall be left few in number, whereas you had been as the stars of the heavens for multitude, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.
Deut 28:63 And as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good and to multiply you, so the Lord will rejoice to bring ruin upon you and to destroy you; and you shall be plucked from the land into which you go to possess.
Deut 28:64 And the Lord shall scatter you among all peoples from one end of the earth to the other; and there you shall [be forced to] serve other gods, of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known. [Fulfilled in Dan. 3:6.]
Deut 28:65 And among these nations you shall find no ease and there shall be no rest for the sole of your foot; but the Lord will give you there a trembling heart, failing of eyes [from disappointment of hope], fainting of mind, {and} languishing of spirit.
Deut 28:66 Your life shall hang in doubt before you; day and night you shall be worried, and have no assurance of your life.

Deut 28:67 In the morning you shall say, Would that it were evening! and at evening you shall say, Would that it were morning!--because of the anxiety {and} dread of your [minds and] hearts and the sights which you shall see with your [own] eyes.
Deut 28:68 And the Lord shall bring you into Egypt again with ships by the way about which I said to you, You shall never see it again. And there you shall be sold to your enemies as bondmen and bondwomen, but no man shall buy you.
Deut 29:1 THESE ARE the words of the covenant which the Lord commanded Moses to make with the Israelites in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which He made with them in Horeb.
Deut 29:2 Moses called to all Israel and said to them, You have seen all that the Lord did before your eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, to all his servants, and to all his land;
Deut 29:3 The great trials which your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders.
Deut 29:4 Yet the Lord has not given you a [mind and] heart to understand and eyes to see and ears to hear, to this day.
Deut 29:5 I have led you forty years in the wilderness; your clothes have not worn out upon you, and your sandals have not worn off your feet.
Deut 29:6 You have not eaten [grain] bread, nor have you drunk wine or strong drink, that you might recognize {and} know [your dependence on Him Who is saying], I am the Lord your God.
Deut 29:7 And when you came to this place, Sihon king of Heshbon and Og king of Bashan came out against us to battle, but we defeated them.
Deut 29:8 We took their land and gave it as an inheritance to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites.
Deut 29:9 Therefore keep the words of this covenant and do them, that you may deal wisely {and} prosper in all that you do.
Deut 29:10 All of you stand today before the Lord your God--your heads, your tribes, your elders, and your officers, even all the men of Israel,
Deut 29:11 Your little ones, your wives, and the stranger {and} sojourner in your camp, from the hewer of your wood to the drawer of your water--
Deut 29:12 That you may enter into the covenant of the Lord your God, and into His oath which He makes with you today,
Deut 29:13 That He may establish you this day as a people for Himself, and that He may be to you a God as He said to you and as He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
Deut 29:14 It is not with you only that I make this sworn covenant
Deut 29:15 But with future Israelites who do not stand here with us today before the Lord our God, as well as with those who are here with us this day.
Deut 29:16 You know how we lived in the land of Egypt and how we came through the midst of the nations you crossed.
Deut 29:17 And you have seen their abominations and their idols of wood and stone, of silver and gold, which were among them.
Deut 29:18 Beware lest there should be among you a man or woman, or family or tribe, whose [mind and] heart turns away this day from the Lord our God to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a [poisonous] root that bears gall and wormwood,
Deut 29:19 And lest, when he hears the words of this curse {and} oath, he flatters {and} congratulates himself in his [mind and] heart, saying, I shall have peace {and} safety, though I walk in the stubbornness of my [mind and] heart [bringing down a hurricane of destruction] and sweep away the watered land with the dry.
Deut 29:20 The Lord will not pardon him, but then the anger of the Lord and His jealousy will smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall settle on him; the Lord will blot out his very name from under the heavens.
Deut 29:21 And the Lord will single him out for ruin {and} destruction from all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this Book of the Law,
Deut 29:22 So that the next generation, your children who rise up after you, and the foreigner who shall come from a distant land, shall say, when they see the plagues of this land and the diseases with which the Lord has made it sick--
Deut 29:23 The whole land is brimstone and salt and a burned waste, not sown or bearing anything, where no grass can take root, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah with Admah and Zeboiim, which the Lord overthrew in His anger and wrath--

Deut 29:24 Even all the nations shall say, Why has the Lord done thus to this land? What does the heat of this great anger mean?
Deut 29:25 Then men shall say, Because they forsook the covenant of the Lord, the God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them forth out of the land of Egypt.
Deut 29:26 For they went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods they knew not and that He had not given to them.
Deut 29:27 So the anger of the Lord was kindled against this land, bringing upon it all the curses that are written in this book.
Deut 29:28 And the Lord rooted them out of their land in anger and in wrath and in great indignation and cast them into another land, as it is this day.
Deut 29:29 The secret things belong unto the Lord our God, but the things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all of the words of this law.
Deut 30:1 AND WHEN all these things have come upon you, the blessings and the curses which I have set before you, and you shall call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you,
Deut 30:2 And shall return to the Lord your God and obey His voice according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your [mind and] heart and with all your being,
Deut 30:3 Then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion upon you and will gather you again from all the nations where He has scattered you.
Deut 30:4 Even if any of your dispersed are in the uttermost parts of the heavens, from there the Lord your God will gather you and from there will He bring you.
Deut 30:5 And the Lord your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will do you good and multiply you above your fathers.
Deut 30:6 And the Lord your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your [mind and] heart and with all your being, that you may live.
Deut 30:7 And the Lord your God will put all these curses upon your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecute you.
Deut 30:8 And you shall return and obey the voice of the Lord and do all His commandments which I command you today.
Deut 30:9 And the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in every work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, of your cattle, of your land, for good; for the Lord will again delight in prospering you, as He took delight in your fathers,
Deut 30:10 If you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, and if you turn to the Lord your God with all your [mind and] heart and with all your being.
Deut 30:11 For this commandment which I command you this day is not too difficult for you, nor is it far off.
Deut 30:12 It is not [a secret laid up] in heaven, that you should say, Who shall go up for us to heaven and bring it to us, that we may hear and do it?
Deut 30:13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, Who shall go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear and do it?
Deut 30:14 But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your mind {and} in your heart, so that you can do it.
Deut 30:15 See, I have set before you this day life and good, and death and evil.
Deut 30:16 [If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God which] I command you today, to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His ordinances, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land into which you go to possess.
Deut 30:17 But if your [mind and] heart turn away and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them,
Deut 30:18 I declare to you today that you shall surely perish, and you shall not live long in the land which you pass over the Jordan to enter and possess.
Deut 30:19 I call heaven and earth to witness this day against you that I have set before you life and death, the blessings and the curses; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live
Deut 30:20 And may love the Lord your God, obey His voice, and cling to Him. For He is your life and the length of your days, that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
Deut 31:1 AND MOSES went on speaking these words to all Israel:
Deut 31:2 And he said to them, I am 120 years old this day; I can no more go out and come in. And the Lord has said to me, You shall not go over this Jordan.

Deut 31:3 The Lord your God will Himself go over before you, and He will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess them. And Joshua shall go over before you, as the Lord has said.
Deut 31:4 And the Lord will do to them as He did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when He destroyed them.
Deut 31:5 And the Lord will give them over to you, and you shall do to them according to all the commandments which I have commanded you.
Deut 31:6 Be strong, courageous, {and} firm; fear not nor be in terror before them, for it is the Lord your God Who goes with you; He will not fail you or forsake you.
Deut 31:7 And Moses called to Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong, courageous, {and} firm, for you shall go with this people into the land which the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to possess it.
Deut 31:8 It is the Lord Who goes before you; He will [march] with you; He will not fail you {or} let you go or forsake you; [let there be no cowardice or flinching, but] fear not, neither become broken [in spirit--depressed, dismayed, and unnerved with alarm].
Deut 31:9 And Moses wrote this law and delivered it to the Levitical priests, who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and to all the elders of Israel.
Deut 31:10 And Moses commanded them, At the end of every seven years, at the set time of the year of release [of debtors from their debts], at the Feast of Booths,
Deut 31:11 When all Israel comes to appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses [for His sanctuary], you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing.
Deut 31:12 Assemble the people--men, women, and children, and the stranger {and} the sojourner within your towns--that they may hear and learn [reverently] to fear the Lord your God and be watchful to do all the words of this law,
Deut 31:13 And that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn [reverently] to fear the Lord your God as long as you live in the land which you go over the Jordan to possess.
Deut 31:14 And the Lord said to Moses, Behold, your days are nearing when you must die. Call Joshua and present yourselves at the Tent of Meeting, that I may give him his charge. And Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves at the Tent of Meeting.
Deut 31:15 And the Lord appeared in the Tent in a pillar of cloud, and the pillar of cloud stood over the door of the Tent.
Deut 31:16 And the Lord said to Moses, Behold, you shall sleep with your fathers, and this people will rise up and play the harlot after the strange gods of the land where they go to be among them; and they will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them.
Deut 31:17 Then My anger will be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them and hide My face from them. And they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them, so that they will say in that day, Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?
Deut 31:18 And I will surely hide My face in that day because of all the evil which they have done in turning to other gods.
Deut 31:19 And now write this song for yourselves and teach it to the Israelites; put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for Me against the Israelites.
Deut 31:20 For when I have brought them into the land which I swore to their fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey, and they have eaten and filled themselves and become fat, then they will turn to other gods and serve them, and despise {and} scorn Me and break My covenant.
Deut 31:21 And when many evils and troubles have befallen them, this [sacred] song will confront them as a witness, for it will never be forgotten from the mouths of their descendants. For I know their strong desire {and} the purposes which they are forming even now, before I have brought them into the land which I swore to give them.
Deut 31:22 Moses wrote this song the same day and taught it to the Israelites.
Deut 31:23 And [the Lord] charged Joshua son of Nun, Be strong and courageous {and} firm, for you shall bring the Israelites into the land which I swore to give them, and I will be with you.
Deut 31:24 And when Moses had finished writing the words of this law in a book to the very end,
Deut 31:25 He commanded the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord,
Deut 31:26 Take this Book of the Law and put it by the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a witness against you.
Deut 31:27 For I know your rebellion and stubbornness; behold, while I am yet alive with you today, you have been rebellious against the Lord; and how much more after my death!

Deut 31:28 Gather to me all the elders of your tribes and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears and call heaven and earth to witness against them.
Deut 31:29 For I know that after my death you will utterly corrupt yourselves and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days because you will do what is evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands.
Deut 31:30 And Moses spoke in the hearing of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song until they were ended:
Deut 32:1 GIVE EAR, O heavens, and I [Moses] will speak; and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.
Deut 32:2 My message shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the light rain upon the tender grass, and as the showers upon the herb.
Deut 32:3 For I will proclaim the name [and presence] of the Lord. Concede {and} ascribe greatness to our God.
Deut 32:4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect, for all His ways are law {and} justice. A God of faithfulness without breach {or} deviation, just and right is He.
Deut 32:5 They [Israel] have spoiled themselves. They are not sons to Him, and that is their blemish--a perverse and crooked generation!
Deut 32:6 Do you thus repay the Lord, you foolish and senseless people? Is not He your Father Who acquired you for His own, Who made and established you [as a nation]?
Deut 32:7 Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations. Ask your father and he will show you, your elders, and they will tell you.
Deut 32:8 When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when He separated the children of men, He set the bounds of the peoples according to the number of the Israelites.
Deut 32:9 For the Lord's portion is His people; Jacob (Israel) is the lot of His inheritance.
Deut 32:10 He found him in a desert land, in the howling void of the wilderness; He kept circling around him, He scanned him [penetratingly], He kept him as the pupil of His eye.
Deut 32:11 As an eagle that stirs up her nest, that flutters over her young, He spread abroad His wings and He took them, He bore them on His pinions.
Deut 32:12 So the Lord alone led him; there was no foreign god with Him.
Deut 32:13 He made Israel ride on the high places of the earth, and he ate the increase of the field; and He made him suck honey out of the rock and oil out of the flinty rock,
Deut 32:14 Butter {and} curds of the herd and milk of the flock, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and he-goats, with the finest of the wheat; and you drank wine of the blood of the grape.
Deut 32:15 But Jeshurun (Israel) grew fat and kicked. You became fat, you grew thick, you were gorged {and} sleek! Then he forsook God Who made him and forsook {and} despised the Rock of his salvation.
Deut 32:16 They provoked Him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations they provoked Him to anger.
Deut 32:17 They sacrificed to demons, not to God--to gods whom they knew not, to new gods lately come up, whom your fathers never knew or feared.
Deut 32:18 Of the Rock Who bore you you were unmindful; you forgot the God Who travailed in your birth.
Deut 32:19 And the Lord saw it and He spurned {and} rejected them, out of indignation with His sons and His daughters.
Deut 32:20 And He said, I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end will be; for they are a perverse generation, children in whom is no faithfulness.
Deut 32:21 They have moved Me to jealousy with what is not God; they have angered Me with their idols. So I will move them to jealousy with those who are not a people; I will anger them with a foolish nation.
Deut 32:22 For a fire is kindled by My anger, and it burns to the depths of Sheol, devours the earth with its increase, and sets on fire the foundations of the mountains.
Deut 32:23 And I will heap evils upon them; I will spend My arrows upon them.
Deut 32:24 They shall be wasted with hunger and devoured with burning heat and poisonous pestilence; and the teeth of beasts will I send against them, with the poison of crawling things of the dust.
Deut 32:25 From without the sword shall bereave, and in the chambers shall be terror, destroying both young man and virgin, the sucking child with the man of gray hairs.
Deut 32:26 I said, I would scatter them afar and I would have made the remembrance of them to cease from among men,
Deut 32:27 Had I not feared the provocation of the foe, lest their enemies misconstrue it and lest they should say, Our own hand has prevailed; all this was not the work of the Lord.

Deut 32:28 For they are a nation void of counsel, and there is no understanding in them.
Deut 32:29 O that they were wise and would see through this [present triumph] to their ultimate fate!
Deut 32:30 How could one have chased a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had delivered them up?
Deut 32:31 For their rock is not like our Rock, even our enemies themselves judge this.
Deut 32:32 For their vine comes from the vine of Sodom and from the fields of Gomorrah; their grapes are grapes of [poisonous] gall, their clusters are bitter.
Deut 32:33 Their wine is the [furious] venom of serpents, and the pitiless poison of vipers.
Deut 32:34 Is not this laid up in store with Me, sealed up in My treasuries?
Deut 32:35 Vengeance is Mine, and recompense, in the time when their foot shall slide; for the day of their disaster is at hand and their doom comes speedily.
Deut 32:36 For the Lord will revoke sentence for His people and relent for His servants' sake when He sees that their power is gone and none remains, whether bond or free.
Deut 32:37 And He will say, Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge,
Deut 32:38 Who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you, let them be your protection!
Deut 32:39 See now that I, I am He, and there is no god beside Me; I kill and I make alive, I wound and I heal, and there is none who can deliver out of My hand.
Deut 32:40 For I lift up My hand to heaven and swear, As I live forever,
Deut 32:41 If I whet My lightning sword and My hand takes hold on judgment, I will wreak vengeance on My foes and recompense those who hate Me.
Deut 32:42 I will make My arrows drunk with blood, and My sword shall devour flesh, with the blood of the slain and the captives, from the long-haired heads of the foe.
Deut 32:43 Rejoice [with] His people, O you nations, for He avenges the blood of His servants, and vengeance He inflicts on His foes and clears guilt from the land of His people.
Deut 32:44 And Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he and Hoshea (Joshua) son of Nun.
Deut 32:45 And when Moses had finished speaking all these words to all Israel,
Deut 32:46 He said to them, Set your [minds and] hearts on all the words which I command you this day, that you may command them to your children, that they may be watchful to do all the words of this law.
Deut 32:47 For it is not an empty {and} worthless trifle for you; it is your [very] life. By it you shall live long in the land which you are going over the Jordan to possess.
Deut 32:48 And the Lord said to Moses that same day,
Deut 32:49 Get up into this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, opposite Jericho, and look at the land of Canaan which I give to the Israelites for a possession.
Deut 32:50 And die on the mountain which you ascend and be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people,
Deut 32:51 Because you broke faith with Me in the midst of the Israelites at the waters of Meribah-kadesh in the Wilderness of Zin and because you did not set Me apart as holy in the midst of the Israelites.
Deut 32:52 For you shall see the land opposite you at a distance, but you shall not go there, into the land which I give the Israelites.
Deut 33:1 THIS IS the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the Israelites before his death.
Deut 33:2 He said, The Lord came from Sinai and beamed upon us from Seir; He flashed forth from Mount Paran, from among ten thousands of holy ones, a flaming fire, a law, at His right hand.
Deut 33:3 Yes, He loves [the tribes] His people; all those consecrated to Him are in Your hand. They followed in Your steps; they [accepted Your word and] received direction from You,
Deut 33:4 When Moses commanded us a law, as a possession for the assembly of Jacob.
Deut 33:5 [The Lord] was King in Jeshurun (Israel) when the heads of the people were gathered, all the tribes of Israel together.
Deut 33:6 Let [the tribe of] Reuben live and not die out, but let his men be few.
Deut 33:7 And this he [Moses] said of Judah: Hear, O Lord, the voice of Judah, and bring him to his people! With his hands he contended for himself; but may You be a help against his enemies.
Deut 33:8 And of Levi he said: Your Thummim and Your Urim [by which the priest sought God's will for the nation] are for Your pious one [Aaron on behalf of the tribe], whom You tried {and} proved at Massah, with whom You

contended at the waters of Meribah;
Deut 33:9 [Aaron] who said of his father and mother, I do not regard them; nor did he acknowledge his brothers or openly recognize his own children. For the priests observed Your word and kept Your covenant [as to their limitations].
Deut 33:10 [The priests] shall teach Jacob Your ordinances and Israel Your law. They shall put incense before You and whole burnt offerings upon Your altar.
Deut 33:11 Bless, O Lord, [Levi's] substance, and accept the work of his hands; crush the loins of his adversaries, and of those who hate him, that they arise no more.
Deut 33:12 Of Benjamin he said: The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him; He covers him all the day long, and makes His dwelling between his shoulders.
Deut 33:13 And of Joseph he said: Blessed by the Lord be his land, with the precious gifts of heaven from the dew and from the deep that couches beneath,
Deut 33:14 With the precious things of the fruits of the sun and with the precious yield of the months,
Deut 33:15 With the chief products of the ancient mountains and with the precious things of the everlasting hills,
Deut 33:16 With the precious things of the earth and its fullness and the favor {and} goodwill of Him Who dwelt in the bush. Let these blessings come upon the head of Joseph, upon the crown of the head of him who was separate {and} prince among his brothers.
Deut 33:17 Like a firstling young bull his majesty is, and his horns like the horns of the wild ox; with them he shall push the peoples, all of them, to the ends of the earth. And they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh.
Deut 33:18 And of Zebulun he said: Rejoice, Zebulun, in your interests abroad, and you, Issachar, in your tents [at home].
Deut 33:19 They shall call the people unto Mount [Carmel]; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness, for they shall suck the abundance of the seas and the treasures hid in the sand.
Deut 33:20 And of Gad he said: Blessed is He Who enlarges Gad! Gad lurks like a lioness, and tears the arm, yes, the crown of the head.
Deut 33:21 He selected the best land for himself, for there was the leader's portion reserved; yet he came with the chiefs of the nation, and the righteous will of the Lord he performed, and His ordinances with Israel.
Deut 33:22 Of Dan he said: Dan is a lion's whelp that leaps forth from Bashan.
Deut 33:23 Of Naphtali he said: O Naphtali, satisfied with favor and full of the blessing of the Lord, possess the Sea [of Galilee] and [its warm, sunny climate like] the south.
Deut 33:24 Of Asher he said: Blessed above sons is Asher; let him be acceptable to his brothers, and let him dip his foot in oil.
Deut 33:25 Your castles and strongholds shall have bars of iron and bronze, and as your day, so shall your strength, your rest {and} security, be.
Deut 33:26 There is none like God, O Jeshurun [Israel], Who rides through the heavens to your help and in His majestic glory through the skies.
Deut 33:27 The eternal God is your refuge {and} dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms; He drove the enemy before you {and} thrust them out, saying, Destroy!
Deut 33:28 And Israel dwells in safety, the fountain of Jacob alone in a land of grain and new wine; yes, His heavens drop dew.
Deut 33:29 Happy are you, O Israel, {and} blessing is yours! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord, the Shield of your help, the Sword that exalts you! Your enemies shall come fawning {and} cringing, {and} submit feigned obedience to you, and you shall march on their high places.
Deut 34:1 AND MOSES went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is opposite Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land--from Gilead to Dan,
Deut 34:2 And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah to the western [Mediterranean] sea,
Deut 34:3 And the South (the Negeb) and the plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palm Trees, as far as Zoar.
Deut 34:4 And the Lord said to him, This is the land which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, I will give it to your descendants. I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.
Deut 34:5 So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord,
Deut 34:6 And He buried him in the valley of the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor, but no man knows where his tomb

is to this day.
Deut 34:7 Moses was 120 years old when he died; his eye was not dim nor his natural force abated.
Deut 34:8 And the Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.
Deut 34:9 And Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands upon him; so the Israelites listened to him and did as the Lord commanded Moses.
Deut 34:10 And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face,
Deut 34:11 [None equal to him] in all the signs and wonders which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt--to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land,
Deut 34:12 And in all the mighty power and all the great and terrible deeds which Moses wrought in the sight of all Israel.
Josh 1:1 AFTER THE death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' minister,
Josh 1:2 Moses My servant is dead. So now arise [take his place], go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land which I am giving to them, the Israelites.
Josh 1:3 Every place upon which the sole of your foot shall tread, that have I given to you, as I promised Moses.
Josh 1:4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon to the great river Euphrates--all the land of the Hittites [Canaan]--and to the Great [Mediterranean] Sea on the west shall be your territory.
Josh 1:5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.
Josh 1:6 Be strong (confident) and of good courage, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.
Josh 1:7 Only you be strong and very courageous, that you may do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you. Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.
Josh 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe {and} do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely {and} have good success.
Josh 1:9 Have not I commanded you? Be strong, vigorous, and very courageous. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.
Josh 1:10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,
Josh 1:11 Pass through the camp and command the people, Prepare your provisions, for within three days you shall pass over this Jordan to go in to take possession of the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess.
Josh 1:12 And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua said,
Josh 1:13 Remember what Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, The Lord your God is giving you [of these two and a half tribes a place of] rest and will give you this land [east of the Jordan].
Josh 1:14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle shall dwell in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan, but all your mighty men of valor shall pass on before your brethren [of the other tribes] armed, and help them [possess their land]
Josh 1:15 Until the Lord gives your brethren rest, as He has given you, and they also possess the land the Lord your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and possess it, the land Moses the Lord's servant gave you on the sunrise side of the Jordan.
Josh 1:16 They answered Joshua, All you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.
Josh 1:17 As we hearkened to Moses in all things, so will we hearken to you; only may the Lord your God be with you as He was with Moses.
Josh 1:18 Whoever rebels against your commandment and will not hearken to all you command him shall be put to death. Only be strong, vigorous, {and} of good courage.
Josh 2:1 JOSHUA SON of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as scouts, saying, Go, view the land, especially Jericho. And they went and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab and lodged there.
Josh 2:2 It was told the king of Jericho, Behold, there came men in here tonight of the Israelites to search out the country.
Josh 2:3 And the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out the land.
Josh 2:4 But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. So she said, Yes, two men came to me, but I did not know from where they had come.
Josh 2:5 And at gate closing time, after dark, the men went out. Where they went I do not know. Pursue them quickly,

for you will overtake them.
Josh 2:6 But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax which she had laid in order there.
Josh 2:7 So the men pursued them to the Jordan as far as the fords. As soon as the pursuers had gone, the city's gate was shut.
Josh 2:8 Before the two men had lain down, Rahab came up to them on the roof,
Josh 2:9 And she said to the men, I know that the Lord has given you the land and that your terror is fallen upon us and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.
Josh 2:10 For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the [east] side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.
Josh 2:11 When we heard it, our hearts melted, neither did spirit {or} courage remain any more in any man because of you, for the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.
Josh 2:12 Now then, I pray you, swear to me by the Lord, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a sure sign,
Josh 2:13 And save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all they have, and deliver us from death.
Josh 2:14 And the men said to her, Our lives for yours! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the Lord gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you.
Josh 2:15 Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the [town] wall so that she dwelt in the wall.
Josh 2:16 And she said to them, Get to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; hide yourselves there three days until the pursuers have returned; and afterward you may go your way.
Josh 2:17 The men said to her, We will be blameless of this oath you have made us swear. [The responsibility is now yours.]
Josh 2:18 Behold, when we come into the land, you shall bind this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall bring your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father's household into your house.
Josh 2:19 And if anyone goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless; but if a hand is laid upon anyone who is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head.
Josh 2:20 But if you tell this business of ours, we shall be guiltless of your oath which you made us swear.
Josh 2:21 And she said, According to your words, so it is. Then she sent them away and they departed; and she bound the scarlet cord in the window.
Josh 2:22 They left and went to the mountain and stayed there three days, until the pursuers returned, who had searched all along the way without finding them.
Josh 2:23 So the two men descended from the mountain, passed over [the Jordan], and came to Joshua son of Nun, and told him all that had befallen them.
Josh 2:24 They said to Joshua, Truly the Lord has given all the land into our hands; for all the inhabitants of the country are faint because of us.
Josh 3:1 JOSHUA ROSE early in the morning and they removed from Shittim and came to the Jordan, he and all the Israelites, and lodged there before passing over.
Josh 3:2 After three days the officers went through the camp,
Josh 3:3 Commanding the people: When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being borne by the Levitical priests, set out from where you are and follow it.
Josh 3:4 Yet a space must be kept between you and it, about 2,000 cubits by measure; come not near it, that you may [be able to see the ark and] know the way you must go, for you have not passed this way before.
Josh 3:5 And Joshua said to the people, Sanctify yourselves [that is, separate yourselves for a special holy purpose], for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.
Josh 3:6 Joshua said to the priests, Take up the ark of the covenant and pass over before the people. And they took it up and went on before the people.
Josh 3:7 The Lord said to Joshua, This day I will begin to magnify you in the sight of all Israel, so they may know that as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.
Josh 3:8 You shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.
Josh 3:9 Joshua said to the Israelites, Come near, hear the words of the Lord your God.
Josh 3:10 Joshua said, Hereby you shall know that the living God is among you and that He will surely drive out from

before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites.
Josh 3:11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is passing over before you into the Jordan!
Josh 3:12 So now take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe.
Josh 3:13 When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord of all the earth shall rest in the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan coming down from above shall be cut off and they shall stand in one heap.
Josh 3:14 So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people,
Josh 3:15 And when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were in the brink of the water--for the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest--
Josh 3:16 Then the waters which came down from above stood and rose up in a heap far off, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt [Dead] Sea, were wholly cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho.
Josh 3:17 And while all Israel passed over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.
Josh 4:1 WHEN ALL the nation had fully passed over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua,
Josh 4:2 Take twelve men from among the people, one man out of every tribe,
Josh 4:3 And command them, Take twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan from the place where the priests' feet stood firm; carry them over with you and leave them at the place where you lodge tonight.
Josh 4:4 Then Joshua called the twelve men of the Israelites whom he had appointed, a man from each tribe.
Josh 4:5 And Joshua said to them, Pass over before the ark of the Lord your God in the midst of the Jordan, and take up every man of you a stone on his shoulder, as is the number of the tribes of the Israelites,
Josh 4:6 That this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, What do these stones mean to you?
Josh 4:7 Then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it passed over the Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever.
Josh 4:8 And the Israelites did as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the Lord told Joshua, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged and laid them down there.
Josh 4:9 And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.
Josh 4:10 For the priests who bore the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan until everything was finished that the Lord commanded Joshua to tell the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua. The people passed over in haste.
Josh 4:11 When all the people had passed over, the ark of the Lord and the priests went over in the presence of the people.
Josh 4:12 And the sons of Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh passed over armed before the [other] Israelites, as Moses had bidden them;
Josh 4:13 About 40,000 [of these] prepared for war passed over before the Lord to the plains of Jericho for battle.
Josh 4:14 On that day the Lord magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they stood in awe of him, as they stood in awe of Moses, all the days of his life.
Josh 4:15 And the Lord said to Joshua,
Josh 4:16 Order the priests bearing the ark of the Testimony to come up out of the Jordan.
Josh 4:17 So Joshua commanded the priests, Come up out of the Jordan.
Josh 4:18 And when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord had come up out of the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of their feet were lifted up to the dry land, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and flowed over all its banks as they had before.
Josh 4:19 And the people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month and encamped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho.
Josh 4:20 And those twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan Joshua set up in Gilgal.
Josh 4:21 And he said to the Israelites, When your children ask their fathers in time to come, What do these stones mean?
Josh 4:22 You shall let your children know, Israel came over this Jordan on dry ground.
Josh 4:23 For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over, as the Lord your God

did to the Red Sea, which He dried up for us until we passed over,
Josh 4:24 That all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty and that you may reverence {and} fear the Lord your God forever.
Josh 5:1 WHEN ALL the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea heard that the Lord had dried up the waters of the Jordan before the Israelites until we had crossed over, their hearts melted and there was no spirit in them any more because of the Israelites.
Josh 5:2 At that time the Lord said to Joshua, Make knives of flint and circumcise the [new generation of] Israelites as before.
Josh 5:3 So Joshua made knives of flint and circumcised the sons of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth.
Josh 5:4 And this is the reason Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way after they came out of Egypt.
Josh 5:5 Though all the people who came out were circumcised, yet all the people who were born in the wilderness on the way after Israel came out of Egypt had not been circumcised.
Josh 5:6 For the Israelites walked forty years in the wilderness till all who were men of war who came out of Egypt perished, because they did not hearken to the voice of the Lord; to them the Lord swore that He would not let them see the land which the Lord swore to their fathers to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey.
Josh 5:7 So it was their uncircumcised children whom He raised up in their stead whom Joshua circumcised, because the rite had not been performed on the way.
Josh 5:8 When they finished circumcising all the males of the nation, they remained in their places in the camp till they were healed.
Josh 5:9 And the Lord said to Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you. So the name of the place is called Gilgal [rolling] to this day.
Josh 5:10 And the Israelites encamped in Gilgal; and they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at evening in the plains of Jericho.
Josh 5:11 And on that same day they ate the produce of the land: unleavened cakes and parched grain.
Josh 5:12 And the manna ceased on the day after they ate of the produce of the land; and the Israelites had manna no more, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.
Josh 5:13 When Joshua was by Jericho, he looked up, and behold, a Man stood near him with His drawn sword in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, Are you for us or for our adversaries?
Josh 5:14 And He said, No [neither], but as Prince of the Lord's host have I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, What says my Lord to His servant?
Josh 5:15 And the Prince of the Lord's host said to Joshua, Loose your shoes from off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy. And Joshua did so.
Josh 6:1 NOW JERICHO [a fenced town with high walls] was tightly closed because of the Israelites; no one went out or came in.
Josh 6:2 And the Lord said to Joshua, See, I have given Jericho, its king and mighty men of valor, into your hands.
Josh 6:3 You shall march around the enclosure, all the men of war going around the city once. This you shall do for six days.
Josh 6:4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns; and on the seventh day you shall march around the enclosure seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.
Josh 6:5 When they make a long blast with the ram's horn and you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the enclosure shall fall down in its place and the people shall go up [over it], every man straight before him.
Josh 6:6 So Joshua son of Nun called the priests and said to them, Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord.
Josh 6:7 He said to the people, Go on! March around the enclosure, and let the armed men pass on before the ark of the Lord.
Josh 6:8 When Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before the Lord and blew the trumpets, and the ark of the covenant of the Lord followed them.
Josh 6:9 The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, the priests blowing the trumpets as they went.
Josh 6:10 But Joshua commanded the people, You shall not shout or let your voice be heard, nor shall any word proceed out of your mouth until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout!
Josh 6:11 So he caused the ark of the Lord to go around the city once; and they came into the camp and lodged in the

camp.
Josh 6:12 Joshua rose early in the morning and the priests took up the ark of the Lord.
Josh 6:13 And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord passed on, blowing the trumpets continually; and the armed men went before them and the rear guard came after the ark of the Lord, the priests blowing the trumpets as they went.
Josh 6:14 On the second day they compassed the city enclosure once and returned to the camp. So they did for six days.
Josh 6:15 On the seventh day they rose early at daybreak and marched around the city as usual, only on that day they compassed the city seven times.
Josh 6:16 And the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, Shout! For the Lord has given you the city.
Josh 6:17 And the city and all that is in it shall be devoted to the Lord [for destruction]; only Rahab the harlot and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent.
Josh 6:18 But you, keep yourselves from the accursed {and} devoted things, lest when you have devoted it [to destruction], you take of the accursed thing, and so make the camp of Israel accursed and trouble it.
Josh 6:19 But all the silver and gold and vessels of bronze and iron are consecrated to the Lord; they shall come into the treasury of the Lord.
Josh 6:20 So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. When the people heard the sound of the trumpet, they raised a great shout, and [Jericho's] wall fell down in its place, so that the [Israelites] went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.
Josh 6:21 Then they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, ox, sheep, and donkey, with the edge of the sword.
Josh 6:22 But Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, Go into the harlot's house and bring out the woman and all she has, as you swore to her.
Josh 6:23 So the young men, the spies, went in and brought out Rahab, her father and mother, her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred and set them outside the camp of Israel.
Josh 6:24 And they burned the city with fire and all that was in it; only the silver, the gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron they put into the treasury of the house of the Lord.
Josh 6:25 So Joshua saved Rahab the harlot, with her father's household and all that she had; and she lives in Israel even to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.
Josh 6:26 Then Joshua laid this oath on them, Cursed is the man before the Lord who rises up and rebuilds this city, Jericho. With the loss of his firstborn shall he lay its foundation, and with the loss of his youngest son shall he set up its gates.
Josh 6:27 So the Lord was with Joshua, and his fame was in all the land.
Josh 7:1 BUT THE Israelites committed a trespass in regard to the devoted things; for Achan son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the things devoted [for destruction]. And the anger of the Lord burned against Israel.
Josh 7:2 Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth-aven, east of Bethel, and said to them, Go up and spy out the land. So the men went up and spied out Ai.
Josh 7:3 And they returned to Joshua and said to him, Let not all the men go up; but let about two thousand or three thousand go up and attack Ai; do not make the whole army toil up there, for they of Ai are few.
Josh 7:4 So about three thousand Israelites went up there, but they fled before the men of Ai.
Josh 7:5 And the men of Ai killed about thirty-six of them, for they chased them from before the gate as far as Shebarim, and slew them at the descent. And the hearts of the people melted and became as water.
Josh 7:6 Then Joshua rent his clothes and lay on the earth upon his face before the ark of the Lord until evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads.
Josh 7:7 Joshua said, Alas, O Lord God, why have You brought this people over the Jordan at all only to give us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us? Would that we had been content to dwell beyond the Jordan!
Josh 7:8 O Lord, what can I say, now that Israel has turned to flee before their enemies!
Josh 7:9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it and will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what will You do for Your great name?
Josh 7:10 The Lord said to Joshua, Get up! Why do you lie thus upon your face?
Josh 7:11 Israel has sinned; they have transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. They have taken some of the things devoted [for destruction]; they have stolen, and lied, and put them among their own baggage.

Josh 7:12 That is why the Israelites could not stand before their enemies, but fled before them; they are accursed {and} have become devoted [for destruction]. I will cease to be with you unless you destroy the accursed [devoted] things among you.
Josh 7:13 Up, sanctify (set apart for a holy purpose) the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow; for thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: There are accursed things in the midst of you, O Israel. You can not stand before your enemies until you take away from among you the things devoted [to destruction].
Josh 7:14 In the morning therefore, you shall present your tribes. And the tribe which the Lord takes shall come by families; and the family which the Lord takes shall come by households; and the household which the Lord takes shall come by persons.
Josh 7:15 And he who is taken with the devoted things shall be [killed and his body] burned with fire, he and all he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of the Lord and because he has done a shameful {and} wicked thing in Israel.
Josh 7:16 So Joshua rose up early in the morning and brought Israel near by their tribes, and the tribe of Judah was taken.
Josh 7:17 He brought near the family of Judah, and the family of the Zerahites was taken; and he brought near the family of the Zerahites man by man, and Zabdi was taken.
Josh 7:18 He brought near his household man by man, and Achan son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.
Josh 7:19 And Joshua said to Achan, My son, give glory to the Lord, the God of Israel, and make confession to Him. And tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me.
Josh 7:20 And Achan answered Joshua, In truth, I have sinned against the Lord, the God of Israel, and this have I done:
Josh 7:21 When I saw among the spoils an attractive mantle from Shinar and two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. Behold, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath.
Josh 7:22 So Joshua sent messengers, who ran to the tent, and behold, the spoil was hidden in his tent, with the silver underneath.
Josh 7:23 And they took them from the tent and brought them to Joshua and all the Israelites and laid them out before the Lord.
Josh 7:24 And Joshua and all Israel with him took Achan son of Zerah, and the silver, the garment, the wedge of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that he had; and they brought them to the Valley of Achor.
Josh 7:25 And Joshua said, Why have you brought trouble on us? The Lord will trouble you this day. And all Israel stoned him and those with him with stones, and afterward burned their bodies with fire.
Josh 7:26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones that remains to this day. Then the Lord turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called the Valley of Achor {or} Troubling to this day.
Josh 8:1 AND THE Lord said to Joshua, Fear not nor be dismayed. Take all the men of war with you, and arise, go up to Ai; see, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, his people, his city, and his land.
Josh 8:2 And you shall do to Ai and its king as you did to Jericho and its king, except that its spoil and its cattle [this time] you shall take as booty for yourselves. Lay an ambush against the city behind it.
Josh 8:3 So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai; [he] chose thirty thousand mighty men of strength and sent them forth by night.
Josh 8:4 And he commanded them, Behold, you shall lie in wait against the city behind it. Do not go very far from the city, but all of you be ready.
Josh 8:5 And I and all the people who are with me will approach the city. And when they come out against us, as the first time, we will flee before them
Josh 8:6 Till we have drawn them from the city, for they will say, They are fleeing from us as before. So we will flee before them.
Josh 8:7 Then you shall rise up from the ambush and seize the city, for the Lord your God will deliver it into your hand.
Josh 8:8 When you have taken the city, you shall set it afire; as the Lord commanded, you shall do. See, I have commanded you.
Josh 8:9 So Joshua sent them forth, and they went to the place of ambush and remained between Bethel and Ai, on the

west side of Ai; but Joshua lodged that night among the people.
Josh 8:10 Joshua rose up early in the morning and mustered the men, and went up with the elders of Israel before the warriors to Ai.
Josh 8:11 And all the fighting men who were with him went up and drew near before the city and encamped on the north side of [it], with a ravine between them and Ai.
Josh 8:12 And he took about five thousand men and set them in ambush between Bethel and Ai, west of the city.
Josh 8:13 So they stationed all the army--the main encampment that was north of the city and their men in ambush behind {and} on the west of the city--and Joshua went that night into the midst of the ravine.
Josh 8:14 When the king [and people] of Ai saw it, they hastily rose early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle [at a time and place appointed] before the Arabah [plain]. But he did not know of the ambush against him behind the city.
Josh 8:15 And Joshua and all Israel pretended to be beaten by them, and fled toward the wilderness.
Josh 8:16 So all the people in Ai were called together to pursue them, and they pursued Joshua and were drawn away from the city.
Josh 8:17 Not a man was left in Ai or Bethel who did not go out after Israel. Leaving the city open, they pursued Israel.
Josh 8:18 Then the Lord said to Joshua, Stretch out the javelin that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your hand. So Joshua stretched out the javelin in his hand toward the city.
Josh 8:19 The men in the ambush arose quickly out of their place and ran when he stretched out his hand; and they entered the city and took it, and then hastened and set it afire.
Josh 8:20 When the men of Ai looked back, behold, the smoke of the city went up to the heavens, and they had no power to flee this way or that way. Then the Israelites who fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers.
Josh 8:21 When Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city and that the smoke of the city went up, they turned again and slew the men of Ai.
Josh 8:22 And the others came forth out of the city against them [of Ai], so that they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side and some on that side. And [the Israelites] smote them, so that they let none of them remain or escape.
Josh 8:23 But they took the king of Ai alive and brought him to Joshua.
Josh 8:24 When Israel had finished slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field and in the wilderness into which they pursued them, and they were all fallen by the sword until they were consumed, then all the Israelites returned to Ai and smote it with the sword.
Josh 8:25 And all that fell that day, both men and women, were twelve thousand, including all the men of Ai.
Josh 8:26 For Joshua drew not back his hand with which he stretched out the javelin until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.
Josh 8:27 Only the livestock and the spoil of that city Israel took as booty for themselves, according to the word of the Lord which He commanded Joshua.
Josh 8:28 So Joshua burned Ai and made it a heap of ruins for ever, even a desolation to this day.
Josh 8:29 And he hanged the king of Ai on a tree until evening; and at sunset, Joshua commanded and they took the body down from the tree and cast it at the entrance of the city gate and raised a great heap of stones over it that is there to this day.
Josh 8:30 Then Joshua built an altar to the Lord, the God of Israel, on Mount Ebal,
Josh 8:31 As Moses the servant of the Lord commanded the Israelites, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, an altar of unhewn stones, upon which no man has lifted up an iron tool; and they offered on it burnt offerings to the Lord and sacrificed peace offerings.
Josh 8:32 And there, in the presence of the Israelites, [Joshua] wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses.
Josh 8:33 And all Israel, sojourner as well as he who was born among them, with their elders, officers, and judges, stood on either side of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, half of them in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded before that they should bless the Israelites.
Josh 8:34 Afterward, Joshua read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, all that is written in the Book of the Law.
Josh 8:35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and little ones, and the foreigners who were living among them.
Josh 9:1 WHEN ALL the kings beyond the Jordan in the hill country and in the lowland and all along the coast of the Great [Mediterranean] Sea toward Lebanon, the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites heard

this,
Josh 9:2 They gathered together with one accord to fight Joshua and Israel.
Josh 9:3 But when the people of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai,
Josh 9:4 They worked cunningly, and went pretending to be ambassadors and took [provisions and] old sacks on their donkeys and wineskins, old, torn, and mended,
Josh 9:5 And old and patched shoes on their feet and wearing old garments; and all their supply of food was dry and moldy.
Josh 9:6 And they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and said to him and the men of Israel, We have come from a far country; so now, make a covenant with us.
Josh 9:7 But the men of Israel said to the Hivites, Perhaps you live among us; how then can we make a covenant with you?
Josh 9:8 They said to Joshua, We are your servants. And Joshua said to them, Who are you? From where have you come?
Josh 9:9 They said to him, From a very far country your servants have come because of the name of the Lord your God. For we have heard the fame of Him, and all that He did in Egypt,
Josh 9:10 And all that He did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth.
Josh 9:11 So our elders and all the residents of our country said to us, Take provisions for the journey and go to meet [the Israelites] and say to them, We are your servants; and now make a covenant with us.
Josh 9:12 This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we set out to go to you; but now behold, it is dry and has become moldy.
Josh 9:13 These wineskins (bottles) which we filled were new, and behold, they are torn; and our garments and our shoes have become old because of the very long journey.
Josh 9:14 So the [Israelite] men partook of their food and did not consult the Lord.
Josh 9:15 Joshua made peace with them, covenanting with them to let them live, and the assembly's leaders swore to them.
Josh 9:16 Then three days after they had made a covenant with [the strangers, the Israelites] heard that they were their neighbors and that they dwelt among them.
Josh 9:17 And the Israelites set out and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath-jearim.
Josh 9:18 But the Israelites did not slay them, because the leaders of the assembly had sworn to them by the Lord, the God of Israel, [to spare them]. And all the assembly murmured against the leaders.
Josh 9:19 But all the leaders said to all the assembly, We have sworn to them by the Lord, the God of Israel, so now we may not touch them.
Josh 9:20 This we will do to them: we will let them live, lest wrath be upon us because of the oath which we swore to them.
Josh 9:21 And the leaders said to them, Let them live [and be our slaves]. So they became hewers of wood and drawers of water for all the assembly, just as the leaders had said of them.
Josh 9:22 Joshua called the men and said, Why did you deceive us, saying, We live very far from you, when you dwell among us?
Josh 9:23 Now therefore you are cursed, and of you there shall always be slaves, hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.
Josh 9:24 They answered Joshua, Because it was surely told your servants that the Lord your God commanded His servant Moses to give you all the land and to destroy all the land's inhabitants from before you. So we feared greatly for our lives because of you, and have done this thing.
Josh 9:25 And now, behold, we are in your hand; do as it seems good and right in your sight to do to us.
Josh 9:26 So he did to them, and delivered them out of the hand of the Israelites, so that they did not kill them.
Josh 9:27 But Joshua then made them hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of the Lord, to this day, in the place which He should choose.
Josh 10:1 WHEN ADONI-ZEDEK king of Jerusalem heard how Joshua had taken Ai and had utterly destroyed it, doing to Jericho and its king as he had done to Ai and its king, and how the residents of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them,
Josh 10:2 He feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty.

Josh 10:3 So Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, to Piram king of Jarmuth, to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying,
Josh 10:4 Come up to me and help me, and let us smite Gibeon, for it has made peace with Joshua and with the Israelites.
Josh 10:5 Then the five kings of the Amorites--the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, and Eglon--gathered their forces and went up with all their armies and encamped before Gibeon to fight against it.
Josh 10:6 And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp in Gilgal, saying, Do not relax your hand from your servants; come up to us quickly and save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the hill country are gathered against us.
Josh 10:7 So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the warriors with him and all the mighty men of valor.
Josh 10:8 And the Lord said to Joshua, Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hand; there shall not a man of them stand before you.
Josh 10:9 So Joshua came upon them suddenly, having gone up from Gilgal all night.
Josh 10:10 And the Lord caused [the enemies] to panic before Israel, who slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon and chased them along the way that goes up to Beth-horon and smote them as far as Azekah and Makkedah.
Josh 10:11 As they fled before Israel, while they were descending [the pass] to Beth-horon, the Lord cast great stones from the heavens on them as far as Azekah, killing them. More died because of the hailstones than the Israelites slew with the sword.
Josh 10:12 Then Joshua spoke to the Lord on the day when the Lord gave the Amorites over to the Israelites, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, be silent {and} stand still at Gibeon, and you, moon, in the Valley of Ajalon!
Josh 10:13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the nation took vengeance upon their enemies. Is not this written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of the heavens and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day.
Josh 10:14 There was no day like it before or since, when the Lord heeded the voice of a man. For the Lord fought for Israel.
Josh 10:15 Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.
Josh 10:16 Those five kings fled and hid themselves in the cave of Makkedah.
Josh 10:17 And it was told Joshua, The five kings are hidden in the cave at Makkedah.
Josh 10:18 Joshua said, Roll great stones to the cave's mouth, and set men to guard them.
Josh 10:19 But do not stay. Pursue your enemies and fall upon their rear; do not allow them to enter their cities, for the Lord your God has given them into your hand.
Josh 10:20 When Joshua and the Israelites had ended slaying them until they were wiped out and the remnant remaining of them had entered into fortified cities,
Josh 10:21 All the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace; none moved his tongue against any of the Israelites.
Josh 10:22 Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave and bring out those five kings to me from the cave.
Josh 10:23 They brought the five kings out of the cave to him--the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, and Eglon.
Josh 10:24 When they brought out those kings to Joshua, [he] called for all the Israelites and told the commanders of the men of war who went with him, Come, put your feet on the necks of these kings. And they came and put their feet on the [kings'] necks.
Josh 10:25 Joshua said to them, Fear not nor be dismayed; be strong and of good courage. For thus shall the Lord do to all your enemies against whom you fight.
Josh 10:26 Afterward Joshua smote and slew them and hanged their bodies on five trees, and they hung on the trees until evening.
Josh 10:27 At sunset Joshua ordered and they took the bodies down from the trees and cast them into the cave where the kings had hidden and laid great stones on the cave's mouth, which remain to this very day.
Josh 10:28 Joshua took Makkedah that day and smote it and its king with the sword and utterly destroyed everyone in it. He left none remaining. And he did to the king of Makkedah as he had done to the king of Jericho.
Josh 10:29 Then Joshua and all Israel went from Makkedah to Libnah and attacked Libnah.
Josh 10:30 And the Lord gave it also and its king into Israel's hands, and Joshua smote it with the sword, and all the people in it. He left none remaining in it. And he did to its king as he had done to the king of Jericho.
Josh 10:31 And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, to Lachish and encamped against it and attacked it.

Josh 10:32 And the Lord delivered Lachish into the hands of Israel, and Joshua took it on the second day and smote it with the sword, and all the people in it, as he had done to Libnah.
Josh 10:33 Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish, and Joshua smote him and his people--until he had left none remaining.
Josh 10:34 From Lachish Joshua and all Israel went on to Eglon, laid siege to it, and attacked it.
Josh 10:35 And they took it that day and smote it with the sword and utterly destroyed all who were in it that day, as he had done to Lachish.
Josh 10:36 Then Joshua with all Israel went up from Eglon to Hebron, and they attacked it
Josh 10:37 And took it and smote it with the sword, and its king and all its towns and everyone in it. He left none remaining, as he had done to Eglon, and utterly destroyed it and all its people.
Josh 10:38 And Joshua and all Israel with him returned to Debir and attacked it.
Josh 10:39 And he took it, with its king and all its towns, and they smote them with the sword and utterly destroyed everyone in it. He left none remaining. As he had done to Hebron and to Libnah and its king, so he did to Debir and its king.
Josh 10:40 So Joshua smote all the land, the hill country, the South, the lowland, and the slopes, and all their kings. He left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the Lord, the God of Israel, commanded.
Josh 10:41 And Joshua smote them from Kadesh-barnea even to Gaza, and all the country of Goshen even to Gibeon.
Josh 10:42 Joshua took all these kings and their land at one time, because the Lord, the God of Israel, fought for Israel.
Josh 10:43 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.
Josh 11:1 WHEN JABIN king of Hazor heard of this, he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the kings of Shimron and Achshaph,
Josh 11:2 And to the kings who were in the north in the hill country and in the Arabah south of Chinneroth and in the lowland and in the heights of Dor on the west;
Josh 11:3 To the Canaanites in the east and west; to the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites in the hill country; and to the Hivites below [Mount] Hermon in the land of Mizpah.
Josh 11:4 And they went out with all their hosts, much people, like the sand on the seashore in number, with very many horses and chariots.
Josh 11:5 And all these kings met and came and encamped together at the Waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.
Josh 11:6 But the Lord said to Joshua, Do not be afraid because of them, for tomorrow by this time I will give them up all slain to Israel; you shall hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire.
Josh 11:7 So Joshua and all the people of war with him came against them suddenly by the Waters of Merom and fell upon them.
Josh 11:8 And the Lord gave them into the hand of Israel, who smote them and chased them [toward] populous Sidon and Misrephoth-maim, and eastward as far as the Valley of Mizpah; they smote them until none remained.
Josh 11:9 And Joshua did to them as the Lord had commanded him: he hamstrung their horses and burned their chariots with fire.
Josh 11:10 And Joshua at that time turned back and took Hazor and smote its king with the sword; for Hazor previously was the head of all those kingdoms.
Josh 11:11 They smote all the people in it with the sword, utterly destroying them; none were left alive, and he burned Hazor with fire.
Josh 11:12 And Joshua took all the cities of those kings and all the kings and smote them with the sword, utterly destroying them, as Moses the servant of the Lord commanded.
Josh 11:13 But Israel burned none of the cities that stood [fortified] on their mounds--except Hazor only, which Joshua burned.
Josh 11:14 And all the spoil of these cities and the livestock the Israelites took for their booty; but every man they smote with the sword until they had destroyed them, and they left none who breathed.
Josh 11:15 As the Lord had commanded Moses His servant, so Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did; he left nothing undone of all that the Lord commanded Moses.
Josh 11:16 So Joshua took all that land: the hill country, all the South, all the land of Goshen, the lowland, the Arabah [plain], the hill country of Israel and its lowland,
Josh 11:17 From Mount Halak, which rises toward Seir, as far as Baal-gad in the Valley of Lebanon below Mount Hermon. He captured all their kings and slew them.
Josh 11:18 Joshua had waged war a long time [at least five years] with all those kings.
Josh 11:19 Not a city made peace with the Israelites except the Hivites, the people of Gibeon; all the others they took

in battle.
Josh 11:20 For it was of the Lord to harden their hearts that they should come against Israel in battle, that [Israel] might destroy them utterly, and that without favor {and} mercy, as the Lord commanded Moses.
Josh 11:21 Joshua came at that time and cut off the Anakim [large in stature] from the hill country: from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the hill country of Judah and the hill country of Israel. Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities.
Josh 11:22 None of the Anakim were left in the land of the Israelites; only in Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod [of Philistia] did some remain.
Josh 11:23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord had spoken to Moses, and Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their allotments by tribes. And the land had rest from war.
Josh 12:1 NOW THESE are the kings of the land whom the Israelites defeated and whose land they took possession of east of the Jordan, from the river Arnon to Mount Hermon, and all the Arabah eastward:
Josh 12:2 Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer on the edge of the Valley of the [river] Arnon, and from the middle of the valley as far as the river Jabbok, the boundary of the Ammonites, including half of Gilead;
Josh 12:3 And the Arabah to the Sea of Chinneroth eastward, and in the direction of Beth-jeshimoth, to the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt [or Dead] Sea, southward to the foot of the slopes of Pisgah.
Josh 12:4 And Og king of Bashan, one of the remnant of the Rephaim, who lived at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,
Josh 12:5 And ruled over Mount Hermon and Salecah and all of Bashan to the boundary of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and over half of Gilead to the boundary of Sihon king of Heshbon.
Josh 12:6 These Moses the servant of the Lord and the Israelites defeated; and Moses the servant of the Lord gave their land for a possession to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh.
Josh 12:7 These are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the Israelites defeated on the west side of the Jordan, from Baal-gad in the Valley of Lebanon to Mount Halak, which rises toward Seir. Joshua gave their land to the tribes of Israel for a possession according to their allotments,
Josh 12:8 In the hill country, in the lowland, in the Arabah, on the slopes, in the wilderness, and in the Negeb--the lands of the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites:
Josh 12:9 The king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one;
Josh 12:10 The king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;
Josh 12:11 The king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one;
Josh 12:12 The king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one;
Josh 12:13 The king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one;
Josh 12:14 The king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one;
Josh 12:15 The king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one;
Josh 12:16 The king of Makkedah, one; the king of Bethel, one;
Josh 12:17 The king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hepher, one;
Josh 12:18 The king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one;
Josh 12:19 The king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;
Josh 12:20 The king of Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one;
Josh 12:21 The king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;
Josh 12:22 The king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam in Carmel, one;
Josh 12:23 The king of Dor in the heights of Dor, one; the king of Goiim in Gilgal, one;
Josh 12:24 The king of Tirzah, one. In all, thirty-one kings.
Josh 13:1 NOW JOSHUA was old and gone far in years [over 100], and the Lord said to him, You have grown old and are gone far in years, and very much of the land still remains to be possessed.
Josh 13:2 This is the land that remains: all the regions of the Philistines and all those of the Geshurites:
Josh 13:3 From the Shihor [River] which is east of Egypt, northward to the boundary of Ekron, all of it counted as Canaanite; there are five rulers of the Philistines, those of Gaza, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Gath, and Ekron, and those of the Avvites;
Josh 13:4 In the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah, which belongs to the Sidonians, to Aphek, to the boundary of the Amorites,
Josh 13:5 And the land of the Gebalites; and all Lebanon toward the east, from Baal-gad below Mount Hermon to the gate of Hamath.
Josh 13:6 As for all the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephoth-maim, even all the Sidonians, I

will Myself drive them out from before the Israelites; only allot the land to Israel for an inheritance, as I have commanded you.
Josh 13:7 So now divide this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes and the half-tribe of Manasseh.
Josh 13:8 With the other half-tribe of Manasseh, the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance beyond the Jordan eastward, as Moses the servant of the Lord gave them:
Josh 13:9 From Aroer on the edge of the Valley of the [river] Arnon, and the city in the midst of the valley, and all the tableland of Medeba as far as Dibon;
Josh 13:10 And all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who ruled in Heshbon, as far as the boundary of the Ammonites;
Josh 13:11 And Gilead, and the region of the Geshurites and Maacathites, and all Mount Hermon, and all Bashan to Salecah--
Josh 13:12 All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and Edrei and alone was left of the Rephaim [giants]; for these Moses had defeated and driven out.
Josh 13:13 Yet the Israelites did not drive out the Geshurites or the Maacathites, but Geshur and Maacath dwell among [them] still.
Josh 13:14 Only to the tribe of Levi Moses gave no inheritance; the sacrifices made by fire to the Lord, the God of Israel, are their inheritance, as He said to him.
Josh 13:15 And Moses gave an inheritance to the tribe of the Reubenites according to their families:
Josh 13:16 Their territory was from Aroer on the edge of the Valley of the [river] Arnon, and the city in the midst of the valley, and all the tableland by Medeba;
Josh 13:17 With Heshbon and all its cities which are on the plain; Dibon, Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon,
Josh 13:18 Jahaz, Kedemoth, Mephaath,
Josh 13:19 Kiriathaim, Sibmah, and Zereth-shahar on the hill of the valley,
Josh 13:20 Beth-peor, Pisgah's slopes, and Beth-jeshimoth,
Josh 13:21 All the cities of the plain and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, who ruled in Heshbon, whom Moses defeated along with the leaders of Midian, Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, the princes of Sihon who lived in the land.
Josh 13:22 Balaam son of Beor, the soothsayer, the Israelites also killed with the sword among the rest of their slain.
Josh 13:23 And the border of the Reubenites was the Jordan. This was the inheritance of the Reubenites according to their families, with their cities and villages.
Josh 13:24 Moses gave an inheritance also to the tribe of the Gadites according to their families.
Josh 13:25 Their territory was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the Ammonites as far as Aroer east of Rabbah;
Josh 13:26 And from Heshbon to Ramath-mizpeh and Betonim, and from Mahanaim to the territory of Debir;
Josh 13:27 And in the valley, Beth-haram, Beth-nimrah, Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the realm of Sihon king of Heshbon, with the Jordan as a boundary, to the lower end of the Sea of Chinnereth east of the Jordan.
Josh 13:28 This is the inheritance of the Gadites according to their families, with their cities and villages.
Josh 13:29 And Moses gave an inheritance to the half-tribe of Manasseh; it was allotted to them according to their families.
Josh 13:30 Their region extended from Mahanaim through all Bashan, the entire kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which are in Bashan, sixty cities,
Josh 13:31 And half of Gilead, and Ashtaroth and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan; these were allotted to the people of Machir son of Manasseh for half of the Machirites according to their families.
Josh 13:32 These are the inheritances which Moses distributed in the plains of Moab beyond the Jordan east of Jericho.
Josh 13:33 But to the tribe of Levi, Moses gave no inheritance; the Lord, the God of Israel, is their inheritance, as He told them.
Josh 14:1 THESE ARE the inheritances in the land of Canaan distributed to the Israelites by Eleazar the priest, Joshua son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers' houses of their tribes.
Josh 14:2 Their inheritance was by lot, as the Lord commanded Moses, for the nine and one-half tribes.
Josh 14:3 For Moses had given an inheritance to the two and one-half tribes beyond the Jordan, but to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them,
Josh 14:4 For the people of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim. And no part was given in the land to the Levites except cities in which to live, with their pasturelands for their livestock and for their possessions.

Josh 14:5 As the Lord commanded Moses, so the Israelites did, and they divided the land.
Josh 14:6 Then the people of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal, and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God concerning me and you in Kadesh-barnea.
Josh 14:7 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea to scout out the land. And I brought him a report as it was in my heart.
Josh 14:8 But my brethren who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the Lord my God.
Josh 14:9 And Moses swore on that day, Surely the land on which your feet have walked shall be an inheritance to you and your children always, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.
Josh 14:10 And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years since the Lord spoke this word to Moses, while the Israelites wandered in the wilderness; and now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old.
Josh 14:11 Yet I am as strong today as I was the day Moses sent me; as my strength was then, so is my strength now for war and to go out and to come in.
Josh 14:12 So now give me this hill country of which the Lord spoke that day. For you heard then how the [giantlike] Anakim were there and that the cities were great and fortified; if the Lord will be with me, I shall drive them out just as the Lord said.
Josh 14:13 Then Joshua blessed him and gave Hebron to Caleb son of Jephunneh for an inheritance.
Josh 14:14 So Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the Lord, the God of Israel.
Josh 14:15 The name of Hebron before was Kiriath-arba [city of Arba]. This Arba was the greatest of the Anakim. And the land had rest from war.
Josh 15:1 THE LOT for the tribe of Judah according to its families reached southward to the boundary of Edom, to the Wilderness of Zin at its most southern part.
Josh 15:2 And their south boundary was from the end of the Salt [Dead] Sea, from the bay that faces southward;
Josh 15:3 It went out south of the ascent of Akrabbim, passed along to Zin, and went up south of Kadesh-barnea, along by Hezron, up to Addar, and turned about to Karka,
Josh 15:4 Passed along to Azmon, went out by the Brook of Egypt, and ended at the sea. This was their southern frontier.
Josh 15:5 The eastern boundary was the Salt [Dead] Sea as far as the mouth of the Jordan. The northern boundary was from the bay of the sea at the mouth of the Jordan;
Josh 15:6 And the boundary went up to Beth-hogla and passed along north of Beth-arabah and [it] went up to the [landmark] Stone of Bohan son of Reuben.
Josh 15:7 And the boundary went up to Debir from the Valley of Achor, and so northward, turning toward Gilgal, which is opposite the ascent to Adummim on the south side of the valley; and it passed on to the waters of En-shemesh and ended at En-rogel.
Josh 15:8 Then the boundary went up by the Valley of Ben-hinnom [son of Hinnom] at the southern shoulder of the Jebusite [city]--that is, Jerusalem; and the boundary went up to the top of the mountain that lies before the Valley of Hinnom on the west, at the northern end of the Valley of Rephaim.
Josh 15:9 Then the boundary extended from the top of the mountain to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah and went on to the cities of Mount Ephron; then it bent round to Baalah, that is, Kiriath-jearim.
Josh 15:10 And the boundary went around west of Baalah to Mount Seir, passed along to the northern side of Mount Jearim, which is Chesalon, went down to Beth-shemesh, and then passed on by Timnah.
Josh 15:11 And the boundary went out to the shoulder of the hill north of Ekron, then bent round to Shikkeron, and passed along to Mount Baalah, and went out to Jabneel. Then the boundary ended at the sea.
Josh 15:12 And the west boundary was the Great Sea with its coastline. This is the boundary round about the people of Judah according to their families.
Josh 15:13 And to Caleb son of Jephunneh, [Joshua] gave a part among the people of Judah, as the Lord commanded [him]; it was Kiriath-arba, which is Hebron, [named for] Arba the father of Anak.
Josh 15:14 And Caleb drove from there the three sons of Anak--Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmai--the descendants of Anak.
Josh 15:15 He went up from there against the people of Debir. Debir was formerly named Kiriath-sepher.
Josh 15:16 Caleb said, He who smites Kiriath-sepher and takes it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter as wife.
Josh 15:17 And Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's brother, took it; and he gave him Achsah his daughter as wife.
Josh 15:18 When Achsah came to Othniel, she got his consent to ask her father for a field. Then she returned to Caleb

and when she lighted off her donkey, Caleb said, What do you wish?
Josh 15:19 Achsah answered, Give me a present. Since you have set me in the [dry] Negeb, give me also springs of water. And he gave her the [sloping field with] upper and lower springs.
Josh 15:20 This is the inheritance of the tribe of Judah according to their families.
Josh 15:21 The cities of the tribe of Judah in the extreme south toward the boundary of Edom were: Kabzeel, Eder, Jagur,
Josh 15:22 Kinah, Dimonah, Adadah,
Josh 15:23 Kedesh, Hazor, Ithnan,
Josh 15:24 Ziph, Telem, Bealoth,
Josh 15:25 Hazor-hadattah, Kerioth-hezron (Hazor),
Josh 15:26 Amam, Shema, Moladah,
Josh 15:27 Hazar-gaddah, Heshmon, Beth-pelet,
Josh 15:28 Hazar-shual, Beersheba, Biziothiah,
Josh 15:29 Baalah, Iim, Ezem,
Josh 15:30 Eltolad, Chesil, Hormah,
Josh 15:31 Ziklag, Madmannah, Sansannah,
Josh 15:32 Lebaoth, Shilhim, Ain, and Rimmon. All the cities were twenty-nine [later thirty-six] with their villages.
Josh 15:33 In the lowland: Eshtaol, Zorah, Ashnah,
Josh 15:34 Zanoah, En-gannim, Tappuah, Enam,
Josh 15:35 Jarmuth, Adullam, Socoh, Azekah,
Josh 15:36 Shaaraim, Adithaim, and Gederah and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages.
Josh 15:37 Zenan, Hadashah, Migdal-gad,
Josh 15:38 Dilean, Mizpah, Joktheel,
Josh 15:39 Lachish, Bozkath, Eglon,
Josh 15:40 Cabbon, Lahmas, Chitlish,
Josh 15:41 Gederoth, Beth-dagon, Naamah, and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages.
Josh 15:42 Libnah, Ether, Ashan,
Josh 15:43 Iphtah, Ashnah, Nezib,
Josh 15:44 Keilah, Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages.
Josh 15:45 Ekron, with its towns and villages.
Josh 15:46 From Ekron to the sea, all that lay beside Ashdod, with their villages;
Josh 15:47 Ashdod, with its towns and its villages; Gaza, with its towns and its villages, as far as the Brook of Egypt, and the Great [Mediterranean] Sea with its coastline.
Josh 15:48 In the hill country: Shamir, Jattir, Socoh,
Josh 15:49 Dannah, Kiriath-sannah (that is, Debir),
Josh 15:50 Anab, Eshtemoh, Anim,
Josh 15:51 Goshen, Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages.
Josh 15:52 Arab, Dumah, Eshan,
Josh 15:53 Janim, Beth-tappuah, Aphekah,
Josh 15:54 Humtah, Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), and Zior; nine cities with their villages.
Josh 15:55 Maon, Carmel, Ziph, Juttah,
Josh 15:56 Jezreel, Jokdeam, Zanoah,
Josh 15:57 Kain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages.
Josh 15:58 Halhul, Beth-zur, Gedor,
Josh 15:59 Maarath, Beth-anoth, and Eltekon; six cities with their villages.
Josh 15:60 Kiriath-baal (that is, Kiriath-jearim) and Rabbah; two cities with their villages.
Josh 15:61 In the wilderness: Beth-arabah, Middin, Secacah,
Josh 15:62 Nibshan, the City of Salt, and En-gedi; six cities with their villages.
Josh 15:63 But the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the people of Judah could not drive out; so the Jebusites dwell with the people of Judah at Jerusalem to this day.
Josh 16:1 THE ALLOTMENT for the people of Joseph went from the Jordan by Jericho, east of the waters of Jericho, into the wilderness, going up from Jericho into the hill country to Bethel;
Josh 16:2 Then it went from Bethel to Luz and passed on to Ataroth, the border of the Archites.
Josh 16:3 And it went down westward to the territory of the Japhletites as far as the outskirts of Lower Beth-horon,

then to Gezer, and ended at the sea.
Josh 16:4 The descendants of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, received their inheritance.
Josh 16:5 The boundary of the Ephraimites according to their families was thus: on the east side their border was Ataroth-addar as far as Upper Beth-horon.
Josh 16:6 Then the boundary went from there to the sea; on the north was Michmethath; then on the east the boundary went out to Taanath-shiloh, and eastward to Janoah,
Josh 16:7 Then it went down from Janoah to Ataroth and to Naarah, touched Jericho, and ended at the Jordan [River].
Josh 16:8 The border went out from Tappuah westward to the brook Kanah and ended at the [Mediterranean] Sea. This is the inheritance of the Ephraimites by their families,
Josh 16:9 With the towns set apart for the Ephraimites within the inheritance of the Manassites, all those towns with their villages.
Josh 16:10 But they did not drive out the Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites to this day, and they became slaves required to do forced labor.
Josh 17:1 ALLOTMENT WAS made for the tribe of Manasseh, for he was the firstborn of Joseph. To Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, were allotted Gilead and Bashan because he was a man of war.
Josh 17:2 Allotment was also made for the other Manassites by their families--for the sons of Abiezer, of Helek, Asriel, Shechem, Hepher, and Shemida, the male offspring of Manasseh son of Joseph by their families.
Josh 17:3 But Zelophehad son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons but only daughters; their names were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.
Josh 17:4 They came before Eleazar the priest and Joshua son of Nun and the leaders and said, The Lord commanded Moses to give us an inheritance with our brethren. So according to the Lord's command, Joshua gave them an inheritance among their father's brethren.
Josh 17:5 So there fell ten portions to Manasseh besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which is on the other side of the Jordan,
Josh 17:6 Because the [five] daughters of Manasseh received an inheritance among his [five] sons. The land of Gilead belonged to the other [half] of the Manassites.
Josh 17:7 The territory of Manasseh reached from Asher to Michmethah east of Shechem; and the border went along southward to the inhabitants of En-tappuah.
Josh 17:8 The land of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh, but the town of Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the Ephraimites.
Josh 17:9 Then the boundary went down to the brook Kanah. The cities south of the brook lying among the cities of Manasseh belonged to Ephraim. But Manasseh's boundary went on north of the brook and ended at the sea.
Josh 17:10 The land to the south was Ephraim's and that to the north was Manasseh's, and the sea was the boundary; on the north Asher was reached, and on the east Issachar.
Josh 17:11 Also Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher [these six towns], their inhabitants and their villages: Beth-shean, Ibleam, Dor, Endor, Taanach, and Megiddo.
Josh 17:12 Yet the sons of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities, but the Canaanites persisted in dwelling in that land.
Josh 17:13 When the Israelites became strong, they put the Canaanites to forced labor but did not utterly drive them out.
Josh 17:14 The tribe of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, Why have you given [us] but one lot and one portion as an inheritance when [we] are a great [abundant] people, for until now the Lord has blessed [us]?
Josh 17:15 Joshua replied, If you are a great people, get up to the forest and clear ground for yourselves in the land of the Perizzites and the Rephaim, since the Ephraim hill country is too narrow for you.
Josh 17:16 The Josephites said, The hill country is not enough for us, and all the Canaanites who dwell in the valley have iron chariots, both those in Beth-shean and its villages and in the Valley of Jezreel.
Josh 17:17 And Joshua said to the house of Joseph, to Ephraim and to Manasseh, You are a great {and} numerous people and have great power; you shall not have only one lot
Josh 17:18 But the hill country shall be yours; though it is a forest, you shall clear and possess it to its farthest borders; for you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots and are strong.
Josh 18:1 AND THE whole congregation of the Israelites assembled at Shiloh and set up the Tent of Meeting there; and the land was subdued before them.
Josh 18:2 And there remained among the Israelites seven tribes who had not yet divided their inheritance.
Josh 18:3 Joshua asked the Israelites, How long will you be slack to go in and possess the land which the Lord, the

God of your fathers, has given you?
Josh 18:4 Provide three men from each tribe, and I will send them to go through the land and write a description of it according to their [tribal] inheritances; then they shall return to me.
Josh 18:5 And they shall divide it into seven parts. Judah shall remain in its territory on the south and the house of Joseph shall remain in its territory on the north.
Josh 18:6 You shall describe the land in seven divisions, and bring the description here to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the Lord our God.
Josh 18:7 But the Levites have no portion among you, for the priesthood of the Lord is their inheritance. Gad and Reuben and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance east of the Jordan, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave them.
Josh 18:8 So the men arose and went, and Joshua charged them saying, Go and walk through the land and describe it and come again to me, and I will cast lots for you here before the Lord in Shiloh.
Josh 18:9 And the men went and passed through the land and described it by cities in seven portions in a book; and they came again to Joshua to the camp at Shiloh.
Josh 18:10 Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the Lord, and there [he] divided the land to the Israelites, to each [tribe] his portion.
Josh 18:11 And the lot of the Benjamites came up according to their families; and the territory of their lot fell between the tribes of Judah and Joseph.
Josh 18:12 On the north side their boundary began at the Jordan; then it went up to the shoulder of Jericho on the north and up through the hill country westward and ended at the Beth-aven wilderness.
Josh 18:13 Then the boundary passed over southward toward Luz, to the shoulder of Luz (that is, Bethel); then it went down to Ataroth-addar by the mountain that lies south of Lower Beth-horon.
Josh 18:14 The boundary extended from there, and turning about on the western side southward from the mountain that lies to the south opposite Beth-horon, it ended at Kiriath-baal (that is, Kiriath-jearim), a city of the tribe of Judah. This formed the western side [of Benjamin's territory].
Josh 18:15 The southern side began at the edge of Kiriath-jearim, and the boundary went on westward to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah.
Josh 18:16 Then the boundary went down to the edge of the mountain overlooking the Valley of Ben-hinnom [son of Hinnom], which is at the north end of the Valley of Rephaim; and it descended to the Valley of Hinnom, south of the shoulder of the Jebusites, and went on down to En-rogel.
Josh 18:17 Then it bent toward the north and went on to En-shemesh and on to Geliloth, which was opposite the ascent of Adummim, and went down to the Stone of Bohan son of Reuben.
Josh 18:18 And it went on to the north of the shoulder [of Beth]-Arabah and down to the Arabah.
Josh 18:19 Then the boundary passed along to the north of the shoulder of Beth-hoglah and ended at the northern bay of the Salt [Dead] Sea, at the south end of the Jordan. This was the southern border.
Josh 18:20 And the Jordan was its boundary on the east side. This was the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin by their boundaries round about, according to their families.
Josh 18:21 Now the cities of the tribe of Benjamin according to [their] families were: Jericho, Beth-hoglah, Emek-keziz,
Josh 18:22 Beth-arabah, Zemaraim, Bethel,
Josh 18:23 Avvim, Parah, Ophrah,
Josh 18:24 Chephar-ammoni, Ophni, and Geba; twelve cities with their villages;
Josh 18:25 Gibeon, Ramah, Beeroth,
Josh 18:26 Mizpah, Chephirah, Mozah,
Josh 18:27 Rekem, Irpeel, Taralah,
Josh 18:28 Zelah, Haeleph, the Jebusite [city]--that is, Jerusalem--Gibeah, and Kiriath-[jearim]; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the tribe of Benjamin according to their families.
Josh 19:1 THE SECOND lot fell to Simeon, to the tribe of the Simeonites according to their families; and their inheritance lay within that of the people of Judah.
Josh 19:2 And they had for their inheritance: Beersheba or Sheba, Moladah,
Josh 19:3 Hazarshual, Balah, Ezem,
Josh 19:4 Eltolad, Bethul, Hormah,
Josh 19:5 Ziklag, Beth-marcaboth, Hazar-susah,
Josh 19:6 Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhen; [making] thirteen cities and their villages;

Josh 19:7 Ain [with] Rimmon, Ether, and Ashan; [making] four cities and their villages;
Josh 19:8 And all the villages around these cities as far as Baalath-beer, or Ramah of the Negeb. This was the possession of the Simeonites according to their families.
Josh 19:9 Out of the part assigned to the Judahites was the inheritance of the tribe of Simeon, for the portion of the tribe of Judah was too large for them. Therefore the tribe of Simeon had its inheritance in the midst of Judah's inheritance.
Josh 19:10 The third lot came up for the tribe of Zebulun according to their families. The border of its inheritance extended to Sarid.
Josh 19:11 Then its boundary went up westward and on to Maralah and reached to Dabbesheth and to the brook east of Jokneam.
Josh 19:12 And it turned from Sarid eastward to the border of Chisloth-tabor and it went out to Daberath and on up to Japhia,
Josh 19:13 Then passed eastward to Gath-hepher [Jonah's birthplace] and to Eth-kazin, and went on to Rimmon bending toward Neah.
Josh 19:14 The boundary circled on the north to Hannathon, ending at the Valley of Iphtah-el.
Josh 19:15 Included were Kattath, Nahalal, Shimron, Idalah, and Bethlehem; twelve cities with their villages.
Josh 19:16 This is the inheritance of the people of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.
Josh 19:17 The fourth lot fell to Issachar, to its people according to their families.
Josh 19:18 Their territory included: Jezreel, Chesulloth, Shunem,
Josh 19:19 Hapharaim, Shion, Anaharath,
Josh 19:20 Rabbith, Kishion, Ebez,
Josh 19:21 Remeth, En-gannim, En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez.
Josh 19:22 The boundary reached to Tabor, Shahazumah, and Beth-shemesh, and ended at the Jordan; sixteen cities with their villages.
Josh 19:23 This is the inheritance of the tribe of Issachar according to their families, the cities and their villages.
Josh 19:24 The fifth lot fell to the tribe of Asher according to their families.
Josh 19:25 Their territory included: Helkath, Hali, Beten, Achshaph,
Josh 19:26 Allammelech, Amad, and Mishal; and on the west it touched Carmel and Shihor-libnath.
Josh 19:27 Then it turned eastward to Beth-dagon, touching Zebulun and the Valley of Iphtah-el northward to Beth-emek and Neiel, and continued in the north to Cabul,
Josh 19:28 Ebron, Rehob, Hammon, and Kanah, even to populous Sidon.
Josh 19:29 Then the boundary turned to Ramah, reaching to the fortified city of Tyre; and it turned to Hosah, and ended at the sea--Mahalab, Achzib,
Josh 19:30 Ummah, Aphek, and Rehob; twenty-two cities with their villages.
Josh 19:31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.
Josh 19:32 The sixth lot fell to the tribe of Naphtali according to their families.
Josh 19:33 Their boundary ran from Heleph, from the oak in Zaanannim and Adami-nekeb and Jabneel as far as Lakkum; and it ended at the Jordan.
Josh 19:34 Then the boundary turned westward to Aznoth-tabor and went from there to Hukkok, touching Zebulun on the south, Asher on the west, and Judah on the east at the Jordan.
Josh 19:35 The fortified cities included Ziddim, Zer, Hammath, Rakkath, Chinnereth,
Josh 19:36 Adamah, Ramah, Hazor,
Josh 19:37 Kedesh, Edrei, En-hazor,
Josh 19:38 Yiron, Migdal-el, Horem, Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh; nineteen cities and their villages.
Josh 19:39 This is the inheritance of the tribe of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages.
Josh 19:40 And the seventh lot fell to the tribe of Dan according to their families.
Josh 19:41 The territory of their inheritance included: Zorah, Eshtaol, Ir-shemesh,
Josh 19:42 Shaalabbin, Aijalon, Ithlah,
Josh 19:43 Elon, Timnah, Ekron,
Josh 19:44 Eltekeh, Gibbethon, Baalath,
Josh 19:45 Jehud, Bene-berak, Gath-rimmon,
Josh 19:46 Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, with the territory before Joppa.
Josh 19:47 The territory of the tribe of Dan had to be extended [because of the crowding in of the Amorites and Philistines]; so the sons of Dan went up to fight against Leshem (Laish) and took it and smote it with the sword and

possessed it and dwelt there, and they called Leshem (Laish) Dan after Dan their [forefather].
Josh 19:48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.
Josh 19:49 When they had finished dividing the land for inheritance by their boundaries, the Israelites gave an inheritance among them to Joshua son of Nun.
Josh 19:50 According to the word of the Lord they gave him the city for which he asked--Timnath-serah in the hills of Ephraim. And he built the city and dwelt in it.
Josh 19:51 These are the inheritances which Eleazar the priest, Joshua son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of Israel distributed by lot in Shiloh before the Lord at the door of the Tent of Meeting. So they finished dividing the land.
Josh 20:1 THE LORD said also to Joshua,
Josh 20:2 Say to the Israelites, Appoint among you cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you through Moses,
Josh 20:3 That the slayer who kills anyone accidentally and unintentionally may flee there; and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.
Josh 20:4 He who flees to one of those cities shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city and explain his case to the elders of that city; they shall receive him to [the protection of] that city and give him a place to dwell among them.
Josh 20:5 If the avenger of blood pursues him, they shall not deliver the slayer into his hand, because he killed his neighbor unintentionally, having had no hatred for him previously.
Josh 20:6 And he shall dwell in that city until he has been tried before the congregation and until the death of him who is the high priest in those days. Then the slayer shall return to his own city from which he fled and to his own house.
Josh 20:7 And they set apart {and} consecrated Kedesh in Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali and Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim and Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the hill country of Judah.
Josh 20:8 Beyond the Jordan east of Jericho they appointed Bezer in the wilderness tableland from the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead from the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan from the tribe of Manasseh.
Josh 20:9 These cities were for all the Israelites and the stranger sojourning among them, that whoever killed a person unintentionally might flee there and not be slain by the avenger of blood until he had been tried before the congregation.
Josh 21:1 THEN THE heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites came to Eleazar the priest and Joshua son of Nun and the heads of the fathers' houses of the Israelite tribes.
Josh 21:2 They said to them at Shiloh in Canaan, The Lord commanded through Moses that we should be given cities to dwell in, with their pasturelands (suburbs) for our cattle.
Josh 21:3 So the Israelites gave to the Levites out of their own inheritance, at the command of the Lord, these cities and their suburbs.
Josh 21:4 The [first] lot came out for the families of the Kohathites. So those Levites who were descendants of Aaron the priest received by lot from the tribes of Judah, Simeon, and Benjamin thirteen cities.
Josh 21:5 And the rest of the Kohathites received by lot from the families of the tribes of Ephraim, Dan, and the half-tribe of Manasseh ten cities.
Josh 21:6 The Gershonites received by lot from the families of the tribes of Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, and the half-tribe of Manasseh in Bashan thirteen cities.
Josh 21:7 The Merarites received according to their families from the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Zebulun twelve cities.
Josh 21:8 The Israelites gave by lot to the Levites these cities with their pasturelands (suburbs), as the Lord commanded through Moses.
Josh 21:9 They gave from the tribes of Judah and Simeon the cities here mentioned by name,
Josh 21:10 Which went to the families of the descendants of Aaron, of the Kohathite branch of the Levites, for the lot fell to them first.
Josh 21:11 They gave them [the city of] Kiriath-arba, Arba being the father of Anak, which city is Hebron, in the hill country of Judah, with its pasturelands round about it.
Josh 21:12 But the city's fields and villages they gave to Caleb son of Jephunneh as his own.
Josh 21:13 Thus to the descendants of Aaron the priest they gave Hebron, the city of refuge for the slayer, with its pasturelands (suburbs), and together with their suburbs, Libnah,
Josh 21:14 Jattir, Eshtemoa,
Josh 21:15 Holon, Debir,
Josh 21:16 Ain, Juttah, and Beth-shemesh; nine cities, each with its suburbs, out of those two tribes.
Josh 21:17 Out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon, Geba,

Josh 21:18 Anathoth, and Almon; four cities, each with its suburbs.
Josh 21:19 The cities of the sons of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen, with their suburbs.
Josh 21:20 The rest of the Kohathites belonging to the Levitical families were allotted cities out of the tribe of Ephraim.
Josh 21:21 To them were given, each with its pasturelands (suburbs), Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, as the city of refuge for the slayer, and Gezer,
Josh 21:22 And Kibzaim, and Beth-horon; four cities, each with its pasturelands (suburbs).
Josh 21:23 And out of the tribe of Dan, each with its pasturelands (suburbs), Eltekeh, Gibbethon,
Josh 21:24 Aijalon, and Gath-rimmon; four cities, each with its pasturelands (suburbs).
Josh 21:25 And out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Taanach, and [another] Gath-rimmon; two cities, each with its pasturelands (suburbs).
Josh 21:26 All the cities for the families of the remaining Kohathites were ten, with their pasturelands (suburbs).
Josh 21:27 And to the Gershonites of the families of the Levites they gave out of the other half-tribe of Manasseh the city of Golan in Bashan, as the city of refuge for the slayer, and Be-eshterah; two cities, each with its pasturelands.
Josh 21:28 Out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishion, Daberath,
Josh 21:29 Jarmuth, and En-gannim; four cities, each with its suburbs.
Josh 21:30 Out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal, Abdon,
Josh 21:31 Helkath, and Rehob; four cities, each with its pasturelands.
Josh 21:32 And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee, city of refuge for the slayer, and Hammoth-dor, and Kartan; three cities, each with its suburbs.
Josh 21:33 All the cities of the Gershonite families were thirteen, with their pasturelands (suburbs).
Josh 21:34 And to the families of the Merarites, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun were given Jokneam, Kartah,
Josh 21:35 Dimnah, and Nahalal; four cities, each with its pasturelands (suburbs).
Josh 21:36 And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer, Jahaz,
Josh 21:37 Kedemoth, and Mephaath; four cities, each with its pasturelands (suburbs).
Josh 21:38 And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead, as the city of refuge for the slayer, and Mahanaim,
Josh 21:39 Heshbon, and Jazer; four cities in all, each with its pasturelands (suburbs).
Josh 21:40 So all the cities allotted to the Merarite families, that is, the remainder of the Levite families, were twelve cities.
Josh 21:41 The cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the Israelites were forty-eight cities in all, with their pasturelands (suburbs).
Josh 21:42 These cities all had their pasturelands (suburbs) around them.
Josh 21:43 And the Lord gave to Israel all the land which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they possessed it and dwelt in it.
Josh 21:44 The Lord gave them rest round about, just as He had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies withstood them; the Lord delivered all their enemies into their hands.
Josh 21:45 There failed no part of any good thing which the Lord had promised to the house of Israel; all came to pass.
Josh 22:1 THEN JOSHUA called the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh,
Josh 22:2 And said to them, You have kept all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you.
Josh 22:3 You have not deserted your brethren [the other tribes] these many days to this day but have carefully kept the charge of the Lord your God.
Josh 22:4 But now the Lord your God has given rest to your brethren, as He promised them; so now go, return to your homes in the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave you on the [east] side of the Jordan.
Josh 22:5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the Lord charged you: to love the Lord your God and to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments and to cling to {and} unite with Him and to serve Him with all your heart and soul [your very life].
Josh 22:6 So Joshua blessed them and sent them away, and they went to their homes.
Josh 22:7 Now to one-half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given a possession in Bashan, but to the other half Joshua gave a possession on the west side of the Jordan among their brethren. So when Joshua sent them away to their homes, he blessed them,
Josh 22:8 And he said to them, Return with much riches to your tents and with very much livestock, with silver, gold, bronze, iron, and very much clothing. Divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren.

Josh 22:9 So the Reubenites, Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned home, parting from the [other] Israelites at Shiloh in the land of Canaan to go to the land of Gilead, their own land of which they had been given possession by the command of the Lord through Moses.
Josh 22:10 And when they came to the region of the Jordan in the land of Canaan, the Reubenites, Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by the Jordan, an altar great to behold.
Josh 22:11 And the [other] Israelites heard it said, Behold, the Reubenites, Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh have built an altar at the edge of the land of Canaan in the region [west] of the Jordan in the passage [belonging to us], the Israelites.
Josh 22:12 When the Israelites heard of it, the whole congregation of the sons of Israel gathered at Shiloh to make war on them.
Josh 22:13 And the [other] Israelites sent to the Reubenites, Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, in the land of Gilead, Phinehas son of Eleazar, the priest,
Josh 22:14 And with him ten chiefs, one from each of the tribal families of Israel; and each one was a head of a father's house among the clans of Israel.
Josh 22:15 And they came to the Reubenites, Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, in the land of Gilead, and they said to them,
Josh 22:16 The whole congregation of the Lord says, What trespass is this that you have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the Lord, in that you have built yourselves an altar to rebel this day against the Lord?
Josh 22:17 Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we are not cleansed even now, although there came a plague [in which 24,000 died] in the congregation of the Lord,
Josh 22:18 That you must turn away this day from following the Lord? The result will be, since you rebel today against the Lord, that tomorrow He will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel.
Josh 22:19 But now, if your land is unclean, pass over into the Lord's land, where the Lord's tabernacle resides, and take for yourselves a possession among us. But do not rebel against the Lord or rebel against us by building for yourselves an altar other than the altar of the Lord our God.
Josh 22:20 Did not Achan son of Zerah commit a trespass in the matter of taking accursed things [devoted to destruction] and wrath fall on all the congregation of Israel? And he did not perish alone in his perversity {and} iniquity.
Josh 22:21 Then the Reubenites, Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh said to the heads of the clans of Israel,
Josh 22:22 The Mighty One, God, the Lord! The Mighty One, God, the Lord! He knows, and let Israel itself know! If it was in rebellion or in transgression against the Lord, spare us not today.
Josh 22:23 If we have built us an altar to turn away from following the Lord, or if we did so to offer on it burnt offerings or cereal offerings or peace offerings, may the Lord Himself take vengeance.
Josh 22:24 No! But we did it for fear that in time to come your children might say to our children, What have you to do with the Lord, the God of Israel?
Josh 22:25 For the Lord has made the Jordan a boundary between us and you, you Reubenites and Gadites; you have no part in the Lord. So your children might make our children cease from fearing the Lord.
Josh 22:26 So we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt offering nor for sacrifice,
Josh 22:27 But to be a witness between us and you and between the generations after us, that we will perform the service of the Lord before Him with our burnt offerings and sacrifices and peace offerings; lest your children say to our children in time to come, You have no portion in the Lord.
Josh 22:28 So we thought, if that should be said to us or to our descendants in time to come, we can reply, Behold the copy of the altar of the Lord, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings nor for sacrifices, but to be a witness between us and you.
Josh 22:29 Far be it from us that we should rebel against the Lord and turn away this day from following the Lord to build an altar for burnt offerings, for cereal offerings, or for sacrifices, besides the altar of the Lord our God that is before His tabernacle.
Josh 22:30 And when Phinehas the priest and the chiefs of the congregation and heads of the clans of Israel who were with him heard the words that the Reubenites, Gadites, and Manassites spoke, it pleased them.
Josh 22:31 Phinehas son of Eleazar, the priest, said to the Reubenites, Gadites, and Manassites, Today we know the Lord is among us, because you have not committed this trespass {and} treachery against the Lord; now you have saved the Israelites from the Lord's hand.
Josh 22:32 Then Phinehas son of Eleazar, the priest, and the chiefs returned from the Reubenites and Gadites in the

land of Gilead to the land of Canaan, to the [other] Israelites, and brought back word to them.
Josh 22:33 The report pleased the Israelites and they blessed God; and they spoke no more of going to war against them to destroy the land in which the Reubenites and Gadites dwelt.
Josh 22:34 The Reubenites and Gadites called the altar Ed [witness], saying, It shall be: A Witness Between Us that the Lord is God.
Josh 23:1 A LONG time after that, when the Lord had given Israel rest from all their enemies round about, and Joshua had grown old and advanced in years,
Josh 23:2 Joshua summoned all Israel, their elders, heads, judges, and officers, and said to them, I am old and advanced in years.
Josh 23:3 And you have seen all that the Lord your God has done to all these nations for your sake; for it is the Lord your God Who has fought for you.
Josh 23:4 Behold, I have allotted to you as an inheritance for your tribes those nations that remain, with all the nations I have cut off, from the Jordan to the Great Sea on the west.
Josh 23:5 The Lord your God will thrust them out from before you and drive them out of your sight, and you shall possess their land, as the Lord your God promised you.
Josh 23:6 So be very courageous {and} steadfast to keep and do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, turning not aside from it to the right hand or the left,
Josh 23:7 That you may not mix with these nations that remain among you, or make mention of the names of their gods or swear by them or serve them or bow down to them.
Josh 23:8 But cling to the Lord your God as you have done to this day.
Josh 23:9 For the Lord has driven out from before you great and strong nations; and as for you, no man has been able to withstand you to this day.
Josh 23:10 One man of you shall put to flight a thousand, for it is the Lord your God Who fights for you, as He promised you.
Josh 23:11 Be very watchful of yourselves, therefore, to love the Lord your God.
Josh 23:12 For if you turn back and adhere to the remnant of these nations left among you and make marriages with them, you marrying their women and they yours,
Josh 23:13 Know with certainty that the Lord your God will not continue to drive these nations from before you; but they shall be a snare and trap to you, and a scourge in your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good land which the Lord your God has given you.
Josh 23:14 And behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth. Know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the Lord your God promised concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one thing of them has failed.
Josh 23:15 But just as all good things which the Lord promised you have come to you, so will the Lord carry out [His] every [warning of] evil upon you, until He has destroyed you from off this good land which the Lord your God has given you.
Josh 23:16 If you transgress the covenant of the Lord your God, which He commanded you, if you serve other gods and bow down to them, then the anger of the Lord will be kindled against you, and you shall perish quickly from off the good land He has given you.
Josh 24:1 THEN JOSHUA gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders of Israel and their heads, their judges, and their officers; they presented themselves before God.
Josh 24:2 Joshua said to all the people, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt in olden times beyond the Euphrates River, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, and they served other gods.
Josh 24:3 And I took your father Abraham from beyond the Euphrates River and led him through all the land of Canaan and multiplied his offspring. I gave him Isaac,
Josh 24:4 And I gave to Isaac Jacob and Esau. And I gave to Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt.
Josh 24:5 I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in the midst of it; and afterward I brought you out.
Josh 24:6 I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea.
Josh 24:7 When they cried to the Lord, He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them and covered them; and your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. And you lived in the wilderness a long time [forty years].

Josh 24:8 I brought you into the land of the Amorites who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I gave them into your hand, and you possessed their land, and I destroyed them before you.
Josh 24:9 Then Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam son of Beor to curse you.
Josh 24:10 But I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you; so I delivered you out of Balak's hand.
Josh 24:11 You went over the Jordan and came to Jericho; and the men of Jericho fought against you, as did the Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites, and Jebusites, and I gave them into your hands.
Josh 24:12 I sent the hornet [that is, the terror of you] before you, which drove the two kings of the Amorites out before you; but it was not by your sword or by your bow.
Josh 24:13 I have given you a land for which you did not labor and cities you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat from vineyards and olive yards you did not plant.
Josh 24:14 Now therefore, [reverently] fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and in truth; put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the [Euphrates] River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.
Josh 24:15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
Josh 24:16 The people answered, Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods;
Josh 24:17 For it is the Lord our God Who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, Who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed.
Josh 24:18 And the Lord drove out before us all the people, the Amorites who dwelt in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for He is our God.
Josh 24:19 And Joshua said to the people, You cannot serve the Lord, for He is a holy God; He is a jealous God. He will not forgive your transgressions or your sins.
Josh 24:20 If you forsake the Lord and serve strange gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good.
Josh 24:21 And the people said to Joshua, No; but we will serve the Lord.
Josh 24:22 Then Joshua said to the people, You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve Him. And they said, We are witnesses.
Josh 24:23 Then put away, said he, the foreign gods that are among you and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.
Josh 24:24 The people said to Joshua, The Lord our God we will serve; His voice we will obey.
Josh 24:25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.
Josh 24:26 And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God; and he took a great stone and set it up there under an oak that was in [the court of] the sanctuary of the Lord.
Josh 24:27 And Joshua said to all the people, See, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words the Lord spoke to us; so it shall be a witness against you, lest [afterward] you lie (pretend) {and} deny your God.
Josh 24:28 So Joshua sent the people away, every man to his inheritance.
Josh 24:29 After this, Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being 110 years old.
Josh 24:30 They buried him at the edge of his inheritance in Timnath-serah in the hill country of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash.
Josh 24:31 Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua and of the elders who outlived Joshua and had known all the works the Lord had done for Israel.
Josh 24:32 And the bones of Joseph, which the Israelites brought up out of Egypt, they buried in Shechem in the portion of ground Jacob bought from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, for 100 pieces of money; and it became the inheritance of the Josephites.
Josh 24:33 And Eleazar son of Aaron died; and they buried him at Gibeah [on the hill] of Phinehas his son, which was given him in the hill country of Ephraim.
Judg 1:1 AFTER THE death of Joshua, the Israelites asked the Lord, Who shall go up first for us against the Canaanites to fight against them?
Judg 1:2 And the Lord said, Judah shall go up; behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.
Judg 1:3 And Judah [the tribe] said to [the tribe of] Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my allotted territory, so that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with you into your territory. So Simeon went with him.

Judg 1:4 Then Judah went up and the Lord delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand, and they smote 10,000 of them in Bezek.
Judg 1:5 And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek and fought against him, and they smote the Canaanites and the Perizzites.
Judg 1:6 Adoni-bezek fled, but they pursued him and caught him and cut off his thumbs and his big toes.
Judg 1:7 Adoni-bezek said, Seventy kings with their thumbs and big toes cut off had to gather their food under my table. As I have done, so God has repaid me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.
Judg 1:8 And the men of Judah fought against [Jebusite] Jerusalem and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword and set the city on fire.
Judg 1:9 Afterward the men of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites who dwelt in the hill country, in the South (the Negeb), and in the lowland.
Judg 1:10 And Judah went against the Canaanites who dwelt in Hebron. The name of Hebron before was Kiriath-arba. And they defeated Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmai.
Judg 1:11 From there [Judah] went against the inhabitants of Debir. The name of Debir before was Kiriath-sepher [city of books and scribes].
Judg 1:12 And Caleb said, Whoever attacks Kiriath-sepher and takes it, to him will I give Achsah, my daughter, as wife.
Judg 1:13 And Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it; and he gave him Achsah, his daughter, as wife.
Judg 1:14 And when she came to [Othniel], she got his consent to ask her father for a [sloping] field. And she alighted off her donkey, and Caleb said to her, What do you want?
Judg 1:15 And she said to him, Give me a present; since you have set me in the land of the South (the Negeb), give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper and lower springs.
Judg 1:16 And the descendants of the Kenite, Moses' father-in-law, went up with the Judahites from the City of Palms (Jericho) into the Wilderness of Judah, which lies in the South (the Negeb) near Arad; and they went and dwelt with the people.
Judg 1:17 And [the tribe of] Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites who inhabited Zephath and utterly destroyed it. So the city was called Hormah [destruction].
Judg 1:18 Also Judah took Gaza, Askelon, and Ekron--each with its territory.
Judg 1:19 The Lord was with Judah, and [Judah] drove out the inhabitants of the hill country, but he could not drive out those inhabiting the [difficult] valley basin because they had chariots of iron.
Judg 1:20 Hebron was given to Caleb as Moses said, and he expelled from there the three sons of Anak.
Judg 1:21 But the Benjamites did not drive out the Jebusites who inhabited Jerusalem; the Jebusites dwell with the Benjamites in Jerusalem to this day.
Judg 1:22 The house of Joseph also went up against Bethel, and the Lord was with them.
Judg 1:23 And the house of Joseph was sent to spy out Bethel. The name of the city formerly had been Luz.
Judg 1:24 And the spies saw a man coming out of the city and they said to him, Show us, we pray you, the way into the city and we will show you mercy.
Judg 1:25 When he showed them the entrance to the city, they smote the city with the sword, but they let the man and all his family go.
Judg 1:26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites and built a city and called it Luz, which is its name to this day.
Judg 1:27 Neither did Manasseh drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shean and its villages, or of Taanach or Dor or Ibleam or Megiddo and their villages, but the Canaanites remained in that land.
Judg 1:28 When Israel became strong, they put the Canaanites to forced labor but did not utterly drive them out.
Judg 1:29 Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer, but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.
Judg 1:30 Neither did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron or of Nahalol, but the Canaanites dwelt among them and were put to forced labor.
Judg 1:31 Neither did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Acco or of Sidon or of Ahlab or of Achzib or of Helbah or of Aphik or of Rehob;
Judg 1:32 But the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land, for they did not drive them out.
Judg 1:33 Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh or of Beth-anath, but dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; but the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of Beth-anath became subject to forced labor for them.

Judg 1:34 The Amorites forced the Danites back into the hill country, for they would not allow them to come down into the plain;
Judg 1:35 The Amorites remained fixed in Mount Heres [mountain of the sun], in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim; yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became subject to forced labor.
Judg 1:36 And the border of the Amorites was from the ascent of Akrabbim, from the rock Sela and onward.
Judg 2:1 NOW THE Angel of the Lord went up from Gilgal to Bochim. And He said, I brought you up from Egypt and have brought you to the land which I swore to give to your fathers, and I said, I will never break My covenant with you;
Judg 2:2 And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; but you shall break down their altars. But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this?
Judg 2:3 So now I say, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare to you.
Judg 2:4 When the Angel of the Lord spoke these words to all the Israelites, the people lifted up their voice and wept.
Judg 2:5 They named that place Bochim [weepers], and they sacrificed there to the Lord.
Judg 2:6 And when Joshua had let the people go, the Israelites went every man to his inheritance to possess the land.
Judg 2:7 And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord which He did for Israel.
Judg 2:8 And Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being 110 years old.
Judg 2:9 And they buried him within the boundary of his inheritance in Timnath-heres in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash.
Judg 2:10 And also all that generation were gathered to their fathers, and there arose another generation after them who did not know (recognize, understand) the Lord, or even the work which He had done for Israel.
Judg 2:11 And the people of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord and served the Baals.
Judg 2:12 And they forsook the Lord, the God of their fathers, Who brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods of the peoples round about them and bowed down to them, and provoked the Lord to anger.
Judg 2:13 And they forsook the Lord and served Baal [the god worshiped by the Canaanites] and the Ashtaroth [female deities such as Ashtoreth and Asherah].
Judg 2:14 So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and He gave them into the power of plunderers who robbed them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could no longer stand before their foes.
Judg 2:15 Whenever they went out, the hand of the Lord was against them for evil as the Lord had said, and as the Lord had sworn to them; and they were bitterly distressed.
Judg 2:16 But the Lord raised up judges, who delivered them out of the hands of those who robbed them.
Judg 2:17 And yet they did not listen to their judges, for they played the harlot after other gods and bowed down to them. They turned quickly out of the way in which their fathers had walked, who had obeyed the commandments of the Lord, and they did not so.
Judg 2:18 When the Lord raised them up judges, then He was with the judge and delivered them out of the hands of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the Lord was moved to relent because of their groanings by reason of those who oppressed and vexed them.
Judg 2:19 But when the judge was dead, they turned back and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, following and serving other gods, and bowing down to them. They did not cease from their practices or their stubborn way.
Judg 2:20 So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel; and He said, Because this people have transgressed My covenant which I commanded their fathers and have not listened to My voice,
Judg 2:21 I from now on will also not drive out from before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died,
Judg 2:22 That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the Lord to walk in it, as their fathers kept it, or not.
Judg 2:23 So the Lord left those nations, without driving them out at once, nor had He delivered them into Joshua's power.
Judg 3:1 NOW THESE are the nations which the Lord left to prove Israel by them, that is, all in Israel who had not previously experienced war in Canaan;
Judg 3:2 It was only that the generations of the Israelites might know and be taught war, at least those who previously knew nothing of it.
Judg 3:3 The remaining nations are: the five lords of the Philistines, all the Canaanites, the Sidonians, and the Hivites who dwelt on Mount Lebanon from Mount Baal-hermon to the entrance of Hamath.

Judg 3:4 They were for the testing {and} proving of Israel to know whether Israel would listen {and} obey the commandments of the Lord, which He commanded their fathers by Moses.
Judg 3:5 And the Israelites dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites;
Judg 3:6 And they married their daughters and gave their own daughters to their sons, and served their gods.
Judg 3:7 And the Israelites did evil in the sight of the Lord and forgot the Lord their God and served the Baals and the Ashtaroth.
Judg 3:8 So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and He sold them into the hand of Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia; and the Israelites served Chushan-rishathaim eight years.
Judg 3:9 But when the Israelites cried to the Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer for the people of Israel to deliver them, Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.
Judg 3:10 The Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he judged Israel. He went out to war, and the Lord delivered Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand and his hand prevailed over Chushan-rishathaim.
Judg 3:11 And the land had rest forty years. Then Othniel son of Kenaz died.
Judg 3:12 And the Israelites again did evil in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord strengthened Eglon king of Moab against Israel because they had done what was evil in the sight of the Lord.
Judg 3:13 And [Eglon] gathered to him the men of Ammon and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and they possessed the City of Palm Trees (Jericho).
Judg 3:14 And the Israelites served Eglon king of Moab eighteen years.
Judg 3:15 But when the Israelites cried to the Lord, the Lord raised them up a deliverer, Ehud son of Gera, a Benjamite, a left-handed man; and by him the Israelites sent tribute to Eglon king of Moab.
Judg 3:16 Ehud made for himself a sword, a cubit long, which had two edges, and he girded it on his right thigh under his clothing.
Judg 3:17 And he brought the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. Now Eglon was a very fat man.
Judg 3:18 And when Ehud had finished presenting the tribute, he sent away the people who had carried it.
Judg 3:19 He himself went [with them] as far as the sculptured [boundary] stones near Gilgal, and then turned back and came to Eglon and said, I have a secret errand to you, O king. Eglon commanded silence, and all who stood by him went out from him.
Judg 3:20 When Ehud had come [near] to him as he was sitting alone in his cool upper apartment, Ehud said, I have a commission from God to execute to you. And the king arose from his seat.
Judg 3:21 Then Ehud put forth his left hand and took the sword from his right thigh and thrust it into Eglon's belly.
Judg 3:22 And the hilt also went in after the blade, and the fat closed upon the blade, for [Ehud] did not draw the sword out of his belly, and the dirt came out.
Judg 3:23 Then Ehud went out into the vestibule and shut the doors of the upper room upon [Eglon] and locked them.
Judg 3:24 When [Ehud] had gone out, [Eglon's] servants came. And when they saw the doors of the upper room were locked, they thought, Surely he [is seeking privacy while he] relieves himself in the closet of the cool chamber.
Judg 3:25 They waited a long time until they became embarrassed {and} uneasy, but when he still did not open the doors of the upper room, they took the key and opened them, and there lay their master fallen to the floor, dead!
Judg 3:26 Ehud escaped while they delayed and passed beyond the sculptured [boundary] stones (images) and escaped to Seirah.
Judg 3:27 When he arrived, he blew a trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went down from the hill country, with him at their head.
Judg 3:28 And he said to them, Follow me, for the Lord has delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. So they went down after him and seized the fords of the Jordan against the Moabites and permitted not a man to pass over.
Judg 3:29 They slew at that time about 10,000 Moabites, all strong, courageous men; not a man escaped.
Judg 3:30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel, and the land had peace {and} rest for eighty years.
Judg 3:31 After [Ehud] was Shamgar son of Anath, who slew 600 Philistine men with an oxgoad. He also delivered Israel.
Judg 4:1 BUT AFTER Ehud died the Israelites again did evil in the sight of the Lord.
Judg 4:2 So the Lord sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his army was Sisera, who dwelt in Harosheth-hagoiim [fortress or city of the nations].
Judg 4:3 Then the Israelites cried to the Lord, for [Jabin] had 900 chariots of iron and had severely oppressed the Israelites for twenty years.
Judg 4:4 Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, judged Israel at that time.

Judg 4:5 She sat under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgment.
Judg 4:6 And she sent and called Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, Has not the Lord, the God of Israel, commanded [you], Go, gather your men at Mount Tabor, taking 10,000 men from the tribes of Naphtali and Zebulun?
Judg 4:7 And I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you at the river Kishon with his chariots and his multitude, and I will deliver him into your hand?
Judg 4:8 And Barak said to her, If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.
Judg 4:9 And she said, I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the trip you take will not be for your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh. [Fulfilled in Judg. 4:22.]
Judg 4:10 And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh, and he went up with 10,000 men at his heels, and Deborah went up with him.
Judg 4:11 Now Heber the Kenite, of the descendants of Hobab, the father-in-law of Moses, had separated from the Kenites and encamped as far away as the oak in Zaanannim, which is near Kedesh.
Judg 4:12 When it was told Sisera that Barak son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor,
Judg 4:13 Sisera gathered together all his chariots, even 900 chariots of iron, and all the men who were with him from Harosheth-hagoiim to the river Kishon.
Judg 4:14 And Deborah said to Barak, Up! For this is the day when the Lord has given Sisera into your hand. Is not the Lord gone out before you? So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with 10,000 men following him.
Judg 4:15 And the Lord confused {and} terrified Sisera and all his chariot drivers and all his army before Barak with the sword. And Sisera alighted from his chariot and fled on foot.
Judg 4:16 But Barak pursued after the chariots and the army to Harosheth-hagoiim, and all the army of Sisera fell by the sword; not a man was left.
Judg 4:17 But Sisera fled on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.
Judg 4:18 And Jael went out to meet Sisera and said to him, Turn aside, my lord, turn aside to me; have no fear. So he turned aside to her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug.
Judg 4:19 And he said to her, Give me, I pray you, a little water to drink for I am thirsty. And she opened a skin of milk and gave him a drink and covered him.
Judg 4:20 And he said to her, Stand at the door of the tent, and if any man comes and asks you, Is there any man here? Tell him, No.
Judg 4:21 But Jael, Heber's wife, took a tent pin and a hammer in her hand and went softly to him and drove the pin through his temple and into the ground; for he was in a deep sleep from weariness. So he died.
Judg 4:22 And behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him and said to him, Come, and I will show you the man you seek. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the tent pin was in his temples.
Judg 4:23 So God subdued on that day Jabin king of Canaan before the Israelites.
Judg 4:24 And the hand of the Israelites bore more and more upon Jabin king of Canaan until they had destroyed [him].
Judg 5:1 THEN SANG Deborah and Barak son of Abinoam on that day, saying,
Judg 5:2 For the leaders who took the lead in Israel, for the people who offered themselves willingly, bless the Lord!
Judg 5:3 Hear, O kings; give ear, O princes; I will sing to the Lord. I will sing praise to the Lord, the God of Israel.
Judg 5:4 Lord, when You went forth out of Seir, when You marched out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled and the heavens also dropped, yes, the clouds dropped water.
Judg 5:5 The mountains quaked at the presence of the Lord, yes, yonder Sinai at the presence of the Lord, the God of Israel.
Judg 5:6 After the days of Shamgar son of Anath, after the days of Jael [meaning here Ehud] the caravans ceased, travelers walked through byways.
Judg 5:7 The villages were unoccupied {and} rulers ceased in Israel until you arose--you, Deborah, arose--a mother in Israel.
Judg 5:8 [Formerly] they chose new gods; then war was in the gates. Was there a shield or spear seen among 40,000 in Israel?
Judg 5:9 My heart goes out to the commanders of Israel who offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless the Lord!

Judg 5:10 Tell of it--you who ride on white donkeys, you who sit on rich carpets, and you who walk by the way.
Judg 5:11 Far from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water, there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the Lord, even the righteous acts toward His villagers in Israel. Then the people of the Lord went down to the gates.
Judg 5:12 Awake, awake, Deborah! Awake, awake, utter a song! Arise, Barak, and lead away your captives, you son of Abinoam.
Judg 5:13 Then down marched the remnant of the nobles, the people of the Lord marched down for Me against the mighty.
Judg 5:14 Out of Ephraim they came down whose root is in Amalek, after you, Benjamin, with your kinsmen. Out of Machir came down commanders {and} lawgivers, and out of Zebulun those who handle the pen {or} stylus of the writer.
Judg 5:15 And the princes of Issachar came with Deborah, and Issachar was faithful to Barak; into the valley they rushed forth at his heels. [But] among the clans of Reuben were great searchings of heart.
Judg 5:16 Why [Reuben] did you linger among the sheepfolds listening to the piping for the flocks? Among the clans of Reuben there were great searchings of heart.
Judg 5:17 Gilead remained beyond the Jordan, and why did Dan stay with the ships? Asher sat still on the seacoast and remained by his creeks. [These came not forth to battle for God's people.]
Judg 5:18 But Zebulun was a people who endangered their lives to the death; Naphtali did also on the heights of the field.
Judg 5:19 The kings came and fought, then fought the kings of Canaan at Taanach by the waters of Megiddo. Gain of booty they did not obtain.
Judg 5:20 From the heavens the stars fought, from their courses they fought against Sisera.
Judg 5:21 The torrent Kishon swept [the foe] away, the onrushing torrent, the torrent Kishon. O my soul, march on with strength!
Judg 5:22 Then the horses' hoofs beat loudly because of the galloping of [fleeing] valiant riders.
Judg 5:23 Curse Meroz, said the messenger of the Lord. Curse bitterly its inhabitants, because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty!
Judg 5:24 Blessed above women shall Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, be; blessed shall she be above women in the tent.
Judg 5:25 [Sisera] asked for water, and she gave [him] milk; she brought him curds in a lordly dish.
Judg 5:26 She put her [left] hand to the tent pin, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer. And with the wooden hammer she smote Sisera, she smote his head, yes, she struck and pierced his temple.
Judg 5:27 He sank, he fell, he lay still at her feet. At her feet he sank, he fell; where he sank, there he fell--dead!
Judg 5:28 The mother of Sisera looked out at a window and wailed through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? Why do the hoofbeats of his chariots tarry?
Judg 5:29 Her wise ladies answered her, yet she repeated her words to herself,
Judg 5:30 Have they not found and been dividing the spoil? A maiden or two for every man, a spoil of dyed garments for Sisera, a spoil of dyed stuffs embroidered, two pieces of dyed work embroidered for my neck as spoil?
Judg 5:31 So let all Your enemies perish, O Lord! But let those who love Him be like the sun when it rises in its might. And the land had peace {and} rest for forty years.
Judg 6:1 BUT THE Israelites did evil in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord gave them into the hand of Midian for seven years.
Judg 6:2 And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of Midian the Israelites made themselves the dens which are in the mountains and the caves and the strongholds.
Judg 6:3 For whenever Israel had sown their seed, the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the east came up against them.
Judg 6:4 They would encamp against them and destroy the crops as far as Gaza and leave no nourishment for Israel, and no ox or sheep or donkey.
Judg 6:5 For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came like locusts for multitude; both they and their camels could not be counted. So they wasted the land as they entered it.
Judg 6:6 And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites, and the Israelites cried to the Lord.
Judg 6:7 And when they cried to the Lord because of Midian,
Judg 6:8 The Lord sent a prophet to the Israelites, who said to them, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt and brought you forth out of the house of bondage.
Judg 6:9 And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove

them out from before you and gave you their land.
Judg 6:10 And I said to you, I am the Lord your God; fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But you have not obeyed My voice.
Judg 6:11 Now the Angel of the Lord came and sat under the oak (terebinth) at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, and his son Gideon was beating wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites.
Judg 6:12 And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, The Lord is with you, you mighty man of [fearless] courage.
Judg 6:13 And Gideon said to him, O sir, if the Lord is with us, why is all this befallen us? And where are all His wondrous works of which our fathers told us, saying, Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt? But now the Lord has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian.
Judg 6:14 The Lord turned to him and said, Go in this your might, and you shall save Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?
Judg 6:15 Gideon said to Him, Oh Lord, how can I deliver Israel? Behold, my clan is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.
Judg 6:16 The Lord said to him, Surely I will be with you, and you shall smite the Midianites as one man.
Judg 6:17 Gideon said to Him, If now I have found favor in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You Who talks with me.
Judg 6:18 Do not leave here, I pray You, until I return to You and bring my offering and set it before You. And He said, I will wait until you return.
Judg 6:19 Then Gideon went in and prepared a kid and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket and the broth in a pot, and brought them to Him under the oak and presented them.
Judg 6:20 And the Angel of God said to him, Take the meat and unleavened cakes and lay them on this rock and pour the broth over them. And he did so.
Judg 6:21 Then the Angel of the Lord reached out the tip of the staff that was in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes, and there flared up fire from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes. Then the Angel of the Lord vanished from his sight.
Judg 6:22 And when Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the Lord, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord God! For now I have seen the Angel of the Lord face to face!
Judg 6:23 The Lord said to him, Peace be to you, do not fear; you shall not die.
Judg 6:24 Then Gideon built an altar there to the Lord and called it, The Lord is Peace. To this day it still stands in Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites.
Judg 6:25 That night the Lord said to Gideon, Take your father's bull, the second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal that your father has and cut down the Asherah [symbol of the goddess Asherah] that is beside it;
Judg 6:26 And build an altar to the Lord your God on top of this stronghold with stones laid in proper order. Then take the second bull and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the Asherah which you shall cut down.
Judg 6:27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the Lord had told him, but because he was too afraid of his father's household and the men of the city to do it by day, he did it by night.
Judg 6:28 And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the Asherah was cut down that was beside it, and the second bull was offered on the altar which had been built.
Judg 6:29 And they said to one another, Who has done this thing? And when they searched and asked, they were told, Gideon son of Joash has done this thing.
Judg 6:30 Then the men of the city commanded Joash, Bring out your son, that he may die, for he has pulled down the altar of Baal and cut down the Asherah beside it.
Judg 6:31 But Joash said to all who stood against him, Will you contend for Baal? Or will you save him? He who will contend for Baal, let him be put to death while it is still morning. If Baal is a god, let him contend for himself because one has pulled down his altar.
Judg 6:32 Therefore on that day he called Gideon Jerubbaal, meaning, Let Baal contend against him, because he had pulled down his altar.
Judg 6:33 Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the east came together and, crossing the Jordan, encamped in the Valley of Jezreel.
Judg 6:34 But the Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon with Himself {and} took possession of him, and he blew a trumpet, and [the clan of] Abiezer was gathered to him.
Judg 6:35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, and the Manassites were called to follow him; and he sent messengers to Asher, to Zebulun, and to Naphtali, and they came up to meet them.

Judg 6:36 And Gideon said to God, If You will deliver Israel by my hand as You have said,
Judg 6:37 Behold, I will put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew on the fleece only and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that You will deliver Israel by my hand, as You have said.
Judg 6:38 And it was so. When he rose early next morning and squeezed the dew out of the fleece, he wrung from it a bowlful of water.
Judg 6:39 And Gideon said to God, Let not your anger be kindled against me, and I will speak but this once. Let me make trial only this once with the fleece, I pray you; let it now be dry only upon the fleece and upon all the ground let there be dew.
Judg 6:40 And God did so that night, for it was dry on the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.
Judg 7:1 THEN JERUBBAAL, that is, Gideon, and all the people who were with him rose early and encamped beside the spring of Harod; and the camp of Midian was north of them by the hill of Moreh in the valley.
Judg 7:2 The Lord said to Gideon, The people who are with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel boast about themselves against Me, saying, My own hand has delivered me.
Judg 7:3 So now proclaim in the ears of the men, saying, Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him turn back and depart from Mount Gilead. And 22,000 of the men returned, but 10,000 remained.
Judg 7:4 And the Lord said to Gideon, The men are still too many; bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. And he of whom I say to you, This man shall go with you, shall go with you; and he of whom I say to you, This man shall not go with you, shall not go.
Judg 7:5 So he brought the men down to the water, and the Lord said to Gideon, Everyone who laps up the water with his tongue as a dog laps it, you shall set by himself, likewise everyone who bows down on his knees to drink.
Judg 7:6 And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was 300 men, but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.
Judg 7:7 And the Lord said to Gideon, With the 300 men who lapped I will deliver you, and give the Midianites into your hand. Let all the others return every man to his home.
Judg 7:8 So the people took provisions and their trumpets in their hands, and he sent all the rest of Israel every man to his home and retained those 300 men. And the host of Midian was below him in the valley.
Judg 7:9 That same night the Lord said to Gideon, Arise, go down against their camp, for I have given it into your hand.
Judg 7:10 But if you fear to go down, go with Purah your servant down to the camp
Judg 7:11 And you shall hear what they say, and afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down against the camp. Then he went down with Purah his servant to the outposts of the camp of the armed men.
Judg 7:12 And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the sons of the east lay along the valley like locusts for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand on the seashore for multitude.
Judg 7:13 When Gideon arrived, behold, a man was telling a dream to his comrade. And he said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and behold, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian and came to the tent and struck it so that it fell, and turned it upside down so that the tent lay flat.
Judg 7:14 And his comrade replied, This is nothing else but the sword of Gideon son of Joash, a man of Israel. Into his hand God has given Midian and all the host.
Judg 7:15 When Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, he worshiped and returned to the camp of Israel and said, Arise, for the Lord has given into your hand the host of Midian.
Judg 7:16 And he divided the 300 men into three companies, and he put into the hands of all of them trumpets and empty pitchers, with torches inside the pitchers.
Judg 7:17 And he said to them, Look at me, then do likewise. When I come to the edge of their camp, do as I do.
Judg 7:18 When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then you blow the trumpets also on every side of all the camp and shout, For the Lord and for Gideon!
Judg 7:19 So Gideon and the 100 men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when the guards had just been changed, and they blew the trumpets and smashed the pitchers that were in their hands.
Judg 7:20 And the three companies blew the trumpets and shattered the pitchers, holding the torches in their left hands, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow [leaving no chance to use swords], and they cried, The sword for the Lord and Gideon!
Judg 7:21 They stood every man in his place round about the camp, and all the [Midianite] army ran--they cried out and fled.
Judg 7:22 When [Gideon's men] blew the 300 trumpets, the Lord set every [Midianite's] sword against his comrade

and against all the army, and the army fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel-meholah by Tabbath.
Judg 7:23 And the men of Israel were called together out of Naphtali and Asher and all Manasseh, and they pursued Midian.
Judg 7:24 And Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, saying, Come down against the Midianites and take all the intervening fords as far as Beth-barah and also the Jordan. So all the men of Ephraim were gathered together and took all the fords as far as Beth-barah and also the Jordan.
Judg 7:25 And [the men of Ephraim] took the two princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb, and they slew Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepress of Zeeb, and pursued Midian; and they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon beyond the Jordan.
Judg 8:1 AND THE men of Ephraim said to Gideon, Why have you treated us like this, not calling us when you went to fight with Midian? And they quarreled with him furiously.
Judg 8:2 And he said to them, What have I done now in comparison with you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of [your big tribe of] Ephraim better than the vintage of [my little clan of] Abiezer?
Judg 8:3 God has given into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb, and what was I able to do in comparison with you? Then their anger toward him was abated when he had said that.
Judg 8:4 And Gideon came to the Jordan and passed over, he and the 300 men with him, faint yet pursuing.
Judg 8:5 And he said to the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread to the people who follow me, for they are faint, and I am pursuing Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian.
Judg 8:6 And the princes of Succoth said, Are Zebah and Zalmunna already in your hand, that we should give bread to your army?
Judg 8:7 And Gideon said, For that, when the Lord has delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, I will thresh your flesh with the thorns and briers of the wilderness!
Judg 8:8 And he went from there up to Penuel and made the same request, and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had done.
Judg 8:9 And [Gideon] said to the men of Penuel, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.
Judg 8:10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor with their army--about 15,000 men, all who were left of all the army of the sons of the east, for there had fallen 120,000 men who drew the sword.
Judg 8:11 And Gideon went up by the route of those who dwelt in tents east of Nobah and Jogbehah and smote their camp [unexpectedly], for the army thought itself secure.
Judg 8:12 And Zebah and Zalmunna fled, and he pursued them and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and terrified all the army.
Judg 8:13 Then Gideon son of Joash returned from the battle by the ascent of Heres.
Judg 8:14 And he caught a young man of Succoth and inquired of him, and [the youth] wrote down for him [the names of] the officials of Succoth and its elders, seventy-seven men.
Judg 8:15 And he came to the men of Succoth and said, Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, about whom you scoffed at me, saying, Are Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that we should give bread to your men who are faint?
Judg 8:16 And he took the elders of the city and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he taught the men of Succoth [a lesson].
Judg 8:17 And he broke down the tower of Penuel and slew the men of the city.
Judg 8:18 Then [Gideon] said to Zebah and Zalmunna, What kind of men were they whom you slew at Tabor? And they replied, They were like you, each of them resembled the son of a king.
Judg 8:19 And he said, They were my brothers, the sons of my mother. As the Lord lives, if you had saved them alive, I would not slay you.
Judg 8:20 And [Gideon] said to Jether his firstborn [to embarrass them], Up, and slay them. But the youth drew not his sword, for he feared because he was yet a lad.
Judg 8:21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise yourself and fall on us; for as the man is, so is his strength. And Gideon arose and slew Zebah and Zalmunna and took the [crescent-shaped] ornaments that were on their camels' necks.
Judg 8:22 Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, Rule over us--you and your son and your son's son also--for you have delivered us from the hand of Midian.
Judg 8:23 And Gideon said to them, I will not rule over you, and my son will not rule over you; the Lord will rule over you.
Judg 8:24 And Gideon said to them, Let me make a request of you--every man of you give me the earrings of his

spoil. For [the Midianites] had gold earrings because they were Ishmaelites [general term for all descendants of Keturah].
Judg 8:25 And they answered, We will willingly give them. And they spread a garment, and every man cast on it the earrings of his spoil.
Judg 8:26 And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was 1,700 shekels of gold, besides the crescents and pendants and the purple garments worn by the kings of Midian, and the chains that were about their camels' necks.
Judg 8:27 And Gideon made an ephod [a sacred, high priest's garment] of it, and put it in his city of Ophrah, and all Israel paid homage to it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and to his family.
Judg 8:28 Thus was Midian subdued before the Israelites so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the land had peace {and} rest for forty years in the days of Gideon.
Judg 8:29 Jerubbaal (Gideon) son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house.
Judg 8:30 Now Gideon had seventy sons born to him, for he had many wives.
Judg 8:31 And his concubine, who was in Shechem, also bore him a son, whom he named Abimelech.
Judg 8:32 Gideon son of Joash died at a good old age and was buried in the tomb of Joash his father in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.
Judg 8:33 As soon as Gideon was dead, the Israelites turned again and played the harlot after the Baals and made Baal-berith their god.
Judg 8:34 And the Israelites did not remember the Lord their God, Who had delivered them out of the hand of all their enemies on every side;
Judg 8:35 Neither did they show kindness to the family of Jerubbaal, that is, Gideon, in return for all the good which he had done for Israel.
Judg 9:1 NOW ABIMELECH son of Jerubbaal (Gideon) went to Shechem to his mother's kinsmen and said to them and to the whole clan of his mother's family,
Judg 9:2 Say, I pray you, in the hearing of all the men of Shechem, Which is better for you: that all seventy of the sons of Jerubbaal reign over you, or that one man rule over you? Remember also that I am your bone and your flesh.
Judg 9:3 And his mother's kinsmen spoke all these words concerning him in the hearing of all the men of Shechem, and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech, for they said, He is our brother.
Judg 9:4 And they gave him seventy pieces of silver out of the house of Baal-berith, with which Abimelech hired worthless and foolhardy men who followed him.
Judg 9:5 And he went to his father's house at Ophrah and slew his brothers the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy men, on one stone. But Jotham, the youngest son of Jerubbaal, was left, for he hid himself.
Judg 9:6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together and all of Beth-millo, and they went and made Abimelech king by the oak (terebinth) of the pillar at Shechem.
Judg 9:7 When it was told to Jotham, he went and stood at the top of Mount Gerizim and shouted to them, Hear me, men of Shechem, that God may hear you.
Judg 9:8 One time the trees went forth to anoint a king over them, and they said to the olive tree, Reign over us.
Judg 9:9 But the olive tree said to them, Should I leave my fatness, by which God and man are honored, and go to wave over the trees?
Judg 9:10 Then the trees said to the fig tree, You come and reign over us.
Judg 9:11 But the fig tree said to them, Should I leave my sweetness and my good fruit and go to wave over the trees?
Judg 9:12 Then the trees said to the vine (grapevine), You come and reign over us.
Judg 9:13 And the vine (grapevine) replied, Should I leave my new wine, which rejoices God and man, and go to wave over the trees?
Judg 9:14 Then all the trees said to the bramble, You come and reign over us.
Judg 9:15 And the bramble said to the trees, If in good faith you are anointing me king over you, then come and take refuge in my shade; but if not, let fire come out of the bramble and devour the cedars of Lebanon.
Judg 9:16 Now therefore, if you acted sincerely and honorably when you made Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house and have done to him as his deeds deserved--
Judg 9:17 For my father fought for you, jeopardized his life, and rescued you from the hand of Midian;
Judg 9:18 And you have risen up against my father's house this day and have slain his sons, seventy men, on one stone and have made Abimelech, son of his maidservant, king over the people of Shechem because he is your kinsman--
Judg 9:19 If you then have acted sincerely and honorably with Jerubbaal and his house this day, then rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you;
Judg 9:20 But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech and devour the people of Shechem and Beth-millo, and let fire

come out from the people of Shechem and Beth-millo and devour Abimelech.
Judg 9:21 And Jotham ran away and fled, and went to Beer and dwelt there for fear of Abimelech his brother.
Judg 9:22 Abimelech reigned three years over Israel.
Judg 9:23 And God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem, and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech,
Judg 9:24 That the violence done to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might come, and that their blood might be laid upon Abimelech their brother, who slew them, and upon the men of Shechem, who strengthened his hands to slay his brothers.
Judg 9:25 And the men of Shechem set men in ambush against [Abimelech] on the mountaintops, and they robbed all who passed by them along that way; and it was told to Abimelech.
Judg 9:26 And Gaal son of Ebed came with his kinsmen and moved into Shechem, and the men of Shechem put confidence in him.
Judg 9:27 And they went out into the field, gathered their vineyard fruits and trod them, and held a festival; and going into the house of their god, they ate and drank and cursed Abimelech.
Judg 9:28 Gaal son of Ebed said, Who is Abimelech, and who are we of Shechem, that we should serve him? Were not the son of Jerubbaal and Zebul, his officer, servants of the men of Hamor the father {and} founder of Shechem? Then why should we serve him?
Judg 9:29 Would that this people were under my hand! Then would I remove Abimelech and say to him, Increase your army and come out.
Judg 9:30 When Zebul the city's mayor heard the words of Gaal son of Ebed, his anger was kindled.
Judg 9:31 And he sent messengers to Abimelech slyly, saying, Behold, Gaal son of Ebed and his kinsmen have come to Shechem; and behold, they stir up the city to rise against you.
Judg 9:32 Now therefore, rise up by night, you and the men with you, and lie in wait in the field.
Judg 9:33 Then in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, rise early and set upon the city; and when Gaal and the men with him come out against you, do to them as opportunity permits.
Judg 9:34 And Abimelech rose up by night, and all the men with him, and they laid in wait against Shechem in four companies.
Judg 9:35 And Gaal son of Ebed came out and stood in the entrance of the city's gate. Then Abimelech and the men with him rose up from ambush.
Judg 9:36 When Gaal saw the men, he said to Zebul, Look, men are coming down from the mountaintops! Zebul said to him, The shadow of the mountains looks to you like men.
Judg 9:37 And Gaal spoke again and said, See, men are coming down from the center of the land, and one company is coming from the direction of the oak of Meonenim [the sorcerers].
Judg 9:38 Then said Zebul to Gaal, Where is your [big] mouth now, you who said, Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him? Are not these the men whom you have despised? Go out now and fight with them.
Judg 9:39 And Gaal went out ahead of the men of Shechem and fought with Abimelech.
Judg 9:40 And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him; and many fell wounded--even to the entrance of the gate.
Judg 9:41 And Abimelech lodged at Arumah, and Zebul thrust out Gaal and his kinsmen so that they could not live in Shechem.
Judg 9:42 The next day the men went out into the fields, and Abimelech was told.
Judg 9:43 He took his men and divided them into three companies and laid in wait in the field; and he looked and behold, the people were coming out of the city. And he rose up against them and smote them.
Judg 9:44 And Abimelech and the company with him rushed forward and stood in the entrance of the city's gate, while the two other companies rushed upon all who were in the field and slew them.
Judg 9:45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day. He took the city and slew the people who were in it. He demolished the city and sowed it with salt.
Judg 9:46 And when all the men of the Tower of Shechem heard of it, they entered the stronghold of the house of El-berith [the god of Berith].
Judg 9:47 Abimelech was told that all the people of the Tower of Shechem were gathered together.
Judg 9:48 And Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon, he and all the men with him; and Abimelech took an ax in his hand and cut down a bundle of brush, picked it up, and laid it on his shoulder. And he said to the men with him, What you have seen me do, make haste to do also.
Judg 9:49 So each of the men cut down his bundle and following Abimelech put it against the stronghold and set [the

stronghold] on fire over the people in it, so that all the people of the Tower of Shechem also died, about 1,000 men and women.
Judg 9:50 Then Abimelech went to Thebez and encamped against Thebez and took it.
Judg 9:51 But there was a strong tower in the city, and all the people of the city--men and women--fled to it, shut themselves in, and went to the roof of the tower.
Judg 9:52 And Abimelech came to the tower and fought against it and drew near the door of the tower to burn it with fire.
Judg 9:53 But a certain woman cast an upper millstone [down] upon Abimelech's head and broke his skull.
Judg 9:54 Then he called hastily to the young man, his armor-bearer, and said to him, Draw your sword and slay me, so that men may not say of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died.
Judg 9:55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed each man to his home.
Judg 9:56 Thus God repaid the wickedness of Abimelech which he had done to his father [Gideon] by slaying his seventy brothers;
Judg 9:57 And all the wickedness of the men of Shechem God repaid upon their heads and caused to come upon them the curse of Jotham son of Jerubbaal.
Judg 10:1 AFTER ABIMELECH there arose to rescue Israel, Tola son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he lived at Shamir in the hill country of Ephraim.
Judg 10:2 He judged Israel twenty-three years; then he died and was buried in Shamir.
Judg 10:3 After him arose Jair the Gileadite, and he judged Israel twenty-two years.
Judg 10:4 And he had thirty sons who rode on thirty donkey colts, and they had thirty towns called Havvoth-jair [towns of Jair] which to this day are in the land of Gilead.
Judg 10:5 And Jair died and was buried in Kamon.
Judg 10:6 And the Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, served the Baals, the Ashtaroth [female deities], the gods of Syria, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the Ammonites, and the gods of the Philistines. They forsook the Lord and did not serve Him.
Judg 10:7 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and He sold them into the hands of the Philistines and the Ammonites,
Judg 10:8 And they oppressed and crushed {and} broke the Israelites that year. For eighteen years they oppressed all the Israelites beyond the Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.
Judg 10:9 And the Ammonites passed over the Jordan to fight against Judah, Benjamin, and the house of Ephraim, so that Israel was sorely distressed.
Judg 10:10 And the Israelites cried to the Lord, saying, We have sinned against You, because we have forsaken our God and have served the Baals.
Judg 10:11 And the Lord said to the Israelites, Did I not deliver you from the Egyptians, the Amorites, the Ammonites, and the Philistines?
Judg 10:12 Also when the Sidonians, the Amalekites, and the Maonites oppressed {and} crushed you, you cried to Me, and I delivered you out of their hands.
Judg 10:13 Yet you have forsaken Me and served other gods; therefore I will deliver you no more.
Judg 10:14 Go, cry to the gods you have chosen; let them deliver you in your time of distress.
Judg 10:15 And the Israelites said to the Lord, We have sinned, do to us whatever seems good to You; only deliver us, we pray You, this day.
Judg 10:16 So they put away the foreign gods from among them and served the Lord, and His heart became impatient over the misery of Israel.
Judg 10:17 Then the Ammonites were gathered together and they encamped in Gilead. And the Israelites assembled and encamped at Mizpah.
Judg 10:18 And the leaders of Gilead [the Israelites] said one to another, Who is the man who will begin to fight against the Ammonites? He shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.
Judg 11:1 NOW JEPHTHAH the Gileadite was a mighty warrior, but he was the son of a harlot. Gilead was Jephthah's father.
Judg 11:2 And Gilead's wife also bore him sons, and when his wife's sons grew up, they thrust Jephthah out and said to him, You shall not have an inheritance in our father's house, for you are the son of another woman.
Judg 11:3 Then Jephthah fled from his brothers and dwelt in the land of Tob; and worthless men gathered around Jephthah and went on raids with him.
Judg 11:4 And after a time, the Ammonites made war against Israel.

Judg 11:5 And when the Ammonites made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to bring Jephthah out of the land of Tob;
Judg 11:6 And they said to Jephthah, Come and be our leader, that we may fight with the Ammonites.
Judg 11:7 But Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, Did you not hate me and drive me out of my father's house? Why have you come to me now when you are in trouble?
Judg 11:8 And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, This is why we have turned to you now, that you may go with us and fight the Ammonites and be our head over all the citizens of Gilead.
Judg 11:9 Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, If you bring me home again to fight against the Ammonites and the Lord gives them over to me, [understand that] I will be your head.
Judg 11:10 And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, The Lord is witness between us, if we do not do as you have said.
Judg 11:11 So Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and leader over them. And Jephthah repeated all he had promised before the Lord at Mizpah.
Judg 11:12 And Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the Ammonites, saying, What have you to do with me, that you have come against me to fight in my land?
Judg 11:13 The Ammonites' king replied to the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land [which was not true] when they came up out of Egypt [300 years before], from the Arnon even to Jabbok and to the Jordan; now therefore, restore those lands peaceably.
Judg 11:14 And Jephthah sent messengers again to the king of the Ammonites
Judg 11:15 And said to him, Thus says Jephthah, Israel did not take the land of Moab or the land of the Ammonites.
Judg 11:16 But when [Israel] came up from Egypt, [they] walked through the wilderness to the Red Sea and came to Kadesh.
Judg 11:17 Then Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, Let us, we pray, pass through your land, but the king of Edom would not listen. Also they sent to the king of Moab, but he would not consent. So Israel remained at Kadesh.
Judg 11:18 Then they went through the wilderness and went around the land of Edom and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab and camped on the other side of the Arnon; but they came not within the territory of Moab, for the Arnon was the boundary of Moab.
Judg 11:19 Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, king of Heshbon, and Israel said to him, Let us pass, we pray you, through your land to our country.
Judg 11:20 But Sihon did not trust Israel to pass through his territory; so Sihon gathered all his people together and encamped at Jahaz and fought with Israel.
Judg 11:21 And the Lord, the God of Israel, gave Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they defeated them; so Israel took possession of all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country.
Judg 11:22 They possessed all the territory of the Amorites, from the Arnon even to the Jabbok, and from the wilderness even to the Jordan.
Judg 11:23 So now the Lord God of Israel has dispossessed the Amorites from before His people Israel, and should you possess them?
Judg 11:24 Will you not possess what Chemosh your god gives you to possess? And all the Lord our God dispossessed before us, we will possess.
Judg 11:25 Now are you any better than Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab? Did he ever strive against Israel or did he ever go to war with them?
Judg 11:26 While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and its villages, and in Aroer and its villages, and in all the cities along the banks of the Arnon for 300 years, why did you not recover [your lost lands] during that time?
Judg 11:27 So I have not sinned against you, but you are doing me wrong to war against me. The Lord, the [righteous] Judge, judge this day between the Israelites and the Ammonites.
Judg 11:28 But the king of the Ammonites did not listen to the message Jephthah sent him.
Judg 11:29 Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh, and Mizpah of Gilead, and from Mizpah of Gilead he passed on to the Ammonites.
Judg 11:30 And Jephthah made a vow to the Lord and said, If You will indeed give the Ammonites into my hand,
Judg 11:31 Then whatever {or} whoever comes forth from the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the Ammonites, it shall be the Lord's, and I will offer it {or} him up as a burnt offering.
Judg 11:32 Then Jephthah crossed over to the Ammonites to fight with them, and the Lord gave them into his hand.
Judg 11:33 And from Aroer to Minnith he smote them, twenty cities, and as far as Abel-cheramim [the meadow of

vineyards], with a very great slaughter. So the Ammonites were subdued before the Israelites.
Judg 11:34 Then Jephthah came to Mizpah to his home, and behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances! And she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter.
Judg 11:35 And when he saw her, he rent his clothes and said, Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low, and you are the cause of great trouble to me; for I have opened my mouth [in a vow] to the Lord, and I cannot take it back.
Judg 11:36 And she said to him, My father, if you have opened your mouth to the Lord, do to me according to what you have vowed, since the Lord has taken vengeance for you on your enemies, the Ammonites.
Judg 11:37 And she said to her father, Let this thing be done for me; let me alone two months, that I may go and wander upon the mountains and bewail my virginity, I and my companions.
Judg 11:38 And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months, and she went with her companions and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains.
Judg 11:39 At the end of two months she returned to her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed. She never mated with a man. This became a custom in Israel--
Judg 11:40 That the daughters of Israel went yearly to mourn the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.
Judg 12:1 THE MEN of Ephraim were summoned together and they crossed to Zaphon and said to Jephthah, Why did you cross over to fight with the Ammonites and did not summon us to go with you? We will burn your house over you with fire.
Judg 12:2 And Jephthah said to them, I and my people were in a severe conflict with the Ammonites, and I when I called you, you did not rescue me from their hands.
Judg 12:3 And when I saw that you would not rescue me, I put my life in my hands and crossed over against the Ammonites, and the Lord delivered them into my hand. Why then have you come up to me this day to fight against me?
Judg 12:4 Then Jephthah gathered all the men of Gilead and fought with Ephraim; and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim because they had said, You Gileadites are fugitives of Ephraim in the midst of Ephraim and Manasseh.
Judg 12:5 And the Gileadites took the fords of the Jordan before the Ephraimites; and when any of those Ephraimites who had escaped said, Let me go over, the men of Gilead said to him, Are you an Ephraimite? If he said, No,
Judg 12:6 They said to him, Then say Shibboleth; and he said, Sibboleth, for he could not pronounce it right. Then they seized him and slew him at the fords of the Jordan. And there fell at that time 42,000 of the Ephraimites.
Judg 12:7 Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then Jephthah the Gileadite died and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead.
Judg 12:8 And after him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel.
Judg 12:9 And he had thirty sons and thirty daughters whom he gave [to husbands] outside his tribe, and thirty daughters [daughters-in-law] whom he brought in from outside his tribe for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years.
Judg 12:10 Then Ibzan died and was buried at Bethlehem.
Judg 12:11 After him Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel, and he judged Israel ten years.
Judg 12:12 Then Elon the Zebulunite died and was buried at Aijalon in the land of Zebulun.
Judg 12:13 And after him Abdon son of Hillel the Pirathonite judged Israel.
Judg 12:14 And he had forty sons and thirty grandsons who rode on seventy donkey colts; and he judged Israel eight years.
Judg 12:15 Then Abdon son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried at Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the hill country of the Amalekites.
Judg 13:1 AND THE Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord gave them into the hands of the Philistines for forty years.
Judg 13:2 And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the tribe of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had no children.
Judg 13:3 And the Angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, Behold, you are barren and have no children, but you shall become pregnant and bear a son.
Judg 13:4 Therefore beware and drink no wine or strong drink and eat nothing unclean.
Judg 13:5 For behold, you shall become pregnant and bear a son. No razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from birth, and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hands of the Philistines.
Judg 13:6 Then the woman went and told her husband, saying, A Man of God came to me and his face was like the face of the Angel of God, to be greatly and reverently feared. I did not ask him from where he came, and he did not

tell me his name.
Judg 13:7 But he said to me, Behold, you shall become pregnant and bear a son, and now drink no wine or strong drink and eat nothing unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from birth to the day of his death.
Judg 13:8 Then Manoah entreated the Lord and said, O Lord, let the Man of God whom You sent come again to us and teach us what we shall do with the child that shall be born.
Judg 13:9 And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the Angel of God came again to the woman as she sat in the field; but Manoah her husband was not with her.
Judg 13:10 And the woman ran in haste and told her husband and said to him, Behold, the Man who came to me the other day has appeared to me.
Judg 13:11 And Manoah arose and went after his wife and came to the Man and said to him, Are you the Man who spoke to this woman? And he said, I am.
Judg 13:12 And Manoah said, Now when your words come true, how shall we manage the child, and what is he to do?
Judg 13:13 And the Angel of the Lord said to Manoah, Let the mother beware of all that I told her.
Judg 13:14 She may not eat of anything that comes from the grapevine, nor drink wine or strong drink nor eat any unclean thing. All that I commanded her let her observe.
Judg 13:15 And Manoah said to the Angel of the Lord, Pray, let us detain you that we may prepare a kid for you.
Judg 13:16 And the Angel of the Lord said to Manoah, Though you detain me, I will not eat of your food, but if you make ready a burnt offering, offer it to the Lord. For Manoah did not know that he was the Angel of the Lord.
Judg 13:17 And Manoah said to the Angel of the Lord, What is your name, so that when your words come true, we may do you honor?
Judg 13:18 And the Angel of the Lord said to him, Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful?
Judg 13:19 So Manoah took the kid with the cereal offering and offered it upon a rock to the Lord, the Angel working wonders, while Manoah and his wife looked on.
Judg 13:20 For when the flame went up toward the heavens from the altar, the Angel of the Lord ascended in the altar flame. And Manoah and his wife looked on, and they fell on their faces to the ground.
Judg 13:21 The Angel of the Lord did not appear again to Manoah or to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was the Angel of the Lord.
Judg 13:22 And Manoah said to his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God.
Judg 13:23 But his [sensible] wife said to him, If the Lord were pleased to kill us, He would not have received a burnt offering and a cereal offering from our hands, nor have shown us all these things or now have announced such things as these.
Judg 13:24 And the woman [in due time] bore a son and called his name Samson; and the child grew and the Lord blessed him.
Judg 13:25 And the Spirit of the Lord began to move him at times in Mahaneh-dan [the camp of Dan] between Zorah and Eshtaol.
Judg 14:1 SAMSON WENT down to Timnah and at Timnah saw one of the daughters of the Philistines.
Judg 14:2 And he came up and told his father and mother, I saw one of the daughters of the Philistines at Timnah; now get her for me as my wife.
Judg 14:3 But his father and mother said to him, Is there not a woman among the daughters of your kinsmen or among all our people, that you must go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said to his father, Get her for me, for she is all right in my eyes.
Judg 14:4 His father and mother did not know that it was of the Lord, and that He sought an occasion for assailing the Philistines. At that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.
Judg 14:5 Then Samson and his father and mother went down to Timnah and came to the vineyards of Timnah. And behold, a young lion roared against him.
Judg 14:6 And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion as he would have torn a kid, and he had nothing in his hand; but he did not tell his father or mother what he had done.
Judg 14:7 And he went down and talked with the woman, and she pleased Samson well.
Judg 14:8 And after a while he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the body of the lion, and behold, a swarm of bees and honey were in the body of the lion.
Judg 14:9 And he scraped some of the honey out into his hands and went along eating. And he came to his father and mother and gave them some, and they ate it; but he did not tell them he had taken the honey from the body of the lion.
Judg 14:10 His father went down to the woman, and Samson made a feast there, for that was the customary thing for young men to do.

Judg 14:11 And when the people saw him, they brought thirty companions to be with him.
Judg 14:12 And Samson said to them, I will now put forth a riddle to you; if you can tell me what it is within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty linen undergarments and thirty changes of raiment.
Judg 14:13 But if you cannot declare it to me, then shall you give me thirty linen undergarments and thirty changes of festive [costly] raiment. And they said to him, Put forth your riddle, that we may hear it.
Judg 14:14 And he said to them, Out of the eater came forth food, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not solve the riddle in three days.
Judg 14:15 And on the seventh day they said to Samson's wife, Entice your husband to declare to us the riddle, lest we burn you and your father's household with fire. Have you invited us to make us poor? Is this not true?
Judg 14:16 And Samson's wife wept before him and said, You only hate me, you do not love me; you have put forth a riddle to my countrymen and have not told the answer to me. And he said to her, Behold, I have not told my father or my mother, and shall I tell you?
Judg 14:17 And Samson's wife wept before him the seven days their feast lasted, and on the seventh day he told her because she pressed him with entreaties. Then she told the riddle to her countrymen.
Judg 14:18 And the men of the city said to [Samson] on the seventh day before sundown, What is sweeter than honey? What is stronger than a lion? And he said to them, If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have solved my riddle.
Judg 14:19 And the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon and slew thirty men of them and took their apparel [as spoil], and gave the changes of garments to those who explained the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.
Judg 14:20 But Samson's wife was [given] to his companion who was his [best] friend.
Judg 15:1 BUT SOME days later, in the time of wheat harvest, Samson went to visit his wife, taking along a kid [as a token of reconciliation]; and he said, I will go unto my wife in the inner chamber. But her father would not allow him to go in.
Judg 15:2 And her father said, I truly thought you utterly hated her, so I gave her to your companion. Is her younger sister not fairer than she? Take her, I pray you, instead.
Judg 15:3 And Samson said of them, This time shall I be blameless as regards the Philistines, though I do them evil.
Judg 15:4 So Samson went and caught 300 foxes {or} jackals and took torches and turning the foxes tail to tail, he put a torch between each pair of tails.
Judg 15:5 And when he had set the torches ablaze, he let the foxes go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and he burned up the shocks and the standing grain, along with the olive orchards.
Judg 15:6 Then the Philistines said, Who has done this? And they were told, Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he [the Timnite] has taken his [Samson's] wife and has given her to his companion. And the Philistines came up and burned her and her father with fire.
Judg 15:7 And Samson said to them, If this is the way you act, surely I will take revenge on you, and after that I will quit.
Judg 15:8 And he smote them hip and thigh [unsparingly], a great slaughter; and he went down and dwelt in the cleft of the rock of Etam.
Judg 15:9 Then the Philistines came up and encamped in Judah and spread themselves in Lehi.
Judg 15:10 And the men of Judah said, Why have you come up against us? And they answered, We have come up to bind Samson, to do to him as he has done to us.
Judg 15:11 Then 3,000 men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock Etam and said to Samson, Have you not known that the Philistines are rulers over us? What is this that you have done to us? He said to them, As they did to me, so have I done to them.
Judg 15:12 And they said to him, We have come down to bind you, that we may deliver you into the hands of the Philistines. And Samson said to them, Swear to me that you will not fall upon me yourselves.
Judg 15:13 And they said to him, No, we will bind you fast and give you into their hand; but surely we will not kill you. So they bound him with two new ropes and brought him up from the rock.
Judg 15:14 And when he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting to meet him. And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon [Samson], and the ropes on his arms became as flax that had caught fire, and his bonds melted off his hands.
Judg 15:15 And he found a still moist jawbone of a donkey and reached out and took it and slew 1,000 men with it.
Judg 15:16 And Samson said, With the jawbone of a donkey, heaps upon heaps, with the jawbone of a donkey I have slain 1,000 men!

Judg 15:17 And when he stopped speaking, he cast the jawbone from his hand; and that place was called Ramath-lehi [the hill of the jawbone].
Judg 15:18 Samson was very thirsty, and he prayed to the Lord and said, You have given this great deliverance by the hand of Your servant, and now shall I die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?
Judg 15:19 And God split open the hollow place that was at Lehi, and water came out of it. And when he drank, his spirit returned and he revived. Therefore the name of it was called En-hakkore [the spring of him who prayed], which is at Lehi to this day.
Judg 15:20 And [Samson] judged (defended) Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.
Judg 16:1 THEN SAMSON went to Gaza and saw a harlot there, and went in to her.
Judg 16:2 The Gazites were told, Samson has come here. So they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city. They were quiet all night, saying, In the morning, when it is light, we will kill him.
Judg 16:3 But Samson lay until midnight, and [then] he arose and took hold of the doors of the city's gate and the two posts, and pulling them up, bar and all, he put them on his shoulders and carried them to the top of the hill that is before Hebron.
Judg 16:4 After this he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah.
Judg 16:5 And the lords of the Philistines came to her and said to her, Entice him and see in what his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him that we may bind him to subdue him. And we will each give you 1,100 pieces of silver.
Judg 16:6 And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray you, wherein your great strength lies, and with what you might be bound to subdue you.
Judg 16:7 And Samson said to her, If they bind me with seven fresh, strong gutstrings, still moist, then shall I be weak and be like any other man.
Judg 16:8 Then the Philistine lords brought to her seven fresh, strong bowstrings, still moist, and she bound him with them.
Judg 16:9 Now she had men lying in wait in an inner room. And she said to him, The Philistines are upon you, Samson! And he broke the bowstrings as a string of tow breaks when it touches the fire. So the secret of his strength was not known.
Judg 16:10 And Delilah said to Samson, Behold, you have mocked me and told me lies; now tell me, I pray you, how you might be bound.
Judg 16:11 And he said to her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that have not been used, then I shall become weak and be like any other man.
Judg 16:12 So Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them and said to him, The Philistines are upon you, Samson! And the men lying in wait were in the inner room. But he snapped the ropes off his arms like [sewing] thread.
Judg 16:13 And Delilah said to Samson, Until now you have mocked me and told me lies; tell me with what you might be bound. And he said to her, If you weave the seven braids of [the hair of] my head with the web.
Judg 16:14 And she did so and fastened it with the pin and said to him, The Philistines are upon you, Samson! And he awoke out of his sleep and went away with the pin of the [weaver's] beam and with the web.
Judg 16:15 And she said to him, How can you say, I love you, when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me these three times and have not told me in what your great strength lies.
Judg 16:16 And when she pressed him day after day with her words and urged him, he was vexed to death.
Judg 16:17 Then he told her all his mind and said to her, A razor has never come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my birth. If I am shaved, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak and be like any other man.
Judg 16:18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his mind, she went and called for the Philistine lords, saying, Come up this once, for he has told me all he knows. Then the Philistine lords came up to her and brought the money in their hands.
Judg 16:19 And she made Samson sleep upon her knees, and she called a man and caused him to shave off the seven braids of his head. Then she began to torment [Samson], and his strength went from him.
Judg 16:20 She said, The Philistines are upon you, Samson! And he awoke out of his sleep and said, I will go out as I have time after time and shake myself free. For Samson did not know that the Lord had departed from him.
Judg 16:21 But the Philistines laid hold of him, bored out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza and bound him with [two] bronze fetters; and he ground at the mill in the prison.
Judg 16:22 But the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.
Judg 16:23 Then the Philistine lords gathered together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to rejoice, for

they said, Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hands.
Judg 16:24 And when the people saw Samson, they praised their god, for they said, Our god has delivered into our hands our enemy, the ravager of our country, who has slain many of us.
Judg 16:25 And when their hearts were merry, they said, Call for Samson, that he may make sport for us. So they called [blind] Samson out of the prison, and he made sport before them. They made him stand between the pillars.
Judg 16:26 And Samson said to the lad who held him by the hand, Allow me to feel the pillars upon which the house rests, that I may lean against them.
Judg 16:27 Now the house was full of men and women; all the Philistine princes were there, and on the roof were about 3,000 men and women who looked on while Samson made sport.
Judg 16:28 Then Samson called to the Lord and said, O Lord God, [earnestly] remember me, I pray You, and strengthen me, I pray You, only this once, O God, and let me have one vengeance upon the Philistines for both my eyes.
Judg 16:29 And Samson laid hold of the two middle pillars by which the house was borne up, one with his right hand and the other with his left.
Judg 16:30 And Samson cried, Let me die with the Philistines! And he bowed himself mightily, and the house fell upon the princes and upon all the people that were in it. So the dead whom he slew at his death were more than they whom he slew in his life.
Judg 16:31 Then his kinsmen and all the tribal family of his father came down, took his body, and brought it up; and they buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the burial place of Manoah his father. He had judged Israel [that is, had defended the Israelites] twenty years.
Judg 17:1 THERE WAS a man of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Micah.
Judg 17:2 And he said to his mother, The 1,100 shekels of silver that were taken from you, about which you cursed and also spoke about in my hearing, behold, I have the silver with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed be you by the Lord, my son!
Judg 17:3 He restored the 1,100 shekels of silver to his mother, and she said, I had truly dedicated the silver to the Lord from my hand for my son to make a graven image and a molten image; now therefore, I will restore it to you.
Judg 17:4 So when he restored the money to his mother, she took 200 pieces of silver and gave them to the silversmith, who made of it a graven image and a molten image; and they were in the house of Micah.
Judg 17:5 And the man Micah had a house of gods, and he made an ephod and teraphim and dedicated one of his sons, who became his priest.
Judg 17:6 In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes.
Judg 17:7 And there was a young man in Bethlehem of Judah, of the family of Judah, who was a Levite; and he sojourned there.
Judg 17:8 And the man departed from the town of Bethlehem in Judah to sojourn where he could find a place, and as he journeyed he came to the hill country of Ephraim to the house of Micah.
Judg 17:9 And Micah said to him, From where do you come? And he said to him, I am a Levite of Bethlehem in Judah, and I go to sojourn where I may find a place.
Judg 17:10 And Micah said to him, Dwell with me and be to me a father and a priest, and I will give you ten pieces of silver each year, a suit of clothes, and your living. So the Levite went in.
Judg 17:11 And the Levite was content to dwell with the man, and the young man was to Micah as one of his sons.
Judg 17:12 And Micah consecrated the Levite, and the young man became his priest and was in the house of Micah.
Judg 17:13 Then said Micah, Now I know that the Lord will favor me, since I have a Levite to be my priest.
Judg 18:1 IN THOSE days there was no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the Danites sought for itself an inheritance to dwell in, for until then no [sufficient] inheritance had been acquired by them among the tribes of Israel.
Judg 18:2 So the Danites sent from the whole number of their tribe five brave men from Zorah and Eshtaol to spy out the land and to explore it, and they said to them, Go, explore the land. They came to the hill country of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, and lodged there.
Judg 18:3 When they went by the house of Micah, they recognized the voice of the young Levite, and they turned aside there and said to him, Who brought you here? And what do you do in this place? And what have you here?
Judg 18:4 And he said to them, Thus and thus Micah deals with me and has hired me, and I am his priest.
Judg 18:5 And they said to him, Ask counsel, we pray you, of God that we may know whether our journey will be successful.
Judg 18:6 And the priest said to them, Go in peace. The way in which you go is before (under the eye of) the Lord.
Judg 18:7 Then the five men departed and came to Laish and saw the people who were there, how they dwelt securely

after the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and feeling safe; and there was no magistrate in the land, who might put them to shame in anything {or} injure them; and they were far from the Sidonians and had no dealings with anyone.
Judg 18:8 The five men came back to their brethren at Zorah and Eshtaol, and their brethren said to them, What do you say?
Judg 18:9 They said, Arise, let us go up against them, for we have seen the land, and behold, it is very fertile. And will you do nothing? Do not be slow to go and enter in and possess the land.
Judg 18:10 When you go, you will come to people [feeling] safe and secure. The land is broad [widely extended on all sides]; and God has given it into your hands--a place where there is no want of anything that is in the earth.
Judg 18:11 And there went from there of the tribe of the Danites, out of Zorah and Eshtaol, 600 men armed with weapons of war.
Judg 18:12 And they went up and encamped at Kiriath-jearim in Judah. Therefore they called that place Mahaneh-dan [camp of Dan] to this day; it is west of Kiriath-jearim.
Judg 18:13 And they passed from there to the hill country of Ephraim and came to Micah's house.
Judg 18:14 Then the five men who had gone to spy out the country of Laish said to their brethren, Do you know that there are in these houses an ephod, teraphim, a graven image, and a molten image? Now therefore, consider what you have to do.
Judg 18:15 And they turned in that direction and came to the house of the young Levite, at the home of Micah, and saluted him.
Judg 18:16 Now the 600 Danites with their weapons of war stood at Micah's gate.
Judg 18:17 And the five men who had gone to spy out the land went up and entered the house and took the graven image, the ephod, the teraphim, and the molten image, while the priest stood by the entrance of the gate with the 600 men armed with weapons of war.
Judg 18:18 And when these went into Micah's house and took the carved image, the ephod, the teraphim, and the molten image, the priest said to them, What are you doing?
Judg 18:19 And they said to him, Be still, put your hand over your mouth, and come with us, and be to us a father and a priest. Is it better for you to be a priest to the house of one man, or that you be a priest to a tribe and family in Israel?
Judg 18:20 And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people.
Judg 18:21 So they turned and departed and put the little ones, the cattle, and the baggage in front of them.
Judg 18:22 When they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men who were Micah's near neighbors were called out and overtook the Danites.
Judg 18:23 They shouted to the Danites, who turned and said to Micah, What ails you, that you come with such a company?
Judg 18:24 And he said, You take away my gods which I made and the priest, and go away; and what have I left? How can you say to me, What ails you?
Judg 18:25 And the men of Dan said to him, Let not your voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows fall upon you and you lose your life with the lives of your household.
Judg 18:26 And the Danites went their way; and when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back to his house.
Judg 18:27 And they took the things which Micah had made, and his priest, and came to Laish, to a people quiet and feeling secure, and they smote them with the sword and burned the city.
Judg 18:28 And there was no deliverer because it was far from Sidon, and they had no business with anyone. It was in the valley which belongs to Beth-rehob. And they rebuilt the city and dwelt in it.
Judg 18:29 They named the city Dan, after Dan their forefather who was born to Israel; however, the name of the city was Laish at first.
Judg 18:30 And the Danites set up the graven image for themselves; and Jonathan son of Gershom, the son of Moses, and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land.
Judg 18:31 So they set them up Micah's graven image which he made, as long as the house of God was at Shiloh.
Judg 19:1 IN THOSE days, when there was no king in Israel, a certain Levite was living temporarily in the most remote part of the hill district of Ephraim, who took to himself a concubine [of inferior status than a wife] from Bethlehem in Judah.
Judg 19:2 And his concubine was untrue to him and went away from him to her father's house at Bethlehem of Judah and stayed there the space of four months.

Judg 19:3 Then her husband arose and went after her to speak kindly to her [to her heart] and to bring her back, having with him his servant and a couple of donkeys. And she brought him into her father's house, and when her father saw him, he rejoiced to meet him.
Judg 19:4 And his father-in-law, the girl's father, [insistently] detained him, and he remained with him three days. So they ate and drank, and he lodged there.
Judg 19:5 On the fourth day they arose early in the morning, and the [Levite] prepared to leave, but the girl's father said to his son-in-law, Strengthen your heart with a morsel of bread and afterward go your way.
Judg 19:6 So both men sat down and ate and drank together, and the girl's father said to the man, Consent to stay all night and let your heart be merry.
Judg 19:7 And when the man rose up to depart, his father-in-law urged him; so he lodged there again.
Judg 19:8 And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart, but the girl's father said, Strengthen your heart and tarry until toward evening. So they ate, both of them.
Judg 19:9 And when the man and his concubine and his servant rose up to leave, his father-in-law, the girl's father, said to him, Behold, now the day draws toward evening, I pray you stay all night. Behold, now the day grows to an end, lodge here and let your heart be merry, and tomorrow get early on your way and go home.
Judg 19:10 But the man would not stay that night; so he rose up and departed and came opposite to Jebus, which is Jerusalem. With him were two saddled donkeys [and his servant] and his concubine.
Judg 19:11 When they were near Jebus, it was late, and the servant said to his master, Come I pray, and let us turn into this Jebusite city and lodge in it.
Judg 19:12 His master said to him, We will not turn aside into the city of foreigners where there are no Israelites. We will go on to Gibeah.
Judg 19:13 And he said to his servant, Come and let us go to one of these places and spend the night in Gibeah or in Ramah.
Judg 19:14 So they passed on and went their way, and the sun went down on them near Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin,
Judg 19:15 And they turned aside there to go in and lodge at Gibeah. And the Levite went in and sat down in the open square of the city, for no man took them into his house to spend the night.
Judg 19:16 And behold, an old man was coming from his work in the field at evening. He was from the hill country of Ephraim but was living temporarily in Gibeah, but the men of the place were Benjamites.
Judg 19:17 And when he looked up, he saw the wayfarer in the city square, and the old man said, Where are you going? And from where did you come?
Judg 19:18 The Levite replied, We are passing from Bethlehem of Judah to the rear side of the hill country of Ephraim; I am from there. I went to Bethlehem of Judah, but I am [now] going [home] to the house of the Lord [where I serve], and there is no man who receives me into his house.
Judg 19:19 Yet we have both straw and provender for our donkeys and bread and wine also for me, your handmaid, and the young man who is with your servants; there is no lack of anything.
Judg 19:20 And the old man said, Peace be to you, but leave all your wants to me; only do not lodge in the street.
Judg 19:21 So he brought him into his house and gave provender to the donkeys. And the guests washed their feet and ate and drank.
Judg 19:22 Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain worthless fellows, beset the house round about, beat on the door, and said to the master of the house, the old man, Bring forth the man who came to your house, that we may have intercourse with him.
Judg 19:23 And the man, the master of the house, went out and said to them, No, my kinsmen, I pray you, do not act so wickedly; seeing that this man is my guest, do not do this [wicked] folly.
Judg 19:24 Behold, here are my virgin daughter and this man's concubine; them I will bring out now; debase them and do with them what seems good to you, but to this man do not so vile a thing.
Judg 19:25 But the men would not listen to him. So the man took his concubine and forced her forth to them, and they had intercourse with her and abused her all the night until morning. And when the dawn began to break, they let her go.
Judg 19:26 At daybreak the woman came and fell down and lay at the door of the man's house where her master was, till it was light.
Judg 19:27 And her master rose up in the morning and opened the doors of the house and went out to go his way; and behold, his concubine had fallen down at the door of the house, and her hands were upon the threshold.
Judg 19:28 And he said to her, Up, and let us be going. But there was no answer [for she was dead]. Then he put her

[body] upon the donkey, and the man rose up and went home.
Judg 19:29 And when he came into his house, he took a knife, and took hold of his dead concubine and divided her [body] limb by limb into twelve pieces and sent her [body] throughout all the territory of Israel.
Judg 19:30 And all who saw it said, There was no such deed done or seen from the day that the Israelites came up out of the land of Egypt to this day; consider it, take counsel, and speak [your minds].
Judg 20:1 THEN ALL the Israelites came out, and the congregation assembled as one man to the Lord at Mizpah, from Dan even to Beersheba, including the land of Gilead.
Judg 20:2 And the chiefs of all the people, of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, 400,000 men on foot who drew the sword.
Judg 20:3 (Now the Benjamites [among whom the vile tragedy occurred] heard that the [other] Israelites had gone up to Mizpah.) There the Israelites asked, How did this wickedness happen?
Judg 20:4 And the Levite, the husband of the woman who was murdered, replied, I came to Gibeah which belongs to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to spend the night.
Judg 20:5 And the men of Gibeah rose against me and beset the house round about me by night; they meant to kill me and they raped my concubine, and she is dead.
Judg 20:6 And I took my concubine and cut her in pieces and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel, for they have committed abomination and [wicked] folly in Israel.
Judg 20:7 Behold, you Israelites, all of you, give here your advice and counsel.
Judg 20:8 And all the people arose as one man, saying, Not any of us will go to his tent, and none of us will return to his home.
Judg 20:9 But now this we will do to Gibeah: we will go up by lot against it,
Judg 20:10 And we will take ten men of 100 throughout all the tribes of Israel, and 100 of 1,000, and 1,000 out of 10,000, to bring provisions for the men, that when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin they may do to them according to all the [wicked] folly which they have committed in Israel.
Judg 20:11 So all the men of Israel gathered against the city, united as one man.
Judg 20:12 And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness is this that has been done among you?
Judg 20:13 Now therefore, give up the men [involved], the base fellows in Gibeah, that we may put them to death and put away evil from Israel. But the Benjamites would not listen to the voice of their kinsmen the Israelites.
Judg 20:14 But the Benjamites out of the cities assembled at Gibeah to go out to battle against the other Israelites.
Judg 20:15 And the Benjamites mustered out of their cities at that time 26,000 men who drew the sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah, who mustered 700 chosen men.
Judg 20:16 Among all these were 700 chosen left-handed men; every one could sling stones at a hair and not miss.
Judg 20:17 And the men of Israel, other than Benjamin, mustered 400,000 men who drew the sword; all these were men of war.
Judg 20:18 The Israelites arose and went up to the house of God [Bethel] and asked counsel of God and said, Which of us shall take the lead to battle against the Benjamites? And the Lord said, Judah shall go up first.
Judg 20:19 Then the Israelites rose in the morning and encamped against Gibeah.
Judg 20:20 And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin and set the battle in array against them at Gibeah.
Judg 20:21 The Benjamites came forth out of Gibeah and felled to the ground that day 22,000 men of the Israelites.
Judg 20:22 But the people, the men of Israel, took courage {and} strengthened themselves and again set their battle line in the same place where they formed it the first day.
Judg 20:23 And the Israelites went up and wept before the Lord until evening and asked of the Lord, Shall we go up again to battle against our brethren the Benjamites? And the Lord said, Go up against them.
Judg 20:24 So the Israelites came near against the Benjamites the second day.
Judg 20:25 And Benjamin went forth out of Gibeah against them the second day and felled to the ground the Israelites again, 18,000 men, all of whom were swordsmen.
Judg 20:26 Then all the Israelites, the whole army, went up and came to the house of God [Bethel] and wept; and they sat there before the Lord and fasted that day until evening and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord.
Judg 20:27 And the Israelites inquired of the Lord--for the ark of the covenant of God was there [at Bethel] in those days,
Judg 20:28 And Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, ministered before it in those days--saying, Shall we yet

again go out to battle against our brethren the Benjamites or shall we quit? And the Lord said, Go up, for tomorrow I will deliver them into your hand.
Judg 20:29 So Israel set men in ambush round about Gibeah.
Judg 20:30 And the Israelites went up against the Benjamites on the third day and set themselves in array against Gibeah as at other times.
Judg 20:31 And the Benjamites went out against their army and were drawn away from the city; and they began to smite and kill some of the people as at other times, in the highways, one of which goes up to Bethel and the other to Gibeah, and in the open country--about thirty men of Israel.
Judg 20:32 And the Benjamites said, They are routed before us as at first. But the Israelites said, Let us flee and draw them from the city to the highways.
Judg 20:33 And all the men of Israel rose out of their places and set themselves in array at Baal-tamar, and the men of Israel in ambush rushed out of their place in the meadow of Geba.
Judg 20:34 And there came against Gibeah 10,000 chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was hard; but the Benjamites did not know disaster was close upon them.
Judg 20:35 And the Lord overcame Benjamin before Israel, and the Israelites destroyed of the Benjamites that day 25,100 men, all of whom were swordsmen.
Judg 20:36 So the Benjamites saw that they were defeated. The men of Israel gave ground to the Benjamites, because they trusted in the men in ambush whom they had set against Gibeah.
Judg 20:37 And the men in ambush quickly rushed upon Gibeah, and the liers-in-wait moved out and smote all the city with the sword.
Judg 20:38 Now the appointed signal between the men of Israel and the men in ambush was that when they made a great cloud of smoke arise from the city,
Judg 20:39 The men of Israel should all turn back in battle. Now Benjamin had begun to smite and kill some of the men of Israel, about thirty persons. They said, Surely they are falling before us as in the first battle.
Judg 20:40 But when the [signal] cloud began to rise out of the city in a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them, and behold, the whole of the city went up in smoke to the heavens.
Judg 20:41 When the men of Israel turned back again, the men of Benjamin were dismayed, for they saw that disaster had come upon them.
Judg 20:42 Therefore they turned their backs before the men of Israel and fled toward the wilderness, but the battle followed close behind {and} overtook them; and the inhabitants of the cities destroyed those [Benjamites] who came through them in their midst.
Judg 20:43 They surrounded the Benjamites, pursued them, and overtook {and} trod them down at their resting-place as far as opposite Gibeah toward the east.
Judg 20:44 And there fell 18,000 men of Benjamin, all of them men of valor.
Judg 20:45 And [the Benjamites] turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon, and Israel picked off on the highways 5,000 men of them; they pursued hard after them to Gidom and slew 2,000 more of them.
Judg 20:46 So that all of Benjamin who fell that day were 25,000 men who drew the sword, all of them men of valor.
Judg 20:47 But 600 men turned and fled to the wilderness to the rock Rimmon and remained at the rock Rimmon four months.
Judg 20:48 And the men of Israel turned back against the Benjamites and smote them with the sword, men and beasts and all that they found. Also they set on fire all the towns to which they came.
Judg 21:1 NOW THE men of Israel had sworn at Mizpah, None of us shall give his daughter in marriage to Benjamin.
Judg 21:2 And the Israelites came to the house of God [Bethel] and sat there until evening before God and lifted up their voices and wept bitterly.
Judg 21:3 And they said, O Lord, the God of Israel, why has this come to pass in Israel, that there should be today one tribe lacking in Israel?
Judg 21:4 And next morning the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.
Judg 21:5 And the Israelites said, Which among all the tribes of Israel did not come up with the assembly to the Lord? For they had taken a great oath concerning him who did not come up to the Lord to Mizpah, saying, He shall surely die.
Judg 21:6 And the Israelites changed their purpose [and had compassion] for the Benjamites their kinsmen and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel today.
Judg 21:7 What shall we do for wives for those who are left, seeing we have sworn by the Lord that we will not give

them our daughters as wives?
Judg 21:8 And they said, Which one is there of the tribes of Israel that did not come up to Mizpah to the Lord? And behold, no one had come to the camp from Jabesh-gilead, to the assembly.
Judg 21:9 For when the people were mustered, behold, not one of the citizens of Jabesh-gilead was there.
Judg 21:10 And the congregation sent there 12,000 of the bravest men, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the sword, also the women and the little ones.
Judg 21:11 And this is what you shall do; utterly destroy every male and every woman who is not a virgin.
Judg 21:12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead 400 young virgins, who had known no man by lying with him; and they brought them to the camp at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.
Judg 21:13 And the whole congregation sent word to the Benjamites who were at the rock of Rimmon and invited them to be friendly with them.
Judg 21:14 And Benjamin returned at that time, and they gave them the women whom they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-gilead; and yet there were not enough for them.
Judg 21:15 And the people had compassion on Benjamin, because the Lord had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.
Judg 21:16 Then the elders of the congregation said, What shall we do for wives for those who are left, since the women of Benjamin are destroyed?
Judg 21:17 And they said, There must be an inheritance for the survivors of Benjamin, so that a tribe shall not be wiped out of Israel.
Judg 21:18 But we cannot give them wives of our daughters, for the Israelites have sworn, Cursed be he who gives a wife to Benjamin.
Judg 21:19 So they said, Behold, there is the yearly feast of the Lord at Shiloh, which is north of Bethel, on the east of the highway that goes up from Bethel to Shechem and south of Lebonah.
Judg 21:20 So they commanded the Benjamites, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards,
Judg 21:21 And watch; if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in the dances, then come out of the vineyards and catch every man his wife from the daughters of Shiloh and go to the land of Benjamin.
Judg 21:22 And when their fathers or their brothers come to us to complain, we will say to them, Grant them graciously unto us, because we did not reserve a wife for each of them in battle, neither did you give wives to them, for that would have made you guilty [of breaking your oath].
Judg 21:23 And the Benjamites did so and took wives, according to their number, from the dancers whom they carried off; then they went and returned to their inheritance and repaired the towns and dwelt in them.
Judg 21:24 And the Israelites left there then, every man to his tribe and family, and they went out from there every man to his inheritance.
Judg 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes.
Ruth 1:1 IN THE days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem of Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, his wife, and his two sons.
Ruth 1:2 The man's name was Elimelech and his wife's name was Naomi and his two sons were named Mahlon [invalid] and Chilion [pining]; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem of Judah. They went to the country of Moab and continued there.
Ruth 1:3 But Elimelech, who Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons.
Ruth 1:4 And they took wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They dwelt there about ten years;
Ruth 1:5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also, both of them, so the woman was bereft of her two sons and her husband.
Ruth 1:6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in Moab how the Lord had visited His people in giving them food.
Ruth 1:7 So she left the place where she was, her two daughters-in-law with her, and they started on the way back to Judah.
Ruth 1:8 But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.
Ruth 1:9 The Lord grant that you may find a home {and} rest, each in the house of her husband! Then she kissed them and they wept aloud.
Ruth 1:10 And they said to her, No, we will return with you to your people.
Ruth 1:11 But Naomi said, Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that may become your husbands?
Ruth 1:12 Turn back, my daughters, go; for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I

should have a husband tonight and should bear sons,
Ruth 1:13 Would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters; it is far more bitter for me than for you that the hand of the Lord is gone out against me.
Ruth 1:14 Then they wept aloud again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law [good-bye], but Ruth clung to her.
Ruth 1:15 And Naomi said, See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.
Ruth 1:16 And Ruth said, Urge me not to leave you or to turn back from following you; for where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people and your God my God.
Ruth 1:17 Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts me from you.
Ruth 1:18 When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she said no more.
Ruth 1:19 So they both went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred about them, and said, Is this Naomi?
Ruth 1:20 And she said to them, Call me not Naomi [pleasant]; call me Mara [bitter], for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.
Ruth 1:21 I went out full, but the Lord has brought me home again empty. Why call me Naomi, since the Lord has testified against me, and the Almighty has afflicted me?
Ruth 1:22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.
Ruth 2:1 NOW NAOMI had a kinsman of her husband's, a man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.
Ruth 2:2 And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor. Naomi said to her, Go, my daughter.
Ruth 2:3 And [Ruth] went and gleaned in a field after the reapers; and she happened to stop at the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.
Ruth 2:4 And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers, The Lord be with you! And they answered him, The Lord bless you!
Ruth 2:5 Then Boaz said to his servant who was set over the reapers, Whose maiden is this?
Ruth 2:6 And the servant set over the reapers answered, She is the Moabitish girl who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab.
Ruth 2:7 And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves. So she came and has continued from early morning until now, except when she rested a little in the house.
Ruth 2:8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, Listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but stay here close by my maidens.
Ruth 2:9 Watch which field they reap, and follow them. Have I not charged the young men not to molest you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn.
Ruth 2:10 Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, Why have I found favor in your eyes that you should notice me, when I am a foreigner?
Ruth 2:11 And Boaz said to her, I have been made fully aware of all you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and mother and the land of your birth and have come to a people unknown to you before.
Ruth 2:12 The Lord recompense you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under Whose wings you have come to take refuge!
Ruth 2:13 Then she said, Let me find favor in your sight, my lord. For you have comforted me and have spoken to the heart of your maidservant, though I am not as one of your maidservants.
Ruth 2:14 And at mealtime Boaz said to her, Come here and eat of the bread and dip your morsel in the sour wine [mixed with oil]. And she sat beside the reapers; and he passed her some parched grain, and she ate until she was satisfied and she had some left [for Naomi].
Ruth 2:15 And when she got up to glean, Boaz ordered his young men, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her.
Ruth 2:16 And let fall some handfuls for her on purpose and let them lie there for her to glean, and do not rebuke her.
Ruth 2:17 So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned. It was about an ephah of barley.
Ruth 2:18 And she took it up and went into the town; she showed her mother-in-law what she had gleaned, and she

also brought forth and gave her the food she had reserved after she was satisfied.
Ruth 2:19 And her mother-in-law said to her, Where have you gleaned today? Where did you work? Blessed be the man who noticed you. So [Ruth] told [her], The name of him with whom I worked today is Boaz.
Ruth 2:20 And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, Blessed be he of the Lord who has not ceased his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said to her, The man is a near relative of ours, one who has the right to redeem us.
Ruth 2:21 And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said to me also, Stay close to my young men until they have harvested my entire crop.
Ruth 2:22 And Naomi said to Ruth, It is good, my daughter, for you to go out with his maidens, lest in any other field you be molested.
Ruth 2:23 So she kept close to the maidens of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.
Ruth 3:1 THEN NAOMI her mother-in-law said to Ruth, My daughter, shall I not seek rest {or} a home for you, that you may prosper?
Ruth 3:2 And now is not Boaz, with whose maidens you were, our relative? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.
Ruth 3:3 Wash and anoint yourself therefore, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.
Ruth 3:4 But when he lies down, notice the place where he lies; then go and uncover his feet and lie down. And he will tell you what to do.
Ruth 3:5 And Ruth said to her, All that you say to me I will do.
Ruth 3:6 So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had told her.
Ruth 3:7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then [Ruth] came softly and uncovered his feet and lay down.
Ruth 3:8 At midnight the man was startled, and he turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet!
Ruth 3:9 And he said, Who are you? And she answered, I am Ruth your maidservant. Spread your wing [of protection] over your maidservant, for you are a next of kin.
Ruth 3:10 And he said, Blessed be you of the Lord, my daughter. For you have made this last loving-kindness greater than the former, for you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich.
Ruth 3:11 And now, my daughter, fear not. I will do for you all you require, for all my people in the city know that you are a woman of strength (worth, bravery, capability).
Ruth 3:12 It is true that I am your near kinsman; however, there is a kinsman nearer than I.
Ruth 3:13 Remain tonight, and in the morning if he will perform for you the part of a kinsman, good; let him do it. But if he will not do the part of a kinsman for you, then, as the Lord lives, I will do the part of a kinsman for you. Lie down until the morning.
Ruth 3:14 And she lay at his feet until the morning, but arose before one could recognize another; for he said, Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.
Ruth 3:15 Also he said, Bring the mantle you are wearing and hold it. So [Ruth] held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and laid it on her. And she went into the town.
Ruth 3:16 And when she came home, her mother-in-law said, How have you fared, my daughter? And Ruth told her all that the man had done for her.
Ruth 3:17 And she said, He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said to me, Do not go empty-handed to your mother-in-law.
Ruth 3:18 Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out; for the man will not rest until he finishes the matter today.
Ruth 4:1 THEN BOAZ went up to the city's gate and sat down there, and behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz had spoken came by. He said to him, Ho! Turn aside and sit down here. So he turned aside and sat down.
Ruth 4:2 And Boaz took ten men of the elders of the city and said, Sit down here. And they sat down.
Ruth 4:3 And he said to the kinsman, Naomi, who has returned from the country of Moab, has sold the parcel of land which belonged to our brother Elimelech.
Ruth 4:4 And I thought to let you hear of it, saying, Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and before the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not redeem it, then say so, that I may know; for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I am [next of kin] after you. And he said, I will redeem it.
Ruth 4:5 Then Boaz said, The day you buy the field of Naomi, you must buy also Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of the dead man, to restore the name of the dead to his inheritance.

Ruth 4:6 And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest [by marrying a Moabitess] I endanger my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it.
Ruth 4:7 Now formerly in Israel this was the custom concerning redeeming and exchanging. To confirm a transaction, a man pulled off his sandal and gave it to the other. This was the way of attesting in Israel.
Ruth 4:8 Therefore, when the kinsman said to Boaz, Buy it for yourself, he pulled off his sandal.
Ruth 4:9 And Boaz said to the elders and to all the people, You are witnesses this day that I have bought all that was Elimelech's and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's from the hand of Naomi.
Ruth 4:10 Also Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife to restore the name of the dead to his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brethren and from the gate of his birthplace. You are witnesses this day.
Ruth 4:11 And all the people at the gate and the elders said, We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, the two who built the household of Israel. May you do worthily {and} get wealth (power) in Ephratah and be famous in Bethlehem.
Ruth 4:12 And let your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring which the Lord will give you by this young woman.
Ruth 4:13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the Lord caused her to conceive, and she bore a son.
Ruth 4:14 And the women said to Naomi, Blessed be the Lord, Who has not left you this day without a close kinsman, and may his name be famous in Israel.
Ruth 4:15 And may he be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher {and} supporter in your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him.
Ruth 4:16 Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse.
Ruth 4:17 And her neighbor women gave him a name, saying, A son is born to Naomi. They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David [the ancestor of Jesus Christ].
Ruth 4:18 Now these are the descendants of Perez: Perez was the father of Hezron,
Ruth 4:19 Hezron of Ram, Ram of Amminadab,
Ruth 4:20 Amminadab of Nahshon, Nahshon of Salmon,
Ruth 4:21 Salmon of Boaz, Boaz of Obed,
Ruth 4:22 Obed of Jesse, and Jesse of David [the ancestor of Jesus Christ].
1 Sam 1:1 THERE WAS a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of the hill country of Ephraim, named Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite.
1 Sam 1:2 He had two wives, one named Hannah and the other named Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.
1 Sam 1:3 This man went from his city year by year to worship and sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were the Lord's priests.
1 Sam 1:4 When the day came that Elkanah sacrificed, he would give to Peninnah his wife and all her sons and daughters portions [of the sacrificial meat].
1 Sam 1:5 But to Hannah he gave a double portion, for he loved Hannah, but the Lord had given her no children.
1 Sam 1:6 [This embarrassed and grieved Hannah] and her rival provoked her greatly to vex her, because the Lord had left her childless.
1 Sam 1:7 So it was year after year; whenever Hannah went up to the Lord's house, Peninnah provoked her, so she wept and did not eat.
1 Sam 1:8 Then Elkanah her husband said to her, Hannah, why do you cry? And why do you not eat? And why are you grieving? Am I not more to you than ten sons?
1 Sam 1:9 So Hannah rose after they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his seat beside a post of the temple (tent) of the Lord.
1 Sam 1:10 And [Hannah] was in distress of soul, praying to the Lord and weeping bitterly.
1 Sam 1:11 She vowed, saying, O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your handmaid and [earnestly] remember, and not forget Your handmaid but will give me a son, I will give him to the Lord all his life; no razor shall touch his head.
1 Sam 1:12 And as she continued praying before the Lord, Eli noticed her mouth.
1 Sam 1:13 Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved but her voice was not heard. So Eli thought she was drunk.
1 Sam 1:14 Eli said to her, How long will you be intoxicated? Put wine away from you.

1 Sam 1:15 But Hannah answered, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I was pouring out my soul before the Lord.
1 Sam 1:16 Regard not your handmaid as a wicked woman; for out of my great complaint and bitter provocation I have been speaking.
1 Sam 1:17 Then Eli said, Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him.
1 Sam 1:18 Hannah said, Let your handmaid find grace in your sight. So [she] went her way and ate, her countenance no longer sad.
1 Sam 1:19 The family rose early the next morning, worshiped before the Lord, and returned to their home in Ramah. Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her.
1 Sam 1:20 Hannah became pregnant and in due time bore a son and named him Samuel [heard of God], Because, she said, I have asked him of the Lord.
1 Sam 1:21 And Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and pay his vow.
1 Sam 1:22 But Hannah did not go, for she said to her husband, I will not go until the child is weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the Lord and remain there as long as he lives.
1 Sam 1:23 Elkanah her husband said to her, Do what seems best to you. Wait until you have weaned him; only may the Lord establish His word. So Hannah remained and nursed her son until she weaned him.
1 Sam 1:24 When she had weaned him, she took him with her, with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin bottle of wine [to pour over the burnt offering for a sweet odor], and brought Samuel to the Lord's house in Shiloh. The child was growing.
1 Sam 1:25 Then they slew the bull, and brought the child to Eli.
1 Sam 1:26 Hannah said, Oh, my lord! As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood by you here praying to the Lord.
1 Sam 1:27 For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted my petition made to Him.
1 Sam 1:28 Therefore I have given him to the Lord; as long as he lives he is given to the Lord. And they worshiped the Lord there.
1 Sam 2:1 HANNAH PRAYED, and said, My heart exults {and} triumphs in the Lord; my horn (my strength) is lifted up in the Lord. My mouth is no longer silent, for it is opened wide over my enemies, because I rejoice in Your salvation.
1 Sam 2:2 There is none holy like the Lord, there is none besides You; there is no Rock like our God.
1 Sam 2:3 Talk no more so very proudly; let not arrogance go forth from your mouth, for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by Him actions are weighed.
1 Sam 2:4 The bows of the mighty are broken, and those who stumbled are girded with strength.
1 Sam 2:5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children languishes {and} is forlorn.
1 Sam 2:6 The Lord slays and makes alive; He brings down to Sheol and raises up.
1 Sam 2:7 The Lord makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and He lifts up.
1 Sam 2:8 He raises up the poor out of the dust and lifts up the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with nobles and inherit the throne of glory. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and He has set the world upon them.
1 Sam 2:9 He will guard the feet of His godly ones, but the wicked shall be silenced {and} perish in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.
1 Sam 2:10 The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; against them will He thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge [all peoples] to the ends of the earth; and He will give strength to His king (King) and exalt the power of His anointed (Anointed His Christ).
1 Sam 2:11 Elkanah and his wife Hannah returned to Ramah to his house. But the child ministered to the Lord before Eli the priest.
1 Sam 2:12 The sons of Eli were base {and} worthless; they did not know {or} regard the Lord.
1 Sam 2:13 And the custom of the priests with the people was this: when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came while the flesh was boiling with a fleshhook of three prongs in his hand;
1 Sam 2:14 And he thrust it into the pan or kettle or caldron or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh with all the Israelites who came there.
1 Sam 2:15 Also, before they burned the fat, the priest's servant came and said to the man who sacrificed, Give the priest meat to roast, for he will not accept boiled meat from you, but raw.
1 Sam 2:16 And if the man said to him, Let them burn the fat first, and then you may take as much as you want, the priest's servant would say, No! Give it to me now or I will take it by force.

1 Sam 2:17 So the sin of the [two] young men was very great before the Lord, for they despised the offering of the Lord.
1 Sam 2:18 But Samuel ministered before the Lord, a child girded with a linen ephod.
1 Sam 2:19 Moreover, his mother made him a little robe and brought it to him from year to year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.
1 Sam 2:20 And Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife and say, May the Lord give you children by this woman for the gift she asked for {and} gave to the Lord. Then they would go to their own home.
1 Sam 2:21 And the Lord visited Hannah, so that she bore three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the Lord.
1 Sam 2:22 Now Eli was very old, and he heard all that his sons did to all Israel and how they lay with the women who served at the door of the Tent of Meeting.
1 Sam 2:23 And he said to them, Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all the people.
1 Sam 2:24 No, my sons; it is no good report which I hear the Lord's people spreading abroad.
1 Sam 2:25 If one man wrongs another, God will mediate for him; but if a man wrongs the Lord, who shall intercede for him? Yet they did not listen to their father, for it was the Lord's will to slay them.
1 Sam 2:26 Now the boy Samuel grew and was in favor both with the Lord and with men.
1 Sam 2:27 A man of God came to Eli and said to him, Thus has the Lord said: I plainly revealed Myself to the house of your father [forefather Aaron] when they were in Egypt in bondage to Pharaoh's house.
1 Sam 2:28 Moreover, I selected him out of all the tribes of Israel to be My priest, to offer on My altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before Me. And I gave [from then on] to the house of your father [forefather] all the offerings of the Israelites made by fire.
1 Sam 2:29 Why then do you kick [trample upon, treat with contempt] My sacrifice and My offering which I commanded, and honor your sons above Me by fattening yourselves upon the choicest part of every offering of My people Israel?
1 Sam 2:30 Therefore the Lord, the God of Israel, says, I did promise that your house and that of your father [forefather Aaron] should go in and out before Me forever. But now the Lord says, Be it far from Me. For those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.
1 Sam 2:31 Behold, the time is coming when I will cut off your strength and the strength of your own father's house, that there shall not be an old man in your house.
1 Sam 2:32 And you shall behold the distress of My house, even in all the prosperity which God will give Israel, and there shall not be an old man in your house forever.
1 Sam 2:33 Yet I will not cut off from My altar every man of yours; some shall survive to weep and mourn [over the family's ruin], but all the increase of your house shall die in their best years.
1 Sam 2:34 And what befalls your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, shall be a sign to you--in one day they both shall die. [Fulfilled in I Sam. 4:17, 18.]
1 Sam 2:35 And I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest (Priest), who shall do according to what is in My heart and mind. And I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed (Anointed) forever.
1 Sam 2:36 Everyone who is left in your house shall come crouching to him for a piece of silver and a bit of bread and say, Put me, I pray you, into a priest's office so I may have a piece of bread.
1 Sam 3:1 NOW THE boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. The word of the Lord was rare {and} precious in those days; there was no frequent {or} widely spread vision.
1 Sam 3:2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had dimmed so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place.
1 Sam 3:3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was lying down
1 Sam 3:4 When the Lord called, Samuel! And he answered, Here I am.
1 Sam 3:5 He ran to Eli and said, Here I am, for you called me. Eli said, I did not call you; lie down again. So he went and lay down.
1 Sam 3:6 And the Lord called again, Samuel! And Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, Here am I; you did call me. Eli answered, I did not call, my son; lie down again.
1 Sam 3:7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord was not yet revealed to him.
1 Sam 3:8 And the Lord called Samuel the third time. And he went to Eli and said, Here I am, for you did call me. Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy.
1 Sam 3:9 So Eli said to Samuel, Go, lie down. And if He calls you, you shall say, Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

1 Sam 3:10 And the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, Samuel! Samuel! Then Samuel answered, Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.
1 Sam 3:11 The Lord told Samuel, Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which both ears of all who hear it shall tingle.
1 Sam 3:12 On that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end.
1 Sam 3:13 And I [now] announce to him that I will judge {and} punish his house forever for the iniquity of which he knew, for his sons were bringing a curse upon themselves [blaspheming God], and he did not restrain them.
1 Sam 3:14 Therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for {or} purged with sacrifice or offering forever.
1 Sam 3:15 Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the Lord's house. And [he] was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.
1 Sam 3:16 But Eli called Samuel and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here I am.
1 Sam 3:17 Eli said, What is it He told you? Pray do not hide it from me. May God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that He said to you.
1 Sam 3:18 And Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing. And Eli said, It is the Lord; let Him do what seems good to Him.
1 Sam 3:19 Samuel grew; the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.
1 Sam 3:20 And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord.
1 Sam 3:21 And the Lord continued to appear in Shiloh, for the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh through the word of the Lord.
1 Sam 4:1 AND THE word of [the Lord through] Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out to battle against the Philistines and encamped beside Ebenezer; the Philistines encamped at Aphek.
1 Sam 4:2 The Philistines drew up against Israel, and when the battle spread, Israel was smitten by the Philistines, who slew about 4,000 men on the battlefield.
1 Sam 4:3 When the troops had come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Why has the Lord smitten us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord here from Shiloh, that He may come among us and save us from the power of our enemies.
1 Sam 4:4 So the people sent to Shiloh and brought from there the ark of the covenant of the Lord of hosts, Who dwells above the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were with the ark of the covenant of God.
1 Sam 4:5 And when the ark of the covenant of the Lord came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth resounded.
1 Sam 4:6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What does this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews mean? When they understood that the ark of the Lord had come into the camp,
1 Sam 4:7 The Philistines were afraid, for they said, God has come into the camp. And they said, Woe to us! For such a thing has not happened before.
1 Sam 4:8 Woe to us! Who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty gods? These are the gods that smote the Egyptians with every kind of plague in the wilderness.
1 Sam 4:9 Be strong, and acquit yourselves like men, O you Philistines, that you may not become servants to the Hebrews, as they have been to you; behave yourselves like men, and fight!
1 Sam 4:10 And the Philistines fought; Israel was smitten and they fled every man to his own home. There was a very great slaughter; for 30,000 foot soldiers of Israel fell.
1 Sam 4:11 And the ark of God was taken, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain. [Foretold in I Sam. 2:34.]
1 Sam 4:12 Now a man of Benjamin ran from the battle line and came to Shiloh that day, with his clothes torn and earth on his head.
1 Sam 4:13 When he arrived, Eli was sitting by the road watching, for his heart trembled for the ark of God. When the man told the news in the city, all the city [people] cried out.
1 Sam 4:14 When Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What is this uproar? And the man came hastily and told Eli.
1 Sam 4:15 Now Eli was 98 years old; his eyes were dim so that he could not see.
1 Sam 4:16 The man said to Eli, I have come from the battle; I fled from the battle today. Eli said, How did it go, my son?
1 Sam 4:17 The messenger replied, Israel fled before the Philistines, and there has been a great slaughter among the people. Also your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is captured.

1 Sam 4:18 And when he mentioned the ark of God, Eli fell off the seat backward by the side of the gate. His neck was broken and he died, for he was an old man and heavy. He had judged Israel forty years.
1 Sam 4:19 Now his daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, about to be delivered. And when she heard that the ark of God was captured and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and gave birth, for her pains came upon her.
1 Sam 4:20 And about the time of her death the women attending her said to her, Fear not, for you have borne a son. But she did not answer or notice.
1 Sam 4:21 And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel!--because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband.
1 Sam 4:22 She said, The glory is gone from Israel, for the ark of God has been taken.
1 Sam 5:1 THE PHILISTINES brought the ark of God from Ebenezer to Ashdod.
1 Sam 5:2 They took the ark of God into the house of Dagon and set it beside Dagon [their idol].
1 Sam 5:3 When they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon had fallen upon his face on the ground before the ark of the Lord. So they took Dagon and set him in his place again.
1 Sam 5:4 But when they arose early the next morning, behold, Dagon had again fallen on his face on the ground before the ark of the Lord, and [his] head and both the palms of his hands were lying cut off on the threshold; only the trunk of Dagon was left him.
1 Sam 5:5 This is the reason neither the priests of Dagon nor any who come into Dagon's house tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.
1 Sam 5:6 But the hand of the Lord was heavy upon the people of Ashdod, and He caused [mice to spring up and there was] very deadly destruction and He smote the people with [very painful] tumors {or} boils, both Ashdod and its territory.
1 Sam 5:7 When the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel must not remain with us, for His hand is heavy on us and on Dagon our god.
1 Sam 5:8 So they sent and gathered all the lords of the Philistines to them and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? They answered, Let [it] be carried around to Gath. So they carried the ark of the God of Israel there.
1 Sam 5:9 But after they had carried it to Gath, the hand of the Lord was against the city, causing an exceedingly great panic [at the deaths from the plague], for He afflicted the people of the city, both small and great, and tumors {or} boils broke out on them.
1 Sam 5:10 So they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And as [it] came, the people of Ekron cried out, They have brought the ark of the God of Israel to us to slay us and our people!
1 Sam 5:11 So they sent and assembled all the lords of the Philistines and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel; let it return to its own place, that it may not slay us and our people. For there was a deadly panic throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.
1 Sam 5:12 The men who had not died were stricken with very painful tumors {or} boils, and the cry of the city went up to heaven.
1 Sam 6:1 THE ARK of the Lord was in the country of the Philistines seven months.
1 Sam 6:2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the Lord? Tell us with what we shall send it to its place.
1 Sam 6:3 And they said, If you send away the ark of the God of Israel, do not send it empty, but at least return to Him a guilt offering. Then you will be healed, and it will be known to you why His hand is not removed [and healing granted you].
1 Sam 6:4 Then they said, What shall be the guilt offering which we shall return to Him? They answered, Five golden tumors and five golden mice, according to the number of the Philistine lords, for one plague was on you all, even on your lords.
1 Sam 6:5 Therefore you must make images of your tumors and of your mice that destroy the land, and give glory to the God of Israel. Perhaps He will lighten His hand from off you and your gods and your land.
1 Sam 6:6 Why then do you harden your hearts as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When He had done wonders {and} made a mock of them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?
1 Sam 6:7 Now then, make and prepare a new cart and two milch cows on which no yoke has ever come; and yoke the cows to the cart, but take their calves home, away from them.
1 Sam 6:8 And take the ark of the Lord and place it upon the cart, and put in a box at its side the figures of gold which you are returning to Him as a guilt offering. Then send it away and let it be gone.
1 Sam 6:9 And watch. If it goes up by the way of its own land to Beth-shemesh, then He has done us this great evil.

But if not, then we shall know that it was not His hand that struck us; it happened to us by chance.
1 Sam 6:10 And the men did so, and took two milch cows and yoked them to the cart and shut up their calves at home.
1 Sam 6:11 And they put the ark of the Lord on the cart and along with it the box with the mice of gold and the images of their tumors.
1 Sam 6:12 And the cows went straight toward Beth-shemesh along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right or the left. And the Philistine lords followed them as far as the border of Beth-shemesh.
1 Sam 6:13 Now the men of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley, and they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it.
1 Sam 6:14 The cart came into the field of Joshua of Beth-shemesh and stopped there. A great stone was there; and the men split up the wood of the cart and offered the cows as a burnt offering to the Lord.
1 Sam 6:15 The Levites took down the ark of the Lord and the box beside it in which were the figures of gold and put them upon the great stone. And the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and made sacrifices that day to the Lord.
1 Sam 6:16 When the five lords of the Philistines saw it, they returned that day to Ekron.
1 Sam 6:17 And these are the tumors of gold which the Philistines returned for a guilt offering to the Lord: one each for Ashdod, Gaza, Ashkelon, Gath and Ekron;
1 Sam 6:18 Also the mice of gold was according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both fortified cities and country villages. The great stone, on which they set the ark of the Lord, remains as a witness to this day in the field of Joshua of Beth-shemesh.
1 Sam 6:19 And the Lord slew some of the men of Beth-shemesh because they had looked into the ark of the Lord; He slew seventy men of them, and the people mourned because the Lord had made a great slaughter among them.
1 Sam 6:20 And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before the Lord, this holy God? And to whom shall He go away from us?
1 Sam 6:21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have returned the ark of the Lord. Come down and take it up to you.
1 Sam 7:1 SO THE men of Kiriath-jearim came and took the ark of the Lord and brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill and consecrated Eleazar his son to have charge of the ark of the Lord.
1 Sam 7:2 And the ark remained in Kiriath-jearim a very long time [nearly 100 years, through Samuel's entire judgeship, Saul's reign, and well into David's, when it was brought to Jerusalem]. For it was twenty years before all the house of Israel lamented after the Lord.
1 Sam 7:3 Then Samuel said to all the house of Israel, If you are returning to the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth [female deities] from among you and direct your hearts to the Lord and serve Him only, and He will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.
1 Sam 7:4 So the Israelites put away the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and served the Lord only.
1 Sam 7:5 Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpah and I will pray to the Lord for you.
1 Sam 7:6 So they gathered at Mizpah and drew water and poured it out before the Lord and fasted on that day and said there, We have sinned against the Lord. And Samuel judged the Israelites at Mizpah.
1 Sam 7:7 Now when the Philistines heard that the Israelites had gathered at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the Israelites heard of it, they were afraid of the Philistines.
1 Sam 7:8 And the Israelites said to Samuel, Do not cease to cry to the Lord our God for us, that He may save us from the hand of the Philistines.
1 Sam 7:9 So Samuel took a sucking lamb and offered it as a whole burnt offering to the Lord; and Samuel cried to the Lord for Israel, and the Lord answered him.
1 Sam 7:10 As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to attack Israel. But the Lord thundered with a great voice that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion, and they were defeated before Israel.
1 Sam 7:11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines and smote them as far as below Beth-car.
1 Sam 7:12 Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and he called the name of it Ebenezer [stone of help], saying, Heretofore the Lord has helped us.
1 Sam 7:13 So the Philistines were subdued and came no more into Israelite territory. And the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.
1 Sam 7:14 The cities the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron to Gath, and Israel rescued [the cities'] territory from the Philistines. There was peace also between Israel and the Amorites.

1 Sam 7:15 And Samuel judged Israel all his days.
1 Sam 7:16 And he went from year to year on a circuit to Bethel, Gilgal, and Mizpah, and was judge for Israel in all those places.
1 Sam 7:17 Then he would return to Ramah, for his home was there; there he judged Israel, and there he built an altar to the Lord.
1 Sam 8:1 WHEN SAMUEL was old, he made his sons judges over Israel.
1 Sam 8:2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second, Abijah. They were judges in Beersheba.
1 Sam 8:3 His sons did not walk in his ways, but turned aside after gain, took bribes, and perverted justice.
1 Sam 8:4 All the elders of Israel assembled and came to Samuel at Ramah
1 Sam 8:5 And said to him, Behold, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint us a king to rule over us like all the other nations.
1 Sam 8:6 But it displeased Samuel when they said, Give us a king to govern us. And Samuel prayed to the Lord.
1 Sam 8:7 And the Lord said to Samuel, Hearken to the voice of the people in all they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not be King over them.
1 Sam 8:8 According to all the works which they have done since I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking Me and serving other gods, so they also do to you.
1 Sam 8:9 So listen now to their voice; only solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.
1 Sam 8:10 So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who asked of him a king.
1 Sam 8:11 And he said, These will be the ways of the king who shall reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots.
1 Sam 8:12 He will appoint them for himself to be commanders over thousands and over fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest and to make his implements of war and equipment for his chariots.
1 Sam 8:13 He will take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers.
1 Sam 8:14 He will take your fields, your vineyards, and your olive orchards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants.
1 Sam 8:15 He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants.
1 Sam 8:16 He will take your men and women servants and the best of your cattle and your donkeys and put them to his work.
1 Sam 8:17 He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves shall be his slaves.
1 Sam 8:18 In that day you will cry out because of your king you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not hear you then.
1 Sam 8:19 Nevertheless, the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel, and they said, No! We will have a king over us,
1 Sam 8:20 That we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.
1 Sam 8:21 Samuel heard all the people's words and repeated them in the Lord's ears.
1 Sam 8:22 And the Lord said to Samuel, Hearken to their voice and appoint them a king. And Samuel said to the men of Israel, Go every man to his city.
1 Sam 9:1 THERE WAS a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Becorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of wealth {and} valor.
1 Sam 9:2 Kish had a son named Saul, a choice young man and handsome; among all the Israelites there was not a man more handsome than he. He was a head taller than any of the people.
1 Sam 9:3 The donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. Kish said to Saul, Take a servant with you and go, look for the donkeys.
1 Sam 9:4 And they passed through the hill country of Ephraim and the land of Shalishah, but did not find them. Then they went through the land of Shaalim and the land of Benjamin, but did not find them.
1 Sam 9:5 And when they came to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant, Come, let us return, lest my father stop worrying about the donkeys and become concerned about us.
1 Sam 9:6 The servant said to him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, a man held in honor; all that he says surely comes true. Now let us go there. Perhaps he can show us where we should go.
1 Sam 9:7 Then Saul said to his servant, But if we go, what shall we bring the man? The bread in our sacks is gone, and there is no gift for the man of God. What have we?
1 Sam 9:8 The servant replied, I have here a quarter of a shekel of silver. I will give that to the man of God to tell us

our way--
1 Sam 9:9 (Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he said, Come, let us go to the seer, for he that is now called a prophet was formerly called a seer.)
1 Sam 9:10 Saul said to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went to the city where the man of God was.
1 Sam 9:11 As they went up the hill to the city, they met young maidens going out to draw water, and said to them, Is the seer here?
1 Sam 9:12 They answered, He is; behold, he is just beyond you. Hurry, for he came today to the city because the people have a sacrifice today on the high place.
1 Sam 9:13 As you enter the city, you will find him before he goes up to the high place to eat. The people will not eat until he comes to ask the blessing on the sacrifice. Afterward, those who are invited eat. So go on up, for about now you will find him.
1 Sam 9:14 So they went up to the city, and as they were entering, behold, Samuel came toward them, going up to the high place.
1 Sam 9:15 Now a day before Saul came, the Lord had revealed to Samuel in his ear,
1 Sam 9:16 Tomorrow about this time I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be leader over My people Israel; and he shall save them out of the hand of the Philistines. For I have looked upon the distress of My people, because their cry has come to Me.
1 Sam 9:17 When Samuel saw Saul, the Lord told him, There is the man of whom I told you. He shall have authority over My people.
1 Sam 9:18 Then Saul came near to Samuel in the gate and said, Tell me where is the seer's house?
1 Sam 9:19 Samuel answered Saul, I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for you shall eat with me today, and tomorrow I will let you go and will tell you all that is on your mind.
1 Sam 9:20 As for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not be thinking about them, for they are found. And for whom are all the desirable things of Israel? Are they not for you and for all your father's house?
1 Sam 9:21 And Saul said, Am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? And is not my family the least of all the families of the clans of Benjamin? Why then do you speak this way to me?
1 Sam 9:22 Then Samuel took Saul and his servant and brought them into the guest room [at the high place] and had them sit in the chief place among the persons--about thirty of them--who were invited. [The other people feasted outside.]
1 Sam 9:23 And Samuel said to the cook, Bring the portion which I gave you, of which I said to you, Set it aside.
1 Sam 9:24 And the cook lifted high the shoulder and what was on it [indicating that it was the priest's honored portion] and set it before Saul. [Samuel] said, See what was reserved for you. Eat, for until the hour appointed it was kept for you, ever since I invited the people. So Saul ate that day with Samuel.
1 Sam 9:25 When they had come down from the high place into the city, Samuel conversed with Saul on the top of the house.
1 Sam 9:26 They arose early and about dawn Samuel called Saul [who was sleeping] on the top of the house, saying, Get up, that I may send you on your way. Saul arose, and both he and Samuel went out on the street.
1 Sam 9:27 And as they were going down to the outskirts of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us--and he passed on--but you stand still, first, that I may cause you to hear the word of God.
1 Sam 10:1 THEN SAMUEL took the vial of oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him and said, Has not the Lord anointed you to be prince over His heritage Israel?
1 Sam 10:2 When you have left me today, you will meet two men by Rachel's tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah, and they will say to you, The donkeys you sought are found. And your father has quit caring about them and is anxious for you, asking, What shall I do about my son?
1 Sam 10:3 Then you will go on from there and you will come to the oak of Tabor, and three men going up to God at Bethel will meet you there, one carrying three kids, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a skin bottle of wine.
1 Sam 10:4 They will greet you and give you two loaves of bread, which you shall accept from their hand.
1 Sam 10:5 After that you will come to the hill of God, where the garrison of the Philistines is; and when you come to the city, you will meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute, and lyre before them, prophesying.
1 Sam 10:6 Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you mightily, and you will show yourself to be a prophet with them; and you will be turned into another man.
1 Sam 10:7 When these signs meet you, do whatever you find to be done, for God is with you.

1 Sam 10:8 You shall go down before me to Gilgal; and behold, I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice peace offerings. You shall wait seven days until I come to you and show you what you shall do.
1 Sam 10:9 And when [Saul] had turned his back to leave Samuel, God gave him another heart, and all these signs came to pass that day.
1 Sam 10:10 When they came to the hill [Gibeah], behold, a band of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came mightily upon him, and he spoke under divine inspiration among them.
1 Sam 10:11 And when all who knew Saul before saw that he spoke by inspiration among the [schooled] prophets, the people said one to another, What has come over [him, who is nobody but] the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?
1 Sam 10:12 One from that same place answered, But who is the father of the others? So it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets?
1 Sam 10:13 When [Saul] had ended his inspired speaking, he went to the high place.
1 Sam 10:14 Saul's uncle said to him and to his servant, Where did you go? And Saul said, To look for the donkeys, and when we found them nowhere, we went to Samuel.
1 Sam 10:15 Saul's uncle said, Tell me, what did Samuel say to you?
1 Sam 10:16 And Saul said to his uncle, He told us plainly that the donkeys were found. But of the matter of the kingdom of which Samuel spoke he told him nothing.
1 Sam 10:17 And Samuel called the people together to the Lord at Mizpah
1 Sam 10:18 And said to the Israelites, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: It was I Who brought up Israel out of Egypt and delivered you out of the hands of the Egyptians and of all the kingdoms that oppressed you.
1 Sam 10:19 But you have this day rejected your God, Who Himself saves you from all your calamities and distresses; and you have said to Him, No! Set a king over us. So now present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes and by your thousands.
1 Sam 10:20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken [probably by lot].
1 Sam 10:21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken. And Saul son of Kish was taken. But when they looked for him, he could not be found.
1 Sam 10:22 Therefore they inquired of the Lord further, if the man would yet come back. And the Lord answered, Behold, he has hidden himself among the baggage.
1 Sam 10:23 They ran and brought him from there. And when he stood among the people, he was a head taller than any of them.
1 Sam 10:24 And Samuel said to all the people, Do you see him whom the Lord has chosen, that none like him is among all the people? And all the people shouted and said, Long live the king!
1 Sam 10:25 Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom [defining the position of the king in relation to God and to the people], and wrote it in a book and laid it up before the Lord. And Samuel sent all the people away, each one to his home.
1 Sam 10:26 Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of valiant men whose hearts God had touched.
1 Sam 10:27 But some worthless fellows said, How can this man save us? And they despised him and brought him no gift. But he held his peace {and} was as if deaf.
1 Sam 11:1 AND NAHASH the Ammonite went up and besieged Jabesh-gilead; and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, Make a treaty with us, and we will serve you.
1 Sam 11:2 But Nahash the Ammonite told them, On this condition I will make a treaty with you, that I thrust out all your right eyes and thus lay disgrace on all Israel.
1 Sam 11:3 The elders of Jabesh said to Nahash, Give us seven days' time, that we may send messengers through all the territory of Israel. Then, if there is no man to save us, we will come out to you.
1 Sam 11:4 Then messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and told the news in the ears of the people; and all the people wept aloud.
1 Sam 11:5 Now Saul came out of the field after the oxen, and [he] said, What ails the people that they are weeping? And they told him the words of the men of Jabesh.
1 Sam 11:6 The Spirit of God came mightily upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was greatly kindled.
1 Sam 11:7 And he took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whoever does not come forth after Saul and Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen! And terror from the Lord fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.

1 Sam 11:8 And he numbered them at Bezek, and the Israelites were 300,000 and the men of Judah 30,000.
1 Sam 11:9 The messengers who came were told, Say to the men of Jabesh-gilead, Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you shall have help. The messengers came and reported to the men of Jabesh, and they were glad.
1 Sam 11:10 So the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you may do to us all that seems good to you.
1 Sam 11:11 The next day Saul put the men in three companies; and they came into the midst of the enemy's camp in the [darkness of the] morning watch and slew the Ammonites until midday; and the survivors were scattered, so that no two of them remained together.
1 Sam 11:12 The people said to Samuel, Who is he who said, Shall Saul reign over us? Bring the men, that we may put them to death.
1 Sam 11:13 But Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day, for today the Lord has brought deliverance to Israel.
1 Sam 11:14 Samuel said to the people, Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingdom.
1 Sam 11:15 All the people went to Gilgal and there they made Saul king before the Lord. And there they sacrificed peace offerings before the Lord, and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.
1 Sam 12:1 AND SAMUEL said to all Israel, I have listened to you in all that you have said to me and have made a king over you.
1 Sam 12:2 And now, behold, the king walks before you. And I am old and gray, and behold, my sons are with you. And I have walked before you from my childhood to this day.
1 Sam 12:3 Here I am; testify against me before the Lord and Saul His anointed. Whose ox or donkey have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded or oppressed? Or from whose hand have I received any bribe to blind my eyes? Tell me and I will restore it to you.
1 Sam 12:4 And they said, You have not defrauded us or oppressed us or taken anything from any man's hand.
1 Sam 12:5 And Samuel said to them, The Lord is witness against you, and His anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand. And they answered, He is witness.
1 Sam 12:6 And Samuel said to the people, It is the Lord Who appointed Moses and Aaron and brought your fathers up out of Egypt.
1 Sam 12:7 Now present yourselves, that I may plead with you before the Lord concerning all the righteous acts of the Lord which He did for you and for your fathers.
1 Sam 12:8 When Jacob and his sons had come into Egypt [and the Egyptians oppressed them], and your fathers cried to the Lord, then the Lord sent Moses and Aaron, who brought forth your fathers out of Egypt and made them dwell in this place.
1 Sam 12:9 But when they forgot the Lord their God, He sold them into the hand of Sisera, commander of Hazor's army, and into the hands of the Philistines and of the king of Moab, and they fought those foes.
1 Sam 12:10 And they cried to the Lord, saying, We have sinned because we have forsaken the Lord and have served the Baals and the Ashtaroth; but now deliver us from the hands of our enemies, and we will serve You.
1 Sam 12:11 And the Lord sent Jerubbaal and Barak and Jephthah and Samuel, and He delivered you out of the hands of your enemies on every side, and you dwelt safely.
1 Sam 12:12 But when you saw that Nahash king of the Ammonites came against you, you said to me, No! A king shall reign over us--when the Lord your God was your King!
1 Sam 12:13 Now see the king whom you have chosen and for whom you have asked; behold, the Lord has set a king over you.
1 Sam 12:14 If you will revere {and} fear the Lord and serve Him and hearken to His voice and not rebel against His commandment, and if both you and your king will follow the Lord your God, it will be good!
1 Sam 12:15 But if you will not hearken to the Lord's voice, but rebel against His commandment, then the hand of the Lord will be against you, as it was against your fathers.
1 Sam 12:16 So stand still and see this great thing the Lord will do before your eyes now.
1 Sam 12:17 Is it not wheat harvest today? I will call to the Lord and He will send thunder and rain; then you shall know and see that your wickedness is great which you have done in the sight of the Lord in asking for a king for yourselves.
1 Sam 12:18 So Samuel called to the Lord, and He sent thunder and rain that day; and all the people greatly feared the Lord and Samuel.
1 Sam 12:19 And [they] all said to Samuel, Pray for your servants to the Lord your God, that we may not die, for we have added to all our sins this evil--to ask for a king.

1 Sam 12:20 And Samuel said to the people, Fear not. You have indeed done all this evil; yet turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve Him with all your heart.
1 Sam 12:21 And turn not aside after vain {and} worthless things which cannot profit or deliver you, for they are empty {and} futile.
1 Sam 12:22 The Lord will not forsake His people for His great name's sake, for it has pleased Him to make you a people for Himself.
1 Sam 12:23 Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you; but I will instruct you in the good and right way.
1 Sam 12:24 Only fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart; for consider how great are the things He has done for you.
1 Sam 12:25 But if you still do wickedly, both you and your king shall be swept away.
1 Sam 13:1 SAUL WAS [forty] years old when he began to reign; and when he had reigned two years over Israel,
1 Sam 13:2 Saul chose 3,000 men of Israel; 2,000 were with [him] in Michmash and the hill country of Bethel, and 1,000 with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. The rest of the men he sent away, each one to his home.
1 Sam 13:3 Jonathan smote the Philistine garrison at Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear!
1 Sam 13:4 All Israel heard that Saul had defeated the Philistine garrison and also that Israel had become an abomination to the Philistines. And the people were called out to join Saul at Gilgal.
1 Sam 13:5 And the Philistines gathered to fight with Israel, 30,000 chariots and 6,000 horsemen and troops like sand on the seashore in multitude. They came up and encamped at Michmash, east of Beth-aven.
1 Sam 13:6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a tight situation--for their troops were hard pressed--they hid in caves, holes, rocks, tombs, and pits {or} cisterns.
1 Sam 13:7 Some Hebrews had gone over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he was still in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.
1 Sam 13:8 Saul waited seven days, according to the set time Samuel had appointed. But Samuel had not come to Gilgal, and the people were scattering from Saul.
1 Sam 13:9 So Saul said, Bring me the burnt offering and the peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering [which he was forbidden to do].
1 Sam 13:10 And just as he finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came! Saul went out to meet and greet him.
1 Sam 13:11 Samuel said, What have you done? Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines were assembled at Michmash,
1 Sam 13:12 I thought, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the Lord. So I forced myself to offer a burnt offering.
1 Sam 13:13 And Samuel said to Saul, You have done foolishly! You have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God which He commanded you; for the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever;
1 Sam 13:14 But now your kingdom shall not continue; the Lord has sought out [David] a man after His own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince {and} ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.
1 Sam 13:15 And Samuel went up from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people that were left with him, [only] about 600.
1 Sam 13:16 Saul and Jonathan his son and the people with them remained in Gibeah of Benjamin, but the Philistines encamped at Michmash.
1 Sam 13:17 And raiders came out of the Philistine camp in three companies; one company turned toward Ophrah, to the land of Shual,
1 Sam 13:18 Another turned toward Beth-horon, and another toward the border overlooking the Valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.
1 Sam 13:19 Now there was no metal worker to be found throughout all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make swords or spears.
1 Sam 13:20 But each of the Israelites had to go down to the Philistines to get his plowshare, mattock, axe, or sickle sharpened.
1 Sam 13:21 And the price for plowshares and mattocks was a pim, and a third of a shekel for axes and for setting goads [with resulting blunt edges on the sickles, mattocks, forks, axes, and goads.]
1 Sam 13:22 So on the day of battle neither sword nor spear was found in the hand of any of the men who were with

Saul and Jonathan; but Saul and Jonathan his son had them.
1 Sam 13:23 And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the pass of Michmash.
1 Sam 14:1 ONE DAY Jonathan son of Saul said to his armor-bearer, Come, let us go over to the Philistine garrison on the other side. But he did not tell his father.
1 Sam 14:2 Saul was remaining in the outskirts of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree in Migron; and with him were about 600 men,
1 Sam 14:3 And Ahijah son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the Lord's priest in Shiloh, was wearing the ephod. And the people did not know that Jonathan was gone.
1 Sam 14:4 Between the passes by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistine garrison there was a rocky crag on the one side and a rocky crag on the other side; one was named Bozez, and the other Seneh.
1 Sam 14:5 The one crag rose on the north in front of Michmash, and the other on the south in front of Geba.
1 Sam 14:6 And Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, Come, and let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the Lord will work for us. For there is nothing to prevent the Lord from saving by many or by few.
1 Sam 14:7 And his armor-bearer said to him, Do all that is in your mind; I am with you in whatever you think [best].
1 Sam 14:8 Jonathan said, We will pass over to these men and we will let them see us.
1 Sam 14:9 If they say to us, Wait until we come to you, then we will stand still in our place and will not go up to them.
1 Sam 14:10 But if they say, Come up to us, we will go up, for the Lord has delivered them into our hand, and this will be our sign.
1 Sam 14:11 So both of them let the Philistine garrison see them. And the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they have hidden themselves.
1 Sam 14:12 The garrison men said to Jonathan and his armor-bearer, Come up to us and we will show you a thing. Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, Come up after me, for the Lord has given them into Israel's hand.
1 Sam 14:13 Then Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, his armor-bearer after him; and the enemy fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer killed them after him.
1 Sam 14:14 And that first slaughter which Jonathan and his armor-bearer made was about twenty men within about a half acre of land [which a yoke of oxen might plow].
1 Sam 14:15 And there was trembling {and} panic in the [Philistine] camp, in the field, and among all the men; the garrison, and even the raiders trembled; the earth quaked, and it became a terror from God.
1 Sam 14:16 Saul's watchmen in Gibeah of Benjamin looked, and behold, the multitude melted away and went hither and thither.
1 Sam 14:17 Then Saul said to the men with him, Number and see who is gone from us. When they numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armor-bearer were missing.
1 Sam 14:18 Saul said to Ahijah, Bring here the ark of God--for at that time the ark of God was with the children of Israel.
1 Sam 14:19 While Saul talked to the priest, the tumult in the Philistine camp kept increasing. Then Saul said to the priest, Withdraw your hand.
1 Sam 14:20 Then Saul and all the people with him rallied and went into the battle, and behold, every [Philistine's] sword was against his fellow in wild confusion.
1 Sam 14:21 Moreover, the Hebrews who were with the Philistines before that time, who went up with them into the camp from the country round about, even they also turned to be with the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan.
1 Sam 14:22 Likewise, all the men of Israel who had hid themselves in the hill country of Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, they also went after them in hot pursuit in the battle.
1 Sam 14:23 So the Lord delivered Israel that day, and the battle passed beyond Beth-aven.
1 Sam 14:24 But the men of Israel were distressed that day, for Saul had caused them to take an oath, saying, Cursed be the man who eats any food before evening and until I have taken vengeance on my enemies. So none of the men tasted any food.
1 Sam 14:25 And all the people of the land came to a wood, and there was honey on the ground.
1 Sam 14:26 When the men entered the wood, behold, the honey was dripping, but no man tasted it, for the men feared the oath.
1 Sam 14:27 But Jonathan had not heard when his father charged the people with the oath. So he dipped the end of the rod in his hand into a honeycomb and put it to his mouth, and his [weary] eyes brightened.
1 Sam 14:28 Then one of the men told him, Your father strictly charged the men with an oath, saying, Cursed be the

man who eats any food today. And the people were exhausted {and} faint.
1 Sam 14:29 Then Jonathan said, My father has troubled the land. See how my eyes have brightened because I tasted a little of this honey.
1 Sam 14:30 How much better if the men had eaten freely today of the spoil of their enemies which they found! For now the slaughter of the Philistines has not been great.
1 Sam 14:31 They smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon. And the people were very faint.
1 Sam 14:32 [When night came and the oath expired] the men flew upon the spoil. They took sheep, oxen, and calves, slew them on the ground, and ate them [raw] with the blood.
1 Sam 14:33 Then Saul was told, Behold, the men are sinning against the Lord by eating with the blood. And he said, You have transgressed; roll a great stone to me here.
1 Sam 14:34 Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people and tell them, Bring me every man his ox or his sheep, and butcher them here and eat; and sin not against the Lord by eating the blood. So all the men brought each one his ox that night and butchered it there.
1 Sam 14:35 And Saul built an altar to the Lord; it was the first altar he built to the Lord.
1 Sam 14:36 Then Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night and seize and plunder them until daylight, and let us not leave a man of them. They said, Do whatever seems good to you. Then the priest said, Let us draw near here to God.
1 Sam 14:37 And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? Will You deliver them into the hand of Israel? But He did not answer him that day.
1 Sam 14:38 Then Saul said, Draw near, all the chiefs of the people, and let us see how this sin [causing God's silence] arose today.
1 Sam 14:39 For as the Lord lives, Who delivers Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But not a man among all the people answered him.
1 Sam 14:40 Then he said to all Israel, You be on one side; and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. The people said to Saul, Do what seems good to you.
1 Sam 14:41 Therefore Saul said to the Lord, the God of Israel, Give a perfect lot {and} show the right. And Saul and Jonathan were taken [by lot], but the other men went free.
1 Sam 14:42 Saul said, Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken.
1 Sam 14:43 Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what you have done. And Jonathan said, I tasted a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand. And behold, I must die.
1 Sam 14:44 Saul answered, May God do so, and more also, for you shall surely die, Jonathan.
1 Sam 14:45 But the people said to Saul, Shall Jonathan, who has wrought this great deliverance to Israel, die? God forbid! As the Lord lives, there shall not one hair of his head perish, for he has wrought this great deliverance with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, and he did not die.
1 Sam 14:46 Then Saul ceased pursuing the Philistines, and they went to their own place.
1 Sam 14:47 When Saul took over the kingdom of Israel, he fought against all his enemies on every side: Moab, the Ammonites, Edom, the kings of Zobah, and the Philistines. Wherever he turned, he made it worse for them.
1 Sam 14:48 He did valiantly and smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of those who plundered them.
1 Sam 14:49 Now Saul's sons were Jonathan, Ishvi, and Malchi-shua; and the names of his two daughters were, of the firstborn, Merab; and of the younger, Michal.
1 Sam 14:50 The name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam daughter of Ahimaaz. The commander of his army was Abner son of Ner, Saul's uncle.
1 Sam 14:51 Kish the father of Saul and Ner the father of Abner were sons of Abiel.
1 Sam 14:52 There was severe war against the Philistines all the days of Saul, and whenever Saul saw any mighty or [outstandingly] courageous man, he attached him to himself.
1 Sam 15:1 SAMUEL TOLD Saul, The Lord sent me to anoint you king over His people Israel. Now listen and heed the words of the Lord.
1 Sam 15:2 Thus says the Lord of hosts, I have considered {and} will punish what Amalek did to Israel, how he set himself against him in the way when [Israel] came out of Egypt.
1 Sam 15:3 Now go and smite Amalek and utterly destroy all they have; do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.
1 Sam 15:4 So Saul assembled the men and numbered them at Telaim--200,000 men on foot and 10,000 men of Judah.
1 Sam 15:5 And Saul came to the city of Amalek and laid wait in the valley.

1 Sam 15:6 Saul warned the Kenites, Go, depart, get down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them; for you showed kindness to all the Israelites when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.
1 Sam 15:7 Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt.
1 Sam 15:8 And he took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, though he utterly destroyed all the rest of the people with the sword.
1 Sam 15:9 Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, oxen, fatlings, lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them; but all that was undesirable or worthless they destroyed utterly.
1 Sam 15:10 Then the word of the Lord came to Samuel, saying,
1 Sam 15:11 I regret making Saul king, for he has turned back from following Me and has not performed My commands. And Samuel was grieved {and} angry [with Saul], and he cried to the Lord all night.
1 Sam 15:12 When Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, he was told, Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up for himself a monument or trophy [of his victory] and passed on and went down to Gilgal.
1 Sam 15:13 And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, Blessed are you of the Lord. I have performed what the Lord ordered.
1 Sam 15:14 And Samuel said, What then means this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?
1 Sam 15:15 Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and oxen to sacrifice to the Lord your God, but the rest we have utterly destroyed.
1 Sam 15:16 Then Samuel said to Saul, Stop! I will tell you what the Lord said to me tonight. Saul said to him, Say on.
1 Sam 15:17 Samuel said, When you were small in your own sight, were you not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the Lord anointed you king over Israel?
1 Sam 15:18 And the Lord sent you on a mission and said, Go, utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites; and fight against them until they are consumed.
1 Sam 15:19 Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord, but swooped down upon the plunder and did evil in the Lord's sight?
1 Sam 15:20 Saul said to Samuel, Yes, I have obeyed the voice of the Lord and have gone the way which the Lord sent me, and have brought Agag king of Amalek and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.
1 Sam 15:21 But the people took from the spoil sheep and oxen, the chief of the things to be utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal.
1 Sam 15:22 Samuel said, Has the Lord as great a delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.
1 Sam 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idolatry and teraphim (household good luck images). Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.
1 Sam 15:24 And Saul said to Samuel, I have sinned; for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.
1 Sam 15:25 Now, I pray you, pardon my sin and go back with me, that I may worship the Lord.
1 Sam 15:26 And Samuel said to Saul, I will not return with you; for you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel.
1 Sam 15:27 And as Samuel turned to go away, Saul seized the skirt of Samuel's mantle, and it tore.
1 Sam 15:28 And Samuel said to him, The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day and has given it to a neighbor of yours who is better than you.
1 Sam 15:29 And also the Strength of Israel will not lie or repent; for He is not a man, that He should repent.
1 Sam 15:30 Saul said, I have sinned; yet honor me now, I pray you, before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may worship the Lord your God.
1 Sam 15:31 So Samuel turned back after Saul, and Saul worshiped the Lord.
1 Sam 15:32 Then Samuel said, Bring here to me Agag king of the Amalekites. And Agag came to him cheerfully. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.
1 Sam 15:33 Samuel said, As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal.
1 Sam 15:34 Then Samuel went to Ramah, but Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul.
1 Sam 15:35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death, though Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord repented that He had made Saul king over Israel.
1 Sam 16:1 THE LORD said to Samuel, How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning

over Israel? Fill your horn with oil; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided for Myself a king among his sons.
1 Sam 16:2 Samuel said, How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me. And the Lord said, Take a heifer with you and say, I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.
1 Sam 16:3 And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you.
1 Sam 16:4 And Samuel did what the Lord said, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming and said, Have you come peaceably?
1 Sam 16:5 And he said, Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice. And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and called them to the sacrifice.
1 Sam 16:6 When they had come, he looked on Eliab [the eldest son] and said, Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him.
1 Sam 16:7 But the Lord said to Samuel, Look not on his appearance or at the height of his stature, for I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.
1 Sam 16:8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. But Samuel said, Neither has the Lord chosen this one.
1 Sam 16:9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. Samuel said, Nor has the Lord chosen him.
1 Sam 16:10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, The Lord has not chosen any of these.
1 Sam 16:11 Then [he] said to Jesse, Are all your sons here? [Jesse] said, There is yet the youngest; he is tending the sheep. Samuel said to Jesse, Send for him; for we will not sit down to eat until he is here.
1 Sam 16:12 Jesse sent and brought him. David had a healthy reddish complexion and beautiful eyes, and was fine-looking. The Lord said [to Samuel], Arise, anoint him; this is he.
1 Sam 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah.
1 Sam 16:14 But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented {and} troubled him.
1 Sam 16:15 Saul's servants said to him, Behold, an evil spirit from God torments you.
1 Sam 16:16 Let our lord now command your servants here before you to find a man who plays skillfully on the lyre; and when the evil spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and you will be well.
1 Sam 16:17 Saul told his servants, Find me a man who plays well and bring him to me.
1 Sam 16:18 One of the young men said, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who plays skillfully, a valiant man, a man of war, prudent in speech {and} eloquent, an attractive person; and the Lord is with him.
1 Sam 16:19 So Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, Send me David your son, who is with the sheep.
1 Sam 16:20 And Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a kid and sent them by David his son to Saul.
1 Sam 16:21 And David came to Saul and served him. Saul became very fond of him, and he became his armor-bearer.
1 Sam 16:22 Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David remain in my service, for he pleases me.
1 Sam 16:23 And when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, David took a lyre and played it; so Saul was refreshed and became well, and the evil spirit left him.
1 Sam 17:1 NOW THE Philistines gathered their armies for battle and were assembled at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah in Ephes-dammim.
1 Sam 17:2 Saul and the men of Israel were encamped in the Valley of Elah and drew up in battle array against the Philistines.
1 Sam 17:3 And the Philistines stood on a mountain on one side and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with the valley between them.
1 Sam 17:4 And a champion went out of the camp of the Philistines named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span [almost ten feet].
1 Sam 17:5 And he had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of mail, and the coat weighed 5,000 shekels of bronze.
1 Sam 17:6 He had bronze shin armor on his legs and a bronze javelin across his shoulders.
1 Sam 17:7 And the shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam; his spear's head weighed 600 shekels of iron. And a shield bearer went before him.

1 Sam 17:8 Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves and let him come down to me.
1 Sam 17:9 If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.
1 Sam 17:10 And the Philistine said, I defy the ranks of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.
1 Sam 17:11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.
1 Sam 17:12 David was the son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah named Jesse, who had eight sons. [Jesse] in the days of Saul was old, advanced in years.
1 Sam 17:13 [His] three eldest sons had followed Saul into battle. Their names were Eliab the firstborn; next, Abinadab; and third, Shammah.
1 Sam 17:14 David was the youngest. The three eldest followed Saul,
1 Sam 17:15 But David went back and forth from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.
1 Sam 17:16 The Philistine came out morning and evening, presenting himself for forty days.
1 Sam 17:17 And Jesse said to David his son, Take for your brothers an ephah of this parched grain and these ten loaves and carry them quickly to your brothers at the camp.
1 Sam 17:18 Also take these ten cheeses to the commander of their thousand. See how your brothers fare and bring some token from them.
1 Sam 17:19 Now Saul and the brothers and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.
1 Sam 17:20 So David rose up early next morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went, as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the encampment as the host going forth to the battleground shouted the battle cry.
1 Sam 17:21 And Israel and the Philistines put the battle in array, army against army.
1 Sam 17:22 David left his packages in the care of the baggage keeper and ran into the ranks and came and greeted his brothers.
1 Sam 17:23 As they talked, behold, Goliath, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, came forth from the Philistine ranks and spoke the same words as before, and David heard him.
1 Sam 17:24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, terrified.
1 Sam 17:25 And the Israelites said, Have you seen this man who has come out? Surely he has come out to defy Israel; and the man who kills him the king will enrich with great riches, and will give him his daughter and make his father's house free [from taxes and service] in Israel.
1 Sam 17:26 And David said to the men standing by him, What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?
1 Sam 17:27 And the [men] told him, Thus shall it be done for the man who kills him.
1 Sam 17:28 Now Eliab his eldest brother heard what he said to the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David and he said, Why did you come here? With whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption and evilness of heart; for you came down that you might see the battle.
1 Sam 17:29 And David said, What have I done now? Was it not a harmless question?
1 Sam 17:30 And David turned away from Eliab to another and he asked the same question, and again the men gave him the same answer.
1 Sam 17:31 When David's words were heard, they were repeated to Saul, and he sent for him.
1 Sam 17:32 David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of this Philistine; your servant will go out and fight with him.
1 Sam 17:33 And Saul said to David, You are not able to go to fight against this Philistine. You are only an adolescent, and he has been a warrior from his youth.
1 Sam 17:34 And David said to Saul, Your servant kept his father's sheep. And when there came a lion or again a bear and took a lamb out of the flock,
1 Sam 17:35 I went out after it and smote it and delivered the lamb out of its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard and smote it and killed it.
1 Sam 17:36 Your servant killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God!
1 Sam 17:37 David said, The Lord Who delivered me out of the paw of the lion and out of the paw of the bear, He will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Go, and the Lord be with you!

1 Sam 17:38 Then Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail.
1 Sam 17:39 And David girded his sword over his armor. Then he tried to go, but could not, for he was not used to it. And David said to Saul, I cannot go with these, for I am not used to them. And David took them off.
1 Sam 17:40 Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones out of the brook and put them in his shepherd's [lunch] bag [a whole kid's skin slung from his shoulder], in his pouch, and his sling was in his hand, and he drew near the Philistine.
1 Sam 17:41 The Philistine came on and drew near to David, the man who bore the shield going before him.
1 Sam 17:42 And when the Philistine looked around and saw David, he scorned {and} despised him, for he was but an adolescent, with a healthy reddish color and a fair face.
1 Sam 17:43 And the Philistine said to David, Am I a dog, that you should come to me with sticks? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.
1 Sam 17:44 The Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field.
1 Sam 17:45 Then said David to the Philistine, You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the ranks of Israel, Whom you have defied.
1 Sam 17:46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will smite you and cut off your head. And I will give the corpses of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.
1 Sam 17:47 And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands.
1 Sam 17:48 When the Philistine came forward to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.
1 Sam 17:49 David put his hand into his bag and took out a stone and slung it, and it struck the Philistine, sinking into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth.
1 Sam 17:50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck down the Philistine and slew him. But no sword was in David's hand.
1 Sam 17:51 So he ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath, and killed him, and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their mighty champion was dead, they fled.
1 Sam 17:52 And the men of Israel and Judah rose with a shout and pursued the Philistines as far as Gath and the gates of Ekron. So the wounded Philistines fell along the way from Shaaraim as far as Gath and Ekron.
1 Sam 17:53 The Israelites returned from their pursuit of the Philistines and plundered their tents.
1 Sam 17:54 David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent.
1 Sam 17:55 When Saul saw David go out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As your soul lives, O king, I cannot tell.
1 Sam 17:56 And the king said, Inquire whose son the stripling is.
1 Sam 17:57 When David returned from killing Goliath the Philistine, Abner brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.
1 Sam 17:58 And Saul said to him, Whose son are you, young man? And David answered, I am the son of your servant Jesse of Bethlehem.
1 Sam 18:1 WHEN DAVID had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own life.
1 Sam 18:2 Saul took David that day and would not let him return to his father's house.
1 Sam 18:3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own life.
1 Sam 18:4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, even his sword, his bow, and his girdle.
1 Sam 18:5 And David went out wherever Saul sent him, and he prospered {and} behaved himself wisely; and Saul set him over the men of war. And it was satisfactory both to the people and to Saul's servants.
1 Sam 18:6 As they were coming home, when David returned from killing the Philistine, the women came out of all the Israelite towns, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul with timbrels, songs of joy, and instruments of music.
1 Sam 18:7 And the women responded as they laughed {and} frolicked, saying, Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.
1 Sam 18:8 And Saul was very angry, for the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed to David ten thousands, but to me they have ascribed only thousands. What more can he have but the kingdom?

1 Sam 18:9 And Saul [jealously] eyed David from that day forward.
1 Sam 18:10 The next day an evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and he raved [madly] in his house, while David played [the lyre] with his hand, as at other times; and there was a javelin in Saul's hand.
1 Sam 18:11 And Saul cast the javelin, for he thought, I will pin David to the wall. And David evaded him twice.
1 Sam 18:12 Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul.
1 Sam 18:13 So Saul removed David from him and made him his commander over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.
1 Sam 18:14 David acted wisely in all his ways {and} succeeded, and the Lord was with him.
1 Sam 18:15 When Saul saw how capable {and} successful David was, he stood in awe of him.
1 Sam 18:16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, for he went out and came in before them.
1 Sam 18:17 Saul said to David, My elder daughter Merab I will give you as wife; only serve me courageously and fight the Lord's battles. For Saul thought, Let not my hand, but the Philistines' hand, be upon him.
1 Sam 18:18 David said to Saul, Who am I, and what is my life or my father's family in Israel, that I should be the king's son-in-law?
1 Sam 18:19 But at the time when Merab, Saul's daughter, should have been given to David, she was given to Adriel the Meholathite as wife.
1 Sam 18:20 Now Michal, Saul's daughter, loved David; and they told Saul, and it pleased him.
1 Sam 18:21 Saul thought, I will give her to him that she may be a snare to him and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. So Saul said to David a second time, You shall now be my son-in-law.
1 Sam 18:22 And Saul commanded his servants to speak to David privately and say, The king delights in you, and all his servants love you; now then, become [his] son-in-law.
1 Sam 18:23 Saul's servants told those words to David. David said, Does it seem to you a light thing to be a king's son-in-law, seeing I am a poor man and lightly esteemed?
1 Sam 18:24 And the servants of Saul told him what David said.
1 Sam 18:25 Saul said, Say this to David, The king wants no dowry but a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to avenge himself of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the Philistines' hands.
1 Sam 18:26 When his servants told David these words, it pleased [him] well to become the king's son-in-law. Before the days expired,
1 Sam 18:27 David went, he and his men, and slew two hundred Philistine men, and brought their foreskins and gave them in full number to the king, that he might become the king's son-in-law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter as wife.
1 Sam 18:28 When Saul saw and knew that the Lord was with David and that Michal [his] daughter loved him,
1 Sam 18:29 Saul was still more afraid of David; and Saul became David's constant enemy.
1 Sam 18:30 Then the Philistine princes came out to battle, and when they did so, David had more success {and} behaved himself more wisely than all Saul's servants, so that his name was very dear {and} highly esteemed.
1 Sam 19:1 NOW SAUL told Jonathan his son and all his servants that they must kill David.
1 Sam 19:2 But Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted much in David, and he told David, Saul my father is seeking to kill you. Now therefore, take heed to yourself in the morning, and stay in a secret place and hide yourself.
1 Sam 19:3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are; and I will converse with my father about you and if I learn anything, I will tell you.
1 Sam 19:4 And Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, Let not the king sin against his servant David, for he has not sinned against you, and his deeds have been of good service to you.
1 Sam 19:5 For he took his life in his hands and slew the Philistine, and the Lord wrought a great deliverance for all Israel; you saw it and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood and kill David without a cause?
1 Sam 19:6 Saul heeded Jonathan and swore, As the Lord lives, David shall not be slain.
1 Sam 19:7 So Jonathan called David and told him all these things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as in times past.
1 Sam 19:8 Then there was war again, and David went out and fought with the Philistines, and made a great slaughter among them and they fled before him.
1 Sam 19:9 Then an evil spirit from the Lord came upon Saul as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand; and David was playing [the lyre] with his hand.
1 Sam 19:10 Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away, so that Saul struck the spear into the wall. Then David fled and escaped that night.
1 Sam 19:11 Saul sent messengers that night to David's house to watch him, that he might kill him in the morning. But

Michal, David's wife, told him, If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be killed.
1 Sam 19:12 So Michal let David down through the window, and he fled and escaped.
1 Sam 19:13 And Michal took the teraph (household good luck image) and laid it in the bed, put a pillow of goats' hair at its head, and covered it with a bedspread.
1 Sam 19:14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick.
1 Sam 19:15 Then Saul sent the messengers again to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him.
1 Sam 19:16 And when the messengers came in, behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' hair at its head.
1 Sam 19:17 Saul said to Michal, Why have you deceived me so and sent away my enemy so that he has escaped? Michal answered Saul, He said to me, Let me go. Why should I kill you?
1 Sam 19:18 So David fled and escaped and came to Samuel at Ramah and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.
1 Sam 19:19 And it was told Saul, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah.
1 Sam 19:20 And Saul sent messengers to take David; and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed head over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul and they also prophesied.
1 Sam 19:21 When it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied.
1 Sam 19:22 Then Saul himself went to Ramah and came to a great well that is in Secu; and he asked, Where are Samuel and David? And he was told, They are at Naioth in Ramah.
1 Sam 19:23 So he went on to Naioth in Ramah; and the Spirit of God came upon him also, and as he went on he prophesied until he came to Naioth in Ramah.
1 Sam 19:24 He took off his royal robes and prophesied before Samuel and lay down stripped thus all that day and night. So they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?
1 Sam 20:1 DAVID FLED from Naioth in Ramah and came and said to Jonathan, What have I done? Of what am I guilty? What is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life?
1 Sam 20:2 Jonathan said, God forbid! You shall not die. My father does nothing great or small but what he tells me. And why should [he] hide this thing from me? It is not so.
1 Sam 20:3 But David replied, Your father certainly knows that I have found favor in your eyes, and he thinks, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved. But truly as the Lord lives and as your soul lives, there is but a step between me and death.
1 Sam 20:4 Then Jonathan said to David, Whatever you desire, I will do for you.
1 Sam 20:5 David said to Jonathan, Tomorrow is the New Moon [festival], and I should not fail to sit at the table with the king; but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field till the third day at evening.
1 Sam 20:6 If your father misses me at all, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Bethlehem, his city, for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family.
1 Sam 20:7 If he says, All right, then it will be well with your servant; but if he is angry, then be sure that evil is determined by him.
1 Sam 20:8 Therefore deal kindly with your servant, for you have brought [me] into a covenant of the Lord with you. But if there is guilt in me, kill me yourself; for why should you bring me to your father?
1 Sam 20:9 And Jonathan said, Far be it from you! If I knew that evil was determined for you by my father, would I not tell you?
1 Sam 20:10 Then said David to Jonathan, Who will tell me if your father answers you roughly?
1 Sam 20:11 Jonathan said, Come, let us go into the field. So they went into the field.
1 Sam 20:12 Jonathan said to David, The Lord, the God of Israel, be witness. When I have sounded out my father about this time tomorrow, or the third day, behold, if he is well inclined toward David, and I do not send and let you know it,
1 Sam 20:13 The Lord do so, and much more, to Jonathan. But if it please my father to do you harm, then I will disclose it to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. And may the Lord be with you as He has been with my father.
1 Sam 20:14 While I am still alive you shall not only show me the loving-kindness of the Lord, so that I die not,
1 Sam 20:15 But also you shall not cut off your kindness from my house forever--no, not even when the Lord has cut off every enemy of David from the face of the earth.

1 Sam 20:16 So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, And the Lord will require that this covenant be kept at the hands of David's enemies.
1 Sam 20:17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again by his love for him, for Jonathan loved him as he loved his own life.
1 Sam 20:18 Then Jonathan said to David, Tomorrow is the New Moon festival; and you will be missed, for your seat will be empty.
1 Sam 20:19 On the third day you will go quickly and come to the place where you hid yourself when the matter was in hand, and remain by the stone Ezel.
1 Sam 20:20 And I will shoot three arrows on the side of it, as though I shot at a mark.
1 Sam 20:21 And I will send a lad, saying, Go, find the arrows. If I expressly say to the lad, Look, the arrows are on this side of you, take them--then you are to come, for it is safe for you and there is no danger, as the Lord lives.
1 Sam 20:22 But if I say to the youth, Look, the arrows are beyond you--then go, for the Lord has sent you away.
1 Sam 20:23 And as touching the matter of which you and I have spoken, behold, the Lord is between you and me forever.
1 Sam 20:24 So David hid himself in the field, and when the New Moon [festival] came, the king sat down to eat food.
1 Sam 20:25 The king sat, as at other times, on his seat by the wall, and Jonathan sat opposite, and Abner sat by Saul's side, but David's place was empty.
1 Sam 20:26 Yet Saul said nothing that day, for he thought, Something has befallen him and he is not clean--surely he is not clean.
1 Sam 20:27 But on the morrow, the second day after the new moon, David's place was empty; and Saul said to Jonathan his son, Why has not the son of Jesse come to the meal, either yesterday or today?
1 Sam 20:28 And Jonathan answered, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bethlehem.
1 Sam 20:29 He said, Let me go, I pray, for our family holds a sacrifice in the city and my brother commanded me to be there. Now, if I have found favor in your eyes, let me get away and see my brothers. That is why he has not come to the king's table.
1 Sam 20:30 Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan and he said to him, You son of a perverse, rebellious woman, do not I know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of your mother who bore you?
1 Sam 20:31 For as long as the son of Jesse lives upon the earth, you shall not be established nor shall your kingdom. So now send and bring him to me, for he shall surely die.
1 Sam 20:32 Jonathan answered Saul his father, Why should he be killed? What has he done?
1 Sam 20:33 But Saul cast his spear at him to smite him, by which Jonathan knew that his father had determined to kill David.
1 Sam 20:34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and ate no food that second day of the month, for he grieved for David because his father had disgraced him.
1 Sam 20:35 In the morning Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad was with him.
1 Sam 20:36 And he said to his lad, Run, find the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.
1 Sam 20:37 When the lad came to the place where Jonathan had shot the arrow, Jonathan called to [him], Is not the arrow beyond you?
1 Sam 20:38 And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not! The lad gathered up the arrow and came to his master.
1 Sam 20:39 But the lad knew nothing; only Jonathan and David knew the matter.
1 Sam 20:40 Jonathan gave his weapons to his lad and told him, Go, carry them to the city.
1 Sam 20:41 And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose from beside the heap of stones and fell on his face to the ground and bowed himself three times. And they kissed one another and wept with one another until David got control of himself.
1 Sam 20:42 And Jonathan told David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn to each other in the name of the Lord, saying, The Lord shall be between me and you, and between my descendants and yours forever. And Jonathan arose and departed into the city.
1 Sam 21:1 THEN DAVID went to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest; and Ahimelech was afraid at meeting David, and said to him, Why are you alone and no man with you?
1 Sam 21:2 David said to Ahimelech the priest, The king has charged me with a matter and has told me, Let no man

know anything of the mission on which I send you and with what I have charged you. I have appointed the young men to a certain place.
1 Sam 21:3 Now what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever you may have.
1 Sam 21:4 And the priest answered David, There is no common bread on hand, but there is hallowed bread--if the young men have kept themselves at least from women.
1 Sam 21:5 And David told the priest, Truly women have been kept from us in these three days since I came out, and the food bags {and} utensils of the young men are clean, and although the bread will be used in a secular way, it will be set apart in the clean bags.
1 Sam 21:6 So the priest gave him holy bread, for there was no bread there but the showbread which was taken from before the Lord to put hot bread in its place the day when it was taken away.
1 Sam 21:7 Now a certain man of Saul's servants was there that day, detained before the Lord; his name was Doeg the Edomite, the chief of Saul's herdsmen.
1 Sam 21:8 David said to Ahimelech, Do you have at hand a sword or spear? The king's business required haste, and I brought neither my sword nor my weapons with me.
1 Sam 21:9 The priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you slew in the Valley of Elah, see, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod; if you will take that, do so, for there is no other here. And David said, There is none like that; give it to me.
1 Sam 21:10 David arose and fled that day from Saul and went to Achish king of Gath.
1 Sam 21:11 The servants of Achish said to him, Is not this David, the king of the land? Did they not sing one to another of him in their dances: Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?
1 Sam 21:12 David took these words to heart and was much afraid of Achish king of Gath.
1 Sam 21:13 And he changed his behavior before them, and pretended to be insane in their [Philistine] hands, and scribbled on the gate doors, and drooled on his beard.
1 Sam 21:14 Then said Achish to his servants, You see the man is mad. Why then have you brought him to me?
1 Sam 21:15 Have I need of madmen, that you bring this fellow to play the madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?
1 Sam 22:1 SO DAVID departed and escaped to the cave of Adullam: and when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him.
1 Sam 22:2 And everyone in distress or in debt or discontented gathered to him, and he became a commander over them. And there were with him about 400 men.
1 Sam 22:3 And David went from there to Mizpah of Moab; and he said to the king of Moab, Let my father [of Moabite descent] and my mother, I pray you, come out [of Judah] and be with you till I know what God will do for me.
1 Sam 22:4 And he brought them before the king of Moab, and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the stronghold [in Moab].
1 Sam 22:5 Then the prophet Gad said to David, Do not remain in the stronghold; leave, and get into the land of Judah. So David left and went into the forest of Hareth.
1 Sam 22:6 Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that were with him. Saul was sitting in Gibeah under the tamarisk tree on the height, his spear in his hand and all his servants standing about him.
1 Sam 22:7 Saul said to his servants who stood about him, Hear now, you Benjamites! Will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards and make you all commanders of thousands and hundreds,
1 Sam 22:8 That all of you have conspired against me? No one discloses to me when my son makes a league with the son of Jesse. None of you is sorry for me or discloses that my son has stirred up my servant against me to lie in wait, as he does this day?
1 Sam 22:9 Then Doeg the Edomite, who stood with Saul's servants, said, I saw the son of Jesse come to Nob, to Ahimelech son of Ahitub.
1 Sam 22:10 And [Ahimelech] inquired of the Lord for him, and gave him provisions and the sword of Goliath the Philistine.
1 Sam 22:11 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests who were at Nob, and they all came to the king.
1 Sam 22:12 Saul said, Hear now, you son of Ahitub. He replied, Here I am, my lord.
1 Sam 22:13 Saul said to him, Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, giving him bread and a sword and inquiring of God for him, so he could rise against me to lie in wait, as he does this day?
1 Sam 22:14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, And who is so faithful among all your servants as David, who is the

king's son-in-law, and is taken into your council and honored in your house?
1 Sam 22:15 Have I only today begun inquiring of God for him? No! Let not the king impute any wrong to his servant or to all the house of my father, for your servant has known nothing of all this, little or much.
1 Sam 22:16 [Saul] said, You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you and all your father's house.
1 Sam 22:17 And the king said to the guard that stood about him, Turn and slay the Lord's priests, because their hand also is with David and because they knew that he fled and did not disclose it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hands against the Lord's priests.
1 Sam 22:18 The king said to Doeg, You turn and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned and attacked the priests and slew that day eighty-five persons who wore the priest's linen ephod.
1 Sam 22:19 And Nob, the city of the priests, he smote with the sword; both men and women, children and sucklings, oxen and donkeys and sheep, he put to the sword.
1 Sam 22:20 And one of the sons of Ahimelech son of Ahitub named Abiathar escaped and fled after David.
1 Sam 22:21 And Abiathar told David that Saul had slain the Lord's priests.
1 Sam 22:22 David said to Abiathar, I knew that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I have occasioned the death of all your father's house.
1 Sam 22:23 Stay with me, fear not; for he who seeks my life seeks your life. But with me you shall be safeguarded.
1 Sam 23:1 THEN THEY told David, Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah and are robbing the threshing floors.
1 Sam 23:2 So David inquired of the Lord, Shall I go and attack these Philistines? And the Lord said to David, Go, smite the Philistines and save Keilah.
1 Sam 23:3 David's men said to him, Behold, we are afraid here in Judah. How much more, then, if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?
1 Sam 23:4 Then David inquired of the Lord again. And the Lord answered him, Arise, go down to Keilah, for I will deliver the Philistines into your hand.
1 Sam 23:5 So David and his men went to Keilah and fought the Philistines with a great slaughter and brought away their cattle. So David delivered the people of Keilah.
1 Sam 23:6 When Abiathar son of Ahimelech fled to David at Keilah, he came with an ephod in his hand.
1 Sam 23:7 Now it was told Saul that David had come to Keilah. Saul said, God has delivered him into my hand, for he is shut in by going into a town that has gates and bars.
1 Sam 23:8 Saul summoned all the men for war, to go to Keilah to besiege David and his men.
1 Sam 23:9 David knew that Saul was plotting evil against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring the ephod here.
1 Sam 23:10 Then David said, O Lord, the God of Israel, Your servant has surely heard that Saul intends to come and destroy the city of Keilah on my account.
1 Sam 23:11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me into his hand? Will Saul come down, as Your servant has heard? O Lord, God of Israel, I beseech You, tell Your servant. And the Lord said, He will come down.
1 Sam 23:12 Then David asked, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into Saul's hand? The Lord said, They will deliver you up.
1 Sam 23:13 Then David and his men, about 600, arose and left Keilah, going wherever they could go. When Saul was told that David had escaped from Keilah, he gave up going there.
1 Sam 23:14 David remained in the wilderness strongholds in the hill country of the Wilderness of Ziph. Saul sought him every day, but God did not give him into his hands.
1 Sam 23:15 David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life. David was in the Wilderness of Ziph in the wood [at Horesh].
1 Sam 23:16 And Jonathan, Saul's son, rose and went into the wood to David [at Horesh] and strengthened his hand in God.
1 Sam 23:17 He said to him, Fear not; the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Saul my father knows that too.
1 Sam 23:18 And the two of them made a covenant before the Lord. And David remained in the wood [at Horesh], and Jonathan went to his house.
1 Sam 23:19 Then the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, Does not David hide himself with us in strongholds in the wood [at Horesh], on the hill of Hachilah, which is south of Jeshimon?
1 Sam 23:20 Now come down, O king, according to all your heart's desire to come down, and our part shall be to deliver him into the king's hands.

1 Sam 23:21 And Saul said, The Lord bless you, for you have compassion on me.
1 Sam 23:22 Go, make yet more sure; and know and see where his haunt is and who has seen him there; for I am told he deals very craftily.
1 Sam 23:23 See and take note of all his hiding places and come back to me with the certain facts, and I will go with you. If he is in the land, I will search him out among all the thousands of Judah.
1 Sam 23:24 So they arose and went to Ziph ahead of Saul. Now David and his men were in the Wilderness of Maon, in the Arabah south of Jeshimon.
1 Sam 23:25 Saul and his men went to seek him. And David was told; so he went down to the rock in the Wilderness of Maon and stayed. When Saul heard that, he pursued David in the Wilderness of Maon.
1 Sam 23:26 And Saul went on one side of the mountain, and David and his men on the other side of the mountain. And David made haste to get away for fear of Saul, for Saul and his men were surrounding [him] and his men to capture them.
1 Sam 23:27 But a messenger came to Saul, saying, Make haste and come, for the Philistines have made a raid on the land.
1 Sam 23:28 So Saul returned from pursuing David and went against the Philistines. So they called that place the Rock of Escape.
1 Sam 23:29 David went up from there and dwelt in the strongholds of En-gedi.
1 Sam 24:1 WHEN SAUL returned from following the Philistines, he was told, Behold, David is in the Wilderness of En-gedi.
1 Sam 24:2 Then Saul took 3,000 chosen men out of all Israel and went to seek David and his men among the Rocks of the Wild Goats.
1 Sam 24:3 He came to the sheepfolds on the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the cave's innermost recesses.
1 Sam 24:4 David's men said to him, Behold the day of which the Lord said to you, Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hands and you shall do to him as seems good to you. Then David arose [in the darkness] and stealthily cut off the skirt of Saul's robe.
1 Sam 24:5 Afterward, David's heart smote him because he had cut off Saul's skirt.
1 Sam 24:6 He said to his men, The Lord forbid that I should do this to my master, the Lord's anointed, to put my hand out against him, when he is the anointed of the Lord.
1 Sam 24:7 So David checked his men with these words and did not let them rise against Saul. But Saul rose up and left the cave and went on his way.
1 Sam 24:8 David also arose afterward and went out of the cave and called after Saul, saying, My lord the king! And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the earth and did obeisance.
1 Sam 24:9 And David said to Saul, Why do you listen to the words of men who say, David seeks to do you harm?
1 Sam 24:10 Behold, your eyes have seen how the Lord gave you today into my hands in the cave. Some told me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, I will not put forth my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord's anointed.
1 Sam 24:11 See, my father, see the skirt of your robe in my hand! Since I cut off the skirt of your robe and did not kill you, you know and see that there is no evil or treason in my hands. I have not sinned against you, yet you hunt my life to take it.
1 Sam 24:12 May the Lord judge between me and you, and may the Lord avenge me upon you, but my hand shall not be upon you.
1 Sam 24:13 As the proverb of the ancients says, Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness; but my hand shall not be against you.
1 Sam 24:14 After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom do you pursue? After a dead dog? After a flea?
1 Sam 24:15 May the Lord be judge and judge between me and you, and see and plead my cause, and deliver me out of your hands.
1 Sam 24:16 When David had said this to Saul, Saul said, Is this your voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice and wept.
1 Sam 24:17 He said to David, You are more upright in God's eyes than I, for you have repaid me good, but I have rewarded you evil.
1 Sam 24:18 You have declared today how you have dealt well with me; for when the Lord gave me into your hand, you did not kill me.
1 Sam 24:19 For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go away unharmed? Therefore may the Lord reward you with good for what you have done for me this day.

1 Sam 24:20 And now, behold, I well know that you shall surely be king and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hands.
1 Sam 24:21 Swear now therefore to me by the Lord that you will not cut off my descendants after me and that you will not destroy my name out of my father's house.
1 Sam 24:22 David gave Saul his oath; and Saul went home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold.
1 Sam 25:1 NOW SAMUEL died, and all the Israelites assembled and mourned for him, and buried him at his house in Ramah. David arose and went to the Wilderness of Paran.
1 Sam 25:2 A very rich man was in Maon, whose possessions {and} business were in Carmel. He had 3,000 sheep and 1,000 goats, and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.
1 Sam 25:3 The man's name was Nabal and his wife's name was Abigail; she was a woman of good understanding, and beautiful. But the man was rough and evil in his doings; he was a Calebite.
1 Sam 25:4 David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep.
1 Sam 25:5 And David sent out ten young men and said to [them], Go up to Carmel to Nabal and greet him in my name;
1 Sam 25:6 And salute him thus: Peace be to you and to your house and to all that you have.
1 Sam 25:7 I have heard that you have shearers. Now your shepherds have been with us and we did them no harm, and they missed nothing all the time they were in Carmel.
1 Sam 25:8 Ask your young men and they will tell you. Therefore let my young men find favor in your sight, for we come at an opportune time. I pray you, give whatever you have at hand to your servants and to your son David.
1 Sam 25:9 And when David's young men came, they said all this to Nabal in the name of David, and then paused.
1 Sam 25:10 And Nabal answered David's servants and said, Who is David? Who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants nowadays who are each breaking away from his master.
1 Sam 25:11 Shall I then take my bread and my water, and my meat that I have killed for my shearers, and give it to men when I do not know where they belong?
1 Sam 25:12 So David's young men turned away, and came and told him all that was said.
1 Sam 25:13 And David said to his men, Every man gird on his sword. And they did so, and David also girded on his sword; and there went up after David about 400 men, and 200 remained with the baggage.
1 Sam 25:14 But one of Nabal's young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master, and he railed at them.
1 Sam 25:15 But David's men were very good to us, and we were not harmed, nor did we miss anything as long as we went with them, when we were in the fields.
1 Sam 25:16 They were a wall to us night and day, all the time we were with them keeping the sheep.
1 Sam 25:17 So know this and consider what you will do, for evil is determined against our master and all his house. For he is such a wicked man that one cannot speak to him.
1 Sam 25:18 Then Abigail made haste and took 200 loaves, two skins of wine, five sheep already dressed, five measures of parched grain, 100 clusters of raisins, and 200 cakes of figs, and laid them on donkeys.
1 Sam 25:19 And she said to her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she did not tell her husband Nabal.
1 Sam 25:20 As she rode on her donkey, she came down hidden by the mountain, and behold, David and his men came down opposite her, and she met them.
1 Sam 25:21 Now David had said, Surely in vain have I protected all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belonged to him; and he has repaid me evil for good.
1 Sam 25:22 May God do so, and more also, to David if I leave of all who belong to him one male alive by morning.
1 Sam 25:23 When Abigail saw David, she hastened and lighted off the donkey, and fell before David on her face and did obeisance.
1 Sam 25:24 Kneeling at his feet she said, Upon me alone let this guilt be, my lord. And let your handmaid, I pray you, speak in your presence, and hear the words of your handmaid.
1 Sam 25:25 Let not my lord, I pray you, regard this foolish {and} wicked fellow Nabal, for as his name is, so is he--Nabal [foolish, wicked] is his name, and folly is with him. But I, your handmaid, did not see my lord's young men whom you sent.
1 Sam 25:26 So now, my lord, as the Lord lives and as your soul lives, seeing that the Lord has prevented you from bloodguiltiness and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now let your enemies and those who seek to do evil to my lord be as Nabal.
1 Sam 25:27 And now this gift, which your handmaid has brought my lord, let it be given to the young men who

follow my lord.
1 Sam 25:28 Forgive, I pray you, the trespass of your handmaid, for the Lord will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord is fighting the Lord's battles, and evil has not been found in you all your days.
1 Sam 25:29 Though man is risen up to pursue you and to seek your life, yet the life of my lord shall be bound in the living bundle with the Lord your God. And the lives of your enemies--them shall He sling out as out of the center of a sling.
1 Sam 25:30 And when the Lord has done to my lord according to all the good that He has promised concerning you and has made you ruler over Israel,
1 Sam 25:31 This shall be no staggering grief to you or cause for pangs of conscience to my lord, either that you have shed blood without cause or that my lord has avenged himself. And when the Lord has dealt well with my lord, then [earnestly] remember your handmaid.
1 Sam 25:32 And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, Who sent you this day to meet me.
1 Sam 25:33 And blessed be your discretion {and} advice, and blessed be you who have kept me today from bloodguiltiness and from avenging myself with my own hand.
1 Sam 25:34 For as the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, Who has prevented me from hurting you, if you had not hurried and come to meet me, surely by morning there would not have been left so much as one male to Nabal.
1 Sam 25:35 So David accepted what she had brought him and said to her, Go up in peace to your house. See, I have hearkened to your voice and have granted your petition.
1 Sam 25:36 And Abigail came to Nabal, and behold, he was holding a feast in his house like the feast of a king. And [his] heart was merry, for he was very drunk; so she told him nothing at all until the morning light.
1 Sam 25:37 But in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife told him these things, his heart died within him and he became [paralyzed, helpless as] a stone.
1 Sam 25:38 And about ten days after that, the Lord smote Nabal and he died.
1 Sam 25:39 When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the Lord, Who has pleaded the cause of my reproach at the hand of Nabal, and kept His servant from evil. For the Lord has returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him as his wife.
1 Sam 25:40 And when the servants of David had come to Abigail at Carmel, they said to her, David sent us to you to take you to him to be his wife.
1 Sam 25:41 And she arose and bowed herself to the earth and said, Behold, let your handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.
1 Sam 25:42 And Abigail hastened and arose and rode on a donkey, with five of her maids who followed her, and she went after the messengers of David and became his wife.
1 Sam 25:43 David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel, and they both became his wives.
1 Sam 25:44 Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti son of Laish, who was of Gallim.
1 Sam 26:1 THE ZIPHITES came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, Does not David hide himself on the hill of Hachilah, east of Jeshimon?
1 Sam 26:2 So Saul arose and went down to the Wilderness of Ziph, with 3,000 chosen men of Israel, to seek David [there].
1 Sam 26:3 Saul encamped on the hill of Hachilah, which is beside the road east of Jeshimon. But David remained in the wilderness. And when he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness,
1 Sam 26:4 David sent out spies and learned that Saul had actually come.
1 Sam 26:5 David arose and came to the place where Saul had encamped, and saw where Saul lay with Abner son of Ner, commander of his army; and Saul was lying in the encampment, with the army encamped around him.
1 Sam 26:6 Then David said to Ahimelech the Hittite and to Abishai son of Zeruiah, brother of Joab, Who will go down with me into the camp of Saul? And Abishai said, I will go down with you.
1 Sam 26:7 So David and Abishai went to the army by night, and there Saul lay sleeping within the encampment with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the army lay round about him.
1 Sam 26:8 Then said Abishai to David, God has given your enemy into your hands this day. Now therefore let me smite him to the earth at once with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice.
1 Sam 26:9 David said to Abishai, Do not destroy him; for who can raise his hand against the Lord's anointed and be guiltless?
1 Sam 26:10 David said, As the Lord lives, [He] will smite him; or his day will come to die or he will go down in battle and perish.
1 Sam 26:11 The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed; but take now the spear that is at

his head and the bottle of water, and let us go.
1 Sam 26:12 So David took the spear and the bottle of water from Saul's head, and they got away. And no man saw or knew or wakened, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen upon them.
1 Sam 26:13 Then David went over to the other side and stood on the top of the mountain afar off, a great space being between them.
1 Sam 26:14 David called to the army and Abner son of Ner, Will you answer, Abner? Abner replied, Who are you, calling [and disturbing] the king?
1 Sam 26:15 David said to Abner, Are you not a valiant man? Who is like you in Israel? Why then have you not guarded your lord the king? For one of the people came in [to your camp] to destroy the king your lord.
1 Sam 26:16 This thing is not good that you have done. As the Lord lives, you deserve to die, because you have not guarded your master, the Lord's anointed. And now see where the king's spear is and the bottle of water that was at his head.
1 Sam 26:17 And Saul knew David's voice and said, Is this your voice, my son David? And David said, My voice, my lord O king!
1 Sam 26:18 And David said, Why does my lord thus pursue his servant? What have I done? Or what evil is in my hand [tonight]?
1 Sam 26:19 Now therefore, I pray you, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If the Lord has stirred you up against me, let Him accept an offering; but if it is men, may they be cursed before the Lord, for they have driven me out this day that I should have no share in the inheritance of the Lord, saying, Go, serve other gods.
1 Sam 26:20 Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth away from the presence of the Lord; for the king of Israel is come out to seek one flea, as when one hunts a partridge in the mountains.
1 Sam 26:21 Then said Saul, I have sinned. Return, my son David, for I will no more do you harm, because my life was precious in your eyes this day. Behold, I have played the fool and have erred exceedingly.
1 Sam 26:22 David answered, See the king's spear! Let one of the young men come and get it.
1 Sam 26:23 The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the Lord delivered you into my hands today, but I would not stretch forth my hand against the Lord's anointed.
1 Sam 26:24 And behold, as your life was precious today in my sight, so let my life be precious in the sight of the Lord, and let Him deliver me out of all tribulation.
1 Sam 26:25 Then Saul said to David, May you be blessed, my son David; you will both do mightily and surely prevail. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.
1 Sam 27:1 BUT DAVID said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul. There is nothing better for me than that I should escape into the land of the Philistines. Then Saul will despair of seeking me any more within the borders of Israel, and I shall escape out of his hand.
1 Sam 27:2 So David arose and went over with the 600 men who were with him to Achish son of Maoch, king of Gath.
1 Sam 27:3 And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, and David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's widow.
1 Sam 27:4 When it was told Saul that David had fled to Gath, he sought for him no more.
1 Sam 27:5 And David said to Achish, If I have now found favor in your eyes, let me be given a place to dwell in some country town; for why should your servant live in the royal city with you?
1 Sam 27:6 Then Achish gave David the town of Ziklag that day. Therefore Ziklag belongs to the kings of Judah to this day.
1 Sam 27:7 The time David dwelt in the Philistines' country was a year and four months.
1 Sam 27:8 Now David and his men went up and made attacks on the Geshurites, Girzites, and Amalekites [enemies of Israel Joshua had failed to exterminate]. For from of old those nations inhabited the land, as one goes to Shur even to the land of Egypt.
1 Sam 27:9 And David smote the land and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, oxen, donkeys, camels, and the apparel, and returned to Achish.
1 Sam 27:10 Achish would ask, Against whom have you made a raid today? And David would reply, Against the South (Negeb) of Judah, or of the Jerahmeelites, or of the Kenites.
1 Sam 27:11 And David saved neither man nor woman alive to bring tidings to Gath, thinking, Lest they should say about us, So did David, and so will he do as long as he dwells in the Philistines' country.
1 Sam 27:12 And Achish believed David, saying, He has made his people Israel utterly abhor him; so he shall be my servant always.

1 Sam 28:1 IN THOSE days the Philistines gathered their forces for war against Israel. Achish said to David, Understand that you and your men shall go with me to battle.
1 Sam 28:2 David said to Achish, All right, you shall know what your servant can do. Achish said to David, Therefore I will make you my bodyguard always.
1 Sam 28:3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. And Saul had put the mediums and the wizards out of the land.
1 Sam 28:4 And the Philistines assembled and came and encamped at Shunem; and Saul gathered all Israel and they encamped at Gilboa.
1 Sam 28:5 When Saul saw the Philistine host, he was afraid; his heart trembled greatly.
1 Sam 28:6 When Saul inquired of the Lord, He refused to answer him, either by dreams or by Urim [a symbol worn by the priest when seeking the will of God for Israel] or by the prophets.
1 Sam 28:7 Then Saul said to his servants, Find me a woman who is a medium [between the living and the dead], that I may go and inquire of her. His servants said, Behold, there is a woman who is a medium at Endor.
1 Sam 28:8 So Saul disguised himself, put on other raiment, and he and two men with him went and came to the woman at night. He said to her, Perceive for me by the familiar spirit and bring up for me the dead person whom I shall name to you.
1 Sam 28:9 The woman said, See here, you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off those who are mediums and wizards out of the land. Why then do you lay a trap for my life to cause my death?
1 Sam 28:10 And Saul swore to her by the Lord, saying, As the Lord lives, there shall no punishment come to you for this.
1 Sam 28:11 The woman said, Whom shall I bring up for you? He said, Bring up Samuel for me.
1 Sam 28:12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she screamed and she said to Saul, Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul!
1 Sam 28:13 The king said to her, Be not afraid; what do you see? The woman said to Saul, I see a god [terrifying superhuman being] coming up out of the earth!
1 Sam 28:14 He said to her, In what form is he? And she said, An old man comes up, covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground and made obeisance.
1 Sam 28:15 And Samuel said to Saul, Why have you disturbed me to bring me up? Saul answered, I am bitterly distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God has departed from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams. Therefore I have called you, that you may make known to me what I should do.
1 Sam 28:16 Samuel said, Why then do you ask me, seeing that the Lord has turned from you and has become your enemy?
1 Sam 28:17 The Lord has done to you as He said through me He would do; for [He] has torn the kingdom out of your hands and given it to your neighbor David.
1 Sam 28:18 Because you did not obey the voice of the Lord or execute His fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore the Lord has done this thing to you this day.
1 Sam 28:19 Moreover, the Lord will also give Israel with you into the hands of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me [among the dead]. The Lord also will give the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines.
1 Sam 28:20 Then immediately Saul fell full length upon the earth floor [of the medium's house], and was exceedingly afraid because of Samuel's words. There was no strength in him, for he had eaten nothing all day and all night.
1 Sam 28:21 The woman came to Saul, and seeing that he was greatly troubled, she said to him, Behold, your handmaid has obeyed you, and I have put my life in my hands and have listened to what you said to me.
1 Sam 28:22 So now, I pray you, listen also to the voice of your handmaid and let me set a morsel of food before you, and eat, so you may have strength when you go on your way.
1 Sam 28:23 But he said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, urged him, and he heeded their words. So he arose from the ground and sat upon the bed.
1 Sam 28:24 The woman had a fat calf in the house; she hurried and killed it, and took flour, kneaded it, and baked unleavened bread.
1 Sam 28:25 Then she brought it before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they rose up and went away that night.
1 Sam 29:1 NOW THE Philistines gathered all their forces at Aphek, and the Israelites encamped by the fountain in Jezreel.
1 Sam 29:2 As the Philistine lords were passing on by hundreds and by thousands, and David and his men were in the

rear with Achish,
1 Sam 29:3 The Philistine princes said, What are these Hebrews doing here? Achish said to the Philistine princes, Is not this David, the servant of Saul king of Israel, who has been with me these days and years, and I have found no fault in him since he deserted to me to this day?
1 Sam 29:4 And the Philistine princes were angry with Achish and they said to him, Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place where you have assigned him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he become an adversary to us. For how could David reconcile himself to his master? Would it not be with the heads of the men here?
1 Sam 29:5 Is not this David, of whom they sang to one another in dances, Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands?
1 Sam 29:6 Then Achish called David and said to him, As surely as the Lord lives, you have been honest {and} upright, and for you to go out and come in with me in the army is good in my sight; for I have found no evil in you from the day of your coming to me to this day. Yet the lords do not approve of you.
1 Sam 29:7 So return now and go peaceably, so as not to displease the Philistine lords.
1 Sam 29:8 David said to Achish, But what have I done? And what have you found in your servant as long as I have been with you to this day, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king?
1 Sam 29:9 And Achish said to David, I know that you are as blameless in my sight as an angel of God; nevertheless the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle.
1 Sam 29:10 So now rise up early in the morning, with your master's servants who have come with you, and as soon as you are up and have light, depart.
1 Sam 29:11 So David and his men rose up early in the morning to return to the land of the Philistines. But the Philistines went up to Jezreel [to fight against Israel].
1 Sam 30:1 NOW WHEN David and his men came home to Ziklag on the third day, they found that the Amalekites had made a raid on the South (the Negeb) and on Ziklag, and had struck Ziklag and burned it with fire,
1 Sam 30:2 And had taken the women and all who were there, both great and small, captive. They killed no one, but carried them off and went on their way.
1 Sam 30:3 So David and his men came to the town, and behold, it was burned, and their wives and sons and daughters were taken captive.
1 Sam 30:4 Then David and the men with him lifted up their voices and wept until they had no more strength to weep.
1 Sam 30:5 David's two wives also had been taken captive, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail, the widow of Nabal the Carmelite.
1 Sam 30:6 David was greatly distressed, for the men spoke of stoning him because the souls of them all were bitterly grieved, each man for his sons and daughters. But David encouraged {and} strengthened himself in the Lord his God.
1 Sam 30:7 David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray you, bring me the ephod. And Abiathar brought him the ephod.
1 Sam 30:8 And David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them? The Lord answered him, Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all.
1 Sam 30:9 So David went, he and the 600 men with him, and came to the brook Besor; there those remained who were left behind.
1 Sam 30:10 But David pursued, he and 400 men, for 200 stayed behind who were too exhausted {and} faint to cross the brook Besor.
1 Sam 30:11 They found an Egyptian in the field and brought him to David, and gave him bread and he ate, and water to drink,
1 Sam 30:12 And a piece of a cake of figs and two clusters of raisins; and when he had eaten, his spirit returned to him, for he had eaten no food or drunk any water for three days and three nights.
1 Sam 30:13 And David said to him, To whom do you belong? And from where have you come? He said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me because three days ago I fell sick.
1 Sam 30:14 We had made a raid on the South (Negeb) of the Cherethites and upon that which belongs to Judah and upon the South (Negeb) of Caleb. And we burned Ziklag with fire.
1 Sam 30:15 And David said to him, Can you take me down to this band? And he said, Swear to me by God that you will neither kill me nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring you down to this band.
1 Sam 30:16 And when he had brought David down, behold, the raiders were spread abroad over all the land, eating and drinking and dancing because of all the great spoil they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Judah.

1 Sam 30:17 And David smote them from twilight even to the evening of the next day, and not a man of them escaped, except 400 youths who rode camels and fled.
1 Sam 30:18 David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken and rescued his two wives.
1 Sam 30:19 Nothing was missing, small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything that had been taken; David recovered all.
1 Sam 30:20 Also David captured all the flocks and herds [which the enemy had], and the people drove those animals before him and said, This is David's spoil.
1 Sam 30:21 And David came to the 200 men who were so exhausted {and} faint that they could not follow [him] and had been left at the brook Besor [with the baggage]. They came to meet David and those with him, and when he came near to the men, he saluted them.
1 Sam 30:22 Then all the wicked and base men who went with David said, Because they did not go with us, we will give them nothing of the spoil we have recovered, except that every man may lead away his wife and children and depart.
1 Sam 30:23 David said, You shall not do so, my brethren, with what the Lord has given us. He has preserved us and has delivered into our hands the troop that came against us.
1 Sam 30:24 Who would listen to you in this matter? For as is the share of him who goes into the battle, so shall his share be who stays by the baggage. They shall share alike.
1 Sam 30:25 And from that day to this he made it a statute and ordinance for Israel.
1 Sam 30:26 When David came to Ziklag, he sent part of the spoil to the elders of Judah, his friends, saying, Here is a gift for you of the spoil of the enemies of the Lord:
1 Sam 30:27 For those in Bethel, Ramoth of the Negeb, Jattir,
1 Sam 30:28 Aroer, Siphmoth, Eshtemoa,
1 Sam 30:29 Racal, the cities of the Jerahmeelites, the cities of the Kenites,
1 Sam 30:30 Hormah, Bor-ashan, Athach,
1 Sam 30:31 Hebron, and for those in all the places David and his men had habitually haunted.
1 Sam 31:1 NOW THE Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled before [them] and fell slain on Mount Gilboa.
1 Sam 31:2 And the Philistines pursued Saul and his sons, and slew Jonathan and Abinadab and Malchi-shua, Saul's sons.
1 Sam 31:3 The battle went heavily against Saul, and the archers severely wounded him.
1 Sam 31:4 Saul said to his armor-bearer, Draw your sword and thrust me through, lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through and abuse {and} mock me. But his armor-bearer would not, for he was terrified. So Saul took a sword and fell upon it.
1 Sam 31:5 When his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell upon his sword and died with him.
1 Sam 31:6 So Saul, his three sons, his armor-bearer, and all his men died that day together.
1 Sam 31:7 And when the men of Israel on the other side of the valley and beyond the Jordan saw that the Israelites had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.
1 Sam 31:8 The next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.
1 Sam 31:9 They cut off Saul's head and stripped off his armor and sent them round about the land of the Philistines to publish it in the house of their idols and among the people.
1 Sam 31:10 And they put Saul's armor in the house of the Ashtaroth [the idols representing the female deities Ashtoreth and Asherah], and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan.
1 Sam 31:11 When the people of Jabesh-gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul,
1 Sam 31:12 All the valiant men arose and went all night, and they took the bodies of Saul and his sons from the wall of Beth-shan and came to Jabesh and cremated them there.
1 Sam 31:13 And they took their bones and buried them under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.
2 Sam 1:1 NOW AFTER the death of Saul, when David returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, he had stayed two days in Ziklag,
2 Sam 1:2 When on the third day a man came from Saul's camp with his clothes torn and dust on his head. When he came to David, he fell to the ground and did obeisance.
2 Sam 1:3 David said to him, Where have you come from? He said, I have escaped from the camp of Israel.
2 Sam 1:4 David said to him, How did it go? Tell me. He answered, The men have fled from the battle. Many have

fallen and are dead; Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also.
2 Sam 1:5 David said to the young man, How do you know Saul and Jonathan his son are dead?
2 Sam 1:6 The young man said, By chance I happened to be on Mount Gilboa and I saw Saul leaning on his spear, and behold, the chariots and horsemen were close behind him.
2 Sam 1:7 When he looked behind him, he saw me and called to me. I answered, Here I am.
2 Sam 1:8 He asked me, Who are you? I answered, An Amalekite.
2 Sam 1:9 He said to me, Rise up against me and slay me; for terrible dizziness has come upon me, yet my life is still in me [and I will be taken alive].
2 Sam 1:10 So I stood up against him and slew him, because I was sure he could not live after he had fallen. So I took the crown on his head and the bracelet on his arm and have brought them here to my lord.
2 Sam 1:11 Then David grasped his own clothes and tore them; so did all the men with him.
2 Sam 1:12 They mourned and wept for Saul and Jonathan his son, and fasted until evening for the Lord's people and the house of Israel, because of their defeat in battle.
2 Sam 1:13 David said to the young man who told him, Where are you from? He answered, I am the son of a foreigner, an Amalekite.
2 Sam 1:14 David said to him, Why were you not afraid to stretch forth your hand to destroy the Lord's anointed?
2 Sam 1:15 David called one of the young men and said, Go near and fall upon him. And he smote him so that he died.
2 Sam 1:16 David said to [the fallen man], Your blood be upon your own head; for you have testified against yourself, saying, I have slain the Lord's anointed.
2 Sam 1:17 David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and Jonathan his son,
2 Sam 1:18 And he commanded to teach it, [the lament of] the bow, to the Israelites. Behold, it is written in the Book of Jashar:
2 Sam 1:19 Your glory, O Israel, is slain upon your high places. How have the mighty fallen!
2 Sam 1:20 Tell it not in Gath, announce it not in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised exult.
2 Sam 1:21 O mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, or fields with offerings. For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, as though he were not anointed with oil.
2 Sam 1:22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty.
2 Sam 1:23 Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In their lives and in their deaths they were not divided. They were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.
2 Sam 1:24 You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet with [other] delights, who put ornaments of gold upon your apparel.
2 Sam 1:25 How have the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.
2 Sam 1:26 I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; very pleasant have you been to me. Your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.
2 Sam 1:27 How have the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!
2 Sam 2:1 AFTER THIS, David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the Lord said to him, Go up. David said, To which shall I go up? And He said, To Hebron.
2 Sam 2:2 So David went up there with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel.
2 Sam 2:3 And David brought up his men who were with him, each one with his household, and they dwelt in the towns of Hebron.
2 Sam 2:4 And the men of Judah came and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. They told David, The men of Jabesh-gilead buried Saul.
2 Sam 2:5 And David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh-gilead, saying, May the Lord bless you because you showed kindness {and} loyalty to Saul your king and buried him.
2 Sam 2:6 And now may the Lord show loving-kindness and faithfulness to you. I also will do well by you because you have done this.
2 Sam 2:7 So now, let your hands be strengthened and be valiant, for your master Saul is dead, and the house of Judah has anointed me king over them.
2 Sam 2:8 Now Abner son of Ner, commander of Saul's army, took Ish-bosheth son of Saul and brought him over to Mahanaim.

2 Sam 2:9 And he made him king over Gilead, the Ashurites, Jezreel, Ephraim, Benjamin, and all Israel.
2 Sam 2:10 Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, was forty years old when he began his two-year reign over Israel. But the house of Judah followed David.
2 Sam 2:11 And David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah for seven years and six months.
2 Sam 2:12 And Abner son of Ner and the servants of Ish-bosheth son of Saul went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon.
2 Sam 2:13 Joab son of Zeruiah and the servants of David went out also; and the two groups met by the pool of Gibeon, seating themselves with one group on either side of the pool.
2 Sam 2:14 And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men now arise and have a contest before us. And Joab said, Let them arise.
2 Sam 2:15 Then there arose and went over by number--twelve of Benjamin who were with Ish-bosheth son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.
2 Sam 2:16 And each caught his opponent by the head and thrust his sword into his side; so they all fell together. Therefore that place was called the Field of Sharp Knives, which is at Gibeon.
2 Sam 2:17 A very fierce battle followed, and Abner and the men of Israel were beaten before the servants of David.
2 Sam 2:18 Three sons of Zeruiah [the half sister of David] were there: Joab, Abishai, and Asahel. Now Asahel was as light of foot as a wild roe {or} antelope.
2 Sam 2:19 Asahel pursued Abner, and as he ran he turned not to the right hand or to the left from following Abner.
2 Sam 2:20 Then Abner looked behind him and said, Are you Asahel? He answered, I am.
2 Sam 2:21 Abner said to him, Turn aside to your right or left, and seize one of the young men and take his armor. But Asahel would not turn aside from following him.
2 Sam 2:22 And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn aside from following me. Why should I strike you to the ground? How then should I be able to face Joab your brother?
2 Sam 2:23 Asahel refused to turn aside; so Abner with the rear end of his spear smote him through the abdomen, and he fell and died where he fell. And all who came to the place where Asahel fell and died stood still.
2 Sam 2:24 But Joab and Abishai [his brothers] pursued Abner; the sun was going down as they came to the hill of Ammah, before Giah on the way to the wilderness of Gibeon.
2 Sam 2:25 And the Benjamites gathered together behind Abner and became one troop and took their stand on the top of a hill.
2 Sam 2:26 Then Abner called to Joab, Shall the sword devour forever? Do you not know that bitterness will be the result? How long will it be then before you bid the people to stop pursuing their brethren?
2 Sam 2:27 Joab said, As God lives, if you had not spoken, surely the men would have stopped pursuing their brethren in the morning.
2 Sam 2:28 So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still and pursued Israel no more, nor did they fight any more.
2 Sam 2:29 Abner and his men went all night through the Arabah [plain], crossed the Jordan, and went through the whole Bithron [district of ravines] and came to Mahanaim.
2 Sam 2:30 Joab returned from pursuing Abner, and when he had gathered all the people together, there were missing of David's servants nineteen men besides Asahel.
2 Sam 2:31 But the servants of David had slain of Benjamin 360 of Abner's men.
2 Sam 2:32 And they took up Asahel and buried him in the tomb of his father at Bethlehem. And Joab and his men walked all night and came to Hebron at daybreak.
2 Sam 3:1 THERE WAS a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. But David grew stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.
2 Sam 3:2 Sons were born to David in Hebron: his firstborn was Amnon, by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess;
2 Sam 3:3 His second, Chileab, by Abigail widow of Nabal of Carmel; the third, Absalom the son of Maacah daughter of Talmai king of Geshur;
2 Sam 3:4 The fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;
2 Sam 3:5 And the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah, David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.
2 Sam 3:6 While there was war between the houses of Saul and David, Abner was making himself strong in the house of Saul.
2 Sam 3:7 Now Saul had a concubine whose name was Rizpah daughter of Aiah. And Ish-bosheth said to Abner, Why have you gone in to my father's concubine?
2 Sam 3:8 Then Abner was very angry at the words of Ish-bosheth and said, Am I a dog's head [despicable and hostile] against Judah? This day I keep showing kindness {and} loyalty to the house of Saul your father, to his

brothers, and his friends, and have not delivered you into the hands of David; and yet you charge me today with a fault concerning this woman!
2 Sam 3:9 May God do so to Abner, and more also, if I do not do for David what the Lord has sworn to him,
2 Sam 3:10 To transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul and set the throne of David over Israel and Judah from Dan to Beersheba.
2 Sam 3:11 And Ish-bosheth could not answer Abner a word, because he feared him.
2 Sam 3:12 And Abner sent messengers to David where he was [at Hebron], saying, Whose is the land? Make your league with me, and my hand shall be with you to bring all Israel over to you.
2 Sam 3:13 And David said, Good. I will make a league with you. But I require one thing of you: that is, you shall not see my face unless you first bring Michal, Saul's daughter, when you come to see me.
2 Sam 3:14 And David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, saying, Give me my wife Michal, whom I betrothed for a hundred foreskins of the Philistines.
2 Sam 3:15 And Ish-bosheth sent and took her from her [second] husband, from Paltiel son of Laish [to whom Saul had given her].
2 Sam 3:16 But her husband went with her, weeping behind her all the way to Bahurim. Then Abner said to him, Go back. And he did so.
2 Sam 3:17 Abner talked with the seniors of Israel, saying, In times past you sought to make David king over you.
2 Sam 3:18 Now then, do it! For the Lord has spoken of David, saying, By the hand of My servant David I will save My people Israel from the hands of the Philistines and of all their enemies.
2 Sam 3:19 Abner also spoke to [the men of] Benjamin. Then [he] went to Hebron to tell David all that seemed good to Israel and the whole house of Benjamin to do.
2 Sam 3:20 So Abner came to David at Hebron, and twenty men along with him. And David made Abner and the men with him a feast.
2 Sam 3:21 Abner said to David, I will go and gather all Israel to my lord the king, that they may make a league with you, and that you may reign over all that your heart desires. So David sent Abner away in peace.
2 Sam 3:22 Then the servants of David came with Joab from pursuing a troop and brought much spoil with them. But Abner was not with David in Hebron, for he had sent him away, and he had gone in peace.
2 Sam 3:23 When Joab and all the army with him had come, it was told to Joab, Abner son of Ner came to the king, and he has sent him away, and he is gone in peace.
2 Sam 3:24 Then Joab came to the king and said, What have you done? Behold, Abner came to you. Why is it you have sent him away and he is quite gone?
2 Sam 3:25 You know that Abner son of Ner came to deceive you and to know your going out and coming in and all you are doing.
2 Sam 3:26 When Joab came from seeing David, he sent messengers after Abner, and they brought him back from the well of Sirah; but David did not know it.
2 Sam 3:27 And when Abner returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside to the center of the gate to speak to him privately, and there he smote Abner in the abdomen, so that he died to avenge the blood of Asahel, Joab's brother.
2 Sam 3:28 When David heard of it, he said, I and my kingdom are guiltless before the Lord forever of the blood of Abner son of Ner.
2 Sam 3:29 Let it fall on the head of Joab and on all his father's house; and let the house of Joab never be without one who has a discharge or is a leper or walks with a crutch {or} is a distaff holder [unfit for war] or who falls by the sword or lacks food!
2 Sam 3:30 So Joab and Abishai his brother slew Abner because he had slain their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.
2 Sam 3:31 And David said to Joab and to all the people with him, Rend your clothes, gird yourselves with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And King David followed the bier.
2 Sam 3:32 They buried Abner in Hebron. And the king lifted up his voice and wept at the grave of Abner, and all the people wept.
2 Sam 3:33 And the king lamented over Abner and said, Should Abner die as a fool dies?
2 Sam 3:34 Your hands were not bound or your feet put into fetters; as a man falls before wicked men, so you fell. And all the people wept again over him.
2 Sam 3:35 All the people came to urge David to eat food while it was yet day; but David took an oath, saying, May God do so to me, and more also, if I taste bread or anything else, till the sun is down.
2 Sam 3:36 And all the people took notice of it, and it pleased them, as whatever the king did pleased all the people.

2 Sam 3:37 For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not the king's will to slay Abner son of Ner.
2 Sam 3:38 King David said to his servants, Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?
2 Sam 3:39 And I am this day weak, though anointed [but not crowned] king; these sons of Zeruiah are too hard for me. May the Lord repay the evildoer according to his wickedness!
2 Sam 4:1 WHEN ISH-BOSHETH, Saul's son [king over Israel], heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his courage failed, and all the Israelites were troubled {and} dismayed.
2 Sam 4:2 Saul's son had two men who were captains of raiding bands. One was named Baanah and the other Rechab, sons of Rimmon the Beerothite of Benjamin--for Beeroth also was reckoned to Benjamin,
2 Sam 4:3 And the Beerothites fled to Gittaim and have been sojourners there to this day.
2 Sam 4:4 Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who was a cripple in his feet. He was five years old when the news came out of Jezreel [of the deaths] of Saul and Jonathan. And the boy's nurse took him up and fled; and in her haste, he fell and became lame. His name was Mephibosheth.
2 Sam 4:5 Now the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went about in the heat of the day to the house of Ish-bosheth, who lay resting on his bed at noon.
2 Sam 4:6 And they came into the interior of the house as though they were delivering wheat, and they smote him in the body; and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.
2 Sam 4:7 Now when they had come into the house and he lay on his bed in his bedroom, they [not only] smote and slew him, [but] beheaded him and took his head and went by the way of the plain all night.
2 Sam 4:8 And they brought the head of Ish-bosheth to David at Hebron and said to the king, Behold, the head of Ish-bosheth son of Saul, your enemy, who sought your life; and the Lord has avenged my lord the king this day on Saul and on his offspring.
2 Sam 4:9 And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, As the Lord lives, Who redeemed my life out of all adversity,
2 Sam 4:10 When one told me, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking he was bringing good news, I seized and slew him in Ziklag who expected me to give him a reward for his news.
2 Sam 4:11 How much more--when wicked men have slain a just man in his own house on his bed--shall I not now require his blood of your hand and remove you from the earth!
2 Sam 4:12 David commanded his young men, and they slew them and cut off their hands and feet and hanged them over the pool in Hebron. But they took Ish-bosheth's head and buried it in Hebron in the tomb of Abner [his relative and once chief supporter].
2 Sam 5:1 THEN ALL the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, Behold, we are your bone and your flesh.
2 Sam 5:2 In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the Lord told you, You shall feed My people Israel and be prince over [them].
2 Sam 5:3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them [there] before the Lord, and they anointed [him] king over Israel.
2 Sam 5:4 David was thirty years old when he began his forty-year reign.
2 Sam 5:5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.
2 Sam 5:6 And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who said to David, You shall not enter here, for the blind and the lame will prevent you; they thought, David cannot come in here.
2 Sam 5:7 Nevertheless, David took the stronghold of Zion, that is, the City of David.
2 Sam 5:8 David said on that day, Whoever smites the Jebusites, let him get up through the water shaft and smite the lame and the blind who are detested by David's soul. So they say, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.
2 Sam 5:9 So David dwelt in the stronghold and called it the City of David. And he built round about from the Millo and inward.
2 Sam 5:10 David became greater and greater, for the Lord God of hosts was with him.
2 Sam 5:11 Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, carpenters, and masons; and they built David a house.
2 Sam 5:12 And David perceived that the Lord had established him king over Israel and that He had exalted his kingdom for His people Israel's sake.
2 Sam 5:13 And David took more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron, and other sons

and daughters were born to [him].
2 Sam 5:14 And these are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,
2 Sam 5:15 Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia,
2 Sam 5:16 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.
2 Sam 5:17 When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, they all went up to find [him], but [he] heard of it and went down to the stronghold.
2 Sam 5:18 The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the Valley of Rephaim.
2 Sam 5:19 David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand? And the Lord said to David, Go up, for I will surely deliver [them] into your hand.
2 Sam 5:20 And David came to Baal-perazim, and he smote them there, and said, The Lord has broken through my enemies before me, like the bursting out of great waters. So he called the name of that place Baal-perazim [Lord of breaking through].
2 Sam 5:21 There the Philistines left their images, and David and his men took them away.
2 Sam 5:22 The Philistines came up again and spread themselves out in the Valley of Rephaim.
2 Sam 5:23 When David inquired of the Lord, He said, You shall not go up, but go around behind them and come upon them over opposite the mulberry (or balsam) trees.
2 Sam 5:24 And when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then bestir yourselves, for then has the Lord gone out before you to smite the army of the Philistines.
2 Sam 5:25 And David did as the Lord had commanded him, and smote the Philistines from Geba to Gezer.
2 Sam 6:1 AGAIN DAVID gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, 30,000.
2 Sam 6:2 And [he] arose and went with all the people who were with him to Baale-judah [Kiriath-jearim] to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts, Who sits enthroned above the cherubim.
2 Sam 6:3 And they set the ark of God upon a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.
2 Sam 6:4 And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill, with the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark.
2 Sam 6:5 And David and all the house of Israel played before the Lord with all their might, with songs, lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets, and cymbals.
2 Sam 6:6 And when they came to Nacon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled {and} shook it.
2 Sam 6:7 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for touching the ark, and he died there by the ark of God.
2 Sam 6:8 David was grieved {and} offended because the Lord had broken forth upon Uzzah, and that place is called Perez-uzzah [the breaking forth upon Uzzah] to this day.
2 Sam 6:9 David was afraid of the Lord that day and said, How can the ark of the Lord come to me?
2 Sam 6:10 So David was not willing to take the ark of the Lord to him into the City of David; but he took it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.
2 Sam 6:11 And the ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite for three months, and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and all his household.
2 Sam 6:12 And it was told King David, The Lord has blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the City of David with rejoicing;
2 Sam 6:13 And when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.
2 Sam 6:14 And David danced before the Lord with all his might, clad in a linen ephod [a priest's upper garment].
2 Sam 6:15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.
2 Sam 6:16 As the ark of the Lord came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter [David's wife], looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, and she despised him in her heart.
2 Sam 6:17 They brought in the ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the tent which David had pitched for it, and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord.
2 Sam 6:18 When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name [and presence] of the Lord of hosts,
2 Sam 6:19 And distributed among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both to men and women, to each a

cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. So all the people departed, each to his house.
2 Sam 6:20 Then David returned to bless his household. And [his wife] Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, How glorious was the king of Israel today, who stripped himself of his kingly robes {and} uncovered himself in the eyes of his servants' maids as one of the worthless fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!
2 Sam 6:21 David said to Michal, It was before the Lord, Who chose me above your father and all his house to appoint me as prince over Israel, the people of the Lord. Therefore will I make merry [in pure enjoyment] before the Lord.
2 Sam 6:22 I will be still more lightly esteemed than this, and will humble {and} lower myself in my own sight [and yours]. But by the maids you mentioned, I will be held in honor.
2 Sam 6:23 And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.
2 Sam 7:1 WHEN KING David dwelt in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies,
2 Sam 7:2 The king said to Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within curtains.
2 Sam 7:3 And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you.
2 Sam 7:4 That night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying,
2 Sam 7:5 Go and tell My servant David, Thus says the Lord: Shall you build Me a house in which to dwell?
2 Sam 7:6 For I have not dwelt in a house since I brought the Israelites out of Egypt to this day, but have moved about with a tent for My dwelling.
2 Sam 7:7 In all the places where I have moved with all the Israelites, did I speak a word to any from the tribes of Israel whom I commanded to be shepherd of My people Israel, asking, Why do you not build Me a house of cedar?
2 Sam 7:8 So now say this to My servant David, Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be prince over My people Israel.
2 Sam 7:9 And I was with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a great name, like [that] of the great men of the earth.
2 Sam 7:10 And I will appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and be moved no more. And wicked men shall afflict them no more, as formerly
2 Sam 7:11 And as from the time that I appointed judges over My people Israel; and I will cause you to rest from all your enemies. Also the Lord declares to you that He will make for you a house:
2 Sam 7:12 And when your days are fulfilled and you sleep with your fathers, I will set up after you your offspring who shall be born to you, and I will establish his kingdom.
2 Sam 7:13 He shall build a house for My Name [and My Presence], and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.
2 Sam 7:14 I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. When he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the stripes of the sons of men.
2 Sam 7:15 But My mercy {and} loving-kindness shall not depart from him, as I took [them] from Saul, whom I took away from before you.
2 Sam 7:16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before you; your throne shall be established forever.
2 Sam 7:17 In accordance with all these words and all this vision Nathan spoke to David.
2 Sam 7:18 Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and said, Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that You have brought me this far?
2 Sam 7:19 Then as if this were a little thing in Your eyes, O Lord God, You have spoken also of Your servant's house in the far distant future. And this is the law for man, O Lord God!
2 Sam 7:20 What more can David say to You? For You know Your servant, O Lord God.
2 Sam 7:21 Because of Your promise and as Your own heart dictates, You have done all these astounding things to make Your servant know {and} understand.
2 Sam 7:22 Therefore You are great, O Lord God; for none is like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all [You have made] our ears to hear.
2 Sam 7:23 What [other] one nation on earth is like Your people Israel, whom God went to redeem to be a people for Himself and to make for Himself a name? You have done great and terrible things for Yourself {and} for Your land, before Your people, whom You redeemed {and} delivered for Yourself from Egypt, from the nations and their gods.
2 Sam 7:24 And You have established for Yourself Your people Israel to be Your people forever, and You, Lord, became their God.
2 Sam 7:25 Now, O Lord God, confirm forever the word You have given as to Your servant and his house; and do as You have said,

2 Sam 7:26 And Your name [and presence] shall be magnified forever, saying, The Lord of hosts is God over Israel; and the house of Your servant David will be made firm before You.
2 Sam 7:27 For You, O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, have revealed this to Your servant: I will build you a house. So Your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to You.
2 Sam 7:28 And now, O Lord God, You are God, and Your words are truth, and You have promised this good thing to Your servant.
2 Sam 7:29 Therefore now let it please You to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue forever before You; for You, O Lord God, have spoken it, and with Your blessing let [his] house be blessed forever.
2 Sam 8:1 AFTER THIS David smote the Philistines and subdued them, and he took Metheg-ammah out of the hands of the Philistines.
2 Sam 8:2 He defeated Moab, and measured them with a line, making them lie down on the ground; two lines he measured to be put to death, and one full line to keep alive. And the Moabites became servants to David, bringing tribute.
2 Sam 8:3 David also defeated Hadadezer son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to restore his power at the river [Euphrates].
2 Sam 8:4 David took from him 1,700 horsemen and 20,000 foot soldiers; and David hamstrung all the chariot horses, except he reserved enough of them for 100 chariots.
2 Sam 8:5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew 22,000 of them.
2 Sam 8:6 David put garrisons in Syrian Damascus, and the Syrians became [his] servants and brought tribute. The Lord preserved {and} gave victory to David wherever he went.
2 Sam 8:7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer and brought them to Jerusalem.
2 Sam 8:8 And from Betah and Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, King David exacted an immense amount of bronze.
2 Sam 8:9 When Toi king of Hamath heard about David's defeat of all the forces of Hadadezer,
2 Sam 8:10 [He] sent Joram his son to King David to salute {and} congratulate him about his battle and defeat of Hadadezer. For Hadadezer had had wars with Toi. Joram brought vessels of silver, gold, and bronze.
2 Sam 8:11 These King David dedicated to the Lord, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated from all the nations he subdued:
2 Sam 8:12 From Syria, Moab, the Ammonites, the Philistines, Amalek, and from the spoil of Hadadezer son of Rehob, king of Zobah.
2 Sam 8:13 David won renown. When he returned he slew 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt.
2 Sam 8:14 He put garrisons throughout all Edom, and all the Edomites became his servants. And the Lord preserved {and} gave victory to [him] wherever he went.
2 Sam 8:15 So David reigned over all Israel, and executed justice and righteousness for all his people.
2 Sam 8:16 Joab son of Zeruiah was over the army; Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was recorder;
2 Sam 8:17 Zadok son of Ahitub and Ahimelech son of Abiathar were the [chief] priests, and Seraiah was the scribe;
2 Sam 8:18 Benaiah son of Jehoiada was over both the Cherethites and Pelethites [the king's bodyguards]; and David's sons were chief [confidential] assistants to the king.
2 Sam 9:1 AND DAVID said, Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul to whom I may show kindness for Jonathan's sake?
2 Sam 9:2 And of the house of Saul there was a servant whose name was Ziba. When they had called him to David, he said to him, Are you Ziba? He said, I, your servant, am he.
2 Sam 9:3 The king said, Is there not still someone of the house of Saul to whom I may show the [unfailing, unsought, unlimited] mercy {and} kindness of God? Ziba replied, Jonathan has yet a son who is lame in his feet.
2 Sam 9:4 And the king said, Where is he? Ziba replied, He is in the house of Machir son of Ammiel in Lo-debar.
2 Sam 9:5 Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir son of Ammiel at Lo-debar.
2 Sam 9:6 And Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and did obeisance. David said, Mephibosheth! And he answered, Behold your servant!
2 Sam 9:7 David said to him, Fear not, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your father [grandfather], and you shall eat at my table always.
2 Sam 9:8 And [the cripple] bowed himself and said, What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I am?
2 Sam 9:9 Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, I have given your master's son [grandson] all that belonged to Saul and to all his house.
2 Sam 9:10 And you shall till the land for him, you, your sons, and your servants, and you shall bring in the produce,

that your master's heir may have food to eat; but Mephibosheth, your master's son [grandson], shall eat always at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.
2 Sam 9:11 Then Ziba said to the king, Your servant will do according to all my lord the king commands. So Mephibosheth ate at David's table as one of the king's sons.
2 Sam 9:12 Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Micha. And all who dwelt in Ziba's house were servants to Mephibosheth.
2 Sam 9:13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table, [even though] he was lame in both feet.
2 Sam 10:1 LATER, THE king of the Ammonites died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead.
2 Sam 10:2 David said, I will show kindness to Hanun son of Nahash, as his father did to me. So David sent his servants to console him for his father's death; and they came into the land of the Ammonites,
2 Sam 10:3 But the princes of the Ammonites said to Hanun their lord, Do you think that it is because David honors your father that he has sent comforters to you? Has he not rather sent his servants to you to search the city, spy it out, and overthrow it?
2 Sam 10:4 So Hanun took David's servants and shaved off half their beards and cut off their garments in the middle at their hips and sent them away.
2 Sam 10:5 When it was told David, he sent to meet them, for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards are grown, and then return.
2 Sam 10:6 And when the Ammonites saw that they had made themselves obnoxious {and} disgusting to David, they sent and hired the Syrians of Beth-rehob and of Zobah, 20,000 foot soldiers, and of the king of Maacah 1,000 men, and of Tob 12,000 men.
2 Sam 10:7 When David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army of the mighty men.
2 Sam 10:8 And the Ammonites came out and put the battle in array at the entrance of the gate, but the Syrians of Zobah and of Rehob and the men of Tob and Maacah were stationed by themselves in the open country.
2 Sam 10:9 When Joab saw that the battlefront was against him before and behind, he picked some of all the choice men of Israel and put them in array against the Syrians.
2 Sam 10:10 The rest of the men Joab gave over to Abishai his brother, that he might put them in array against the Ammonites.
2 Sam 10:11 Joab said, If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the Ammonites are too strong for you, I will come and help you.
2 Sam 10:12 Be of good courage; let us play the man for our people and the cities of our God. And may the Lord do what seems good to Him.
2 Sam 10:13 And Joab and the people who were with him drew near to battle against the Syrians, and they fled before him.
2 Sam 10:14 And when the Ammonites saw that the Syrians had fled, they also fled before Abishai and entered the city. So Joab returned from battling against the Ammonites and came to Jerusalem.
2 Sam 10:15 When the Syrians saw that they were defeated by Israel, they gathered together.
2 Sam 10:16 Hadadezer sent and brought the Syrians who were beyond the river [Euphrates]; and they came to Helam, with Shobach commander of the army of Hadadezer leading them.
2 Sam 10:17 When David was told, he gathered all Israel, crossed the Jordan, and came to Helam. Then the Syrians set themselves in array against David and fought with him.
2 Sam 10:18 The Syrians fled before Israel, and David slew of [them] the men of 700 chariots and 40,000 horsemen and smote Shobach captain of their army, who died there.
2 Sam 10:19 And when all the kings serving Hadadezer saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with Israel and served them. So the Syrians were afraid to help the Ammonites any more.
2 Sam 11:1 IN THE spring, when kings go forth to battle, David sent Joab with his servants and all Israel, and they ravaged the Ammonites [country] and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.
2 Sam 11:2 One evening David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, when from there he saw a woman bathing; and she was very lovely to behold.
2 Sam 11:3 David sent and inquired about the woman. One said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?
2 Sam 11:4 And David sent messengers and took her. And she came in to him, and he lay with her--for she was purified from her uncleanness. Then she returned to her house.
2 Sam 11:5 And the woman became pregnant and sent and told David, I am with child.

2 Sam 11:6 David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. So Joab sent [him] Uriah.
2 Sam 11:7 When Uriah had come to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the people fared, and how the war progressed.
2 Sam 11:8 David said to Uriah, Go down to your house and wash your feet. Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of food [a gift] from the king.
2 Sam 11:9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord and did not go down to his house.
2 Sam 11:10 When they told David, Uriah did not go down to his house, David said to Uriah, Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?
2 Sam 11:11 Uriah said to David, The ark and Israel and Judah live in tents, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house to eat and drink and lie with my wife? As you live and as my soul lives, I will not do this thing.
2 Sam 11:12 And David said to Uriah, Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart. So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next.
2 Sam 11:13 David invited him, and he ate with him and drank, so that he made him drunk; but that night he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord and did not go down to his house.
2 Sam 11:14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah.
2 Sam 11:15 And he wrote in the letter, Put Uriah in the front line of the heaviest fighting and withdraw from him, that he may be struck down and die.
2 Sam 11:16 So when Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah opposite where he knew the enemy's most valiant men were.
2 Sam 11:17 And the men of the city came out and fought with Joab, and some of the servants of David fell. Uriah the Hittite died also.
2 Sam 11:18 Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war.
2 Sam 11:19 And he charged the messenger, When you have finished reporting matters of the war to the king,
2 Sam 11:20 Then if the king's anger rises and he says to you, Why did you go so near to the city to fight? Did you not know they would shoot from the wall?
2 Sam 11:21 Who killed Abimelech son of Jerubbesheth (Gideon)? Did not a woman cast an upper millstone upon him from the wall, so that he died in Thebez? Why did you go near the wall? Then say, Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.
2 Sam 11:22 So the messenger went and told David all for which Joab had sent him.
2 Sam 11:23 The messenger said to David, Surely the men prevailed against us and came out to us in to the field, but we were upon them even to the entrance of the gate.
2 Sam 11:24 Then the archers shot at your servants from the wall. Some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.
2 Sam 11:25 Then David said to the messenger, Say to Joab, Let not this thing disturb you, for the sword devours one as well as another. Strengthen your attack upon the city and overthrow it. And encourage Joab.
2 Sam 11:26 When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for Uriah.
2 Sam 11:27 And when the mourning was past, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the Lord.
2 Sam 12:1 AND THE Lord sent Nathan to David. He came and said to him, There were two men in a city, one rich and the other poor.
2 Sam 12:2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds,
2 Sam 12:3 But the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb which he had bought and brought up, and it grew up with him and his children. It ate of his own morsel, drank from his own cup, lay in his bosom, and was like a daughter to him.
2 Sam 12:4 Now a traveler came to the rich man, and to avoid taking one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfaring man who had come to him, he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for his guest.
2 Sam 12:5 Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, As the Lord lives, the man who has done this is a son [worthy] of death.
2 Sam 12:6 He shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing and had no pity.
2 Sam 12:7 Then Nathan said to David, You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king of Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.
2 Sam 12:8 And I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of

Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added that much again.
2 Sam 12:9 Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord, doing evil in His sight? You have slain Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife. You have murdered him with the sword of the Ammonites.
2 Sam 12:10 Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because [you have not only despised My command, but] you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.
2 Sam 12:11 Thus says the Lord, Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.
2 Sam 12:12 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun. [Fulfilled in II Sam. 16:21, 22.]
2 Sam 12:13 And David said to Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said to David, The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die.
2 Sam 12:14 Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord {and} given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child that is born to you shall surely die.
2 Sam 12:15 Then Nathan departed to his house. And the Lord struck the child that Uriah's widow bore to David, and he was very sick.
2 Sam 12:16 David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted and went in and lay all night [repeatedly] on the floor.
2 Sam 12:17 His older house servants arose [in the night] and went to him to raise him up from the floor, but he would not, nor did he eat food with them.
2 Sam 12:18 And on the seventh day the child died. David's servants feared to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, While the child was yet alive, we spoke to him and he would not listen to our voices; will he then harm himself if we tell him the child is dead?
2 Sam 12:19 But when David saw that his servants whispered, he perceived that the child was dead. So he said to them, Is the child dead? And they said, He is.
2 Sam 12:20 Then David arose from the floor, washed, anointed himself, changed his apparel, and went into the house of the Lord and worshiped. Then he came to his own house, and when he asked, they set food before him, and he ate.
2 Sam 12:21 Then his servants said to him, What is this that you have done? You fasted and wept while the child was alive, but when the child was dead, you arose and ate food.
2 Sam 12:22 David said, While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, Who knows whether the Lord will be gracious to me and let the child live?
2 Sam 12:23 But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me.
2 Sam 12:24 David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went to her and lay with her; and she bore a son, and she called his name Solomon. And the Lord loved [the child];
2 Sam 12:25 He sent [a message] by the hand of Nathan the prophet, and [Nathan] called the boy's [special] name Jedidiah [beloved of the Lord], because the Lord [loved the child].
2 Sam 12:26 Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the Ammonites and took the royal city.
2 Sam 12:27 And Joab sent messengers to David and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters.
2 Sam 12:28 Now therefore assemble the rest of the men, encamp against the city, and take it, lest I take the city, and it be called after my name.
2 Sam 12:29 So David gathered all the men, went to Rabbah, fought against it, and took it.
2 Sam 12:30 And he took the crown of their king [of Malcham] from his head; the weight of it was a talent of gold, and in it were precious stones; and it was set on David's head. And he brought forth exceedingly much spoil from the city.
2 Sam 12:31 And he brought forth the people who were there, and put them to [work with] saws and iron threshing sledges and axes, and made them labor at the brickkiln. And he did this to all the Ammonite cities. Then [he] and all the men returned to Jerusalem.
2 Sam 13:1 ABSALOM SON of David had a fair sister whose name was Tamar, and Amnon [her half brother] son of David loved her.
2 Sam 13:2 And Amnon was so troubled that he fell sick for his [half] sister Tamar, for she was a virgin, and Amnon thought it impossible for him to do anything to her.
2 Sam 13:3 But Amnon had a friend whose name was Jonadab son of Shimeah, David's brother; and Jonadab was a

very crafty man.
2 Sam 13:4 He said to Amnon, Why are you, the king's son, so lean and weak-looking from day to day? Will you not tell me? And Amnon said to him, I love Tamar, my [half] brother Absalom's sister.
2 Sam 13:5 Jonadab said to him, Go to bed and pretend you are sick; and when your father David comes to see you, say to him, Let my sister Tamar come and give me food and prepare it in my sight, that I may see it and eat it from her hand.
2 Sam 13:6 So Amnon lay down and pretended to be sick; and when the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, I pray you, let my sister Tamar come and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat from her hand.
2 Sam 13:7 Then David sent home and told Tamar, Go now to your brother Amnon's house and prepare food for him.
2 Sam 13:8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house, and he was in bed. And she took dough and kneaded it and made cakes in his sight and baked them.
2 Sam 13:9 She took the pan and emptied it out before him, but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Send everyone out from me. So everyone went out from him.
2 Sam 13:10 Then Amnon said to Tamar, Bring the food here into the bedroom, so I may eat from your hand. So Tamar took the cakes she had made and brought them into the room to Amnon her brother.
2 Sam 13:11 And when she brought them to him, he took hold of her and said, Come lie with me, my sister.
2 Sam 13:12 She replied, No, my brother! Do not force {and} humble me, for no such thing should be done in Israel! Do not do this foolhardy, scandalous thing!
2 Sam 13:13 And I, how could I rid myself of my shame? And you, you will be [considered] one of the stupid fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray you, speak to the king, for he will not withhold me from you.
2 Sam 13:14 But he would not listen to her, and being stronger than she, he forced her and lay with her.
2 Sam 13:15 Then Amnon hated her exceedingly, so that his hatred for her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, Get up and get out!
2 Sam 13:16 But she said, No! This great evil of sending me away is worse than what you did to me. But he would not listen to her.
2 Sam 13:17 He called the servant who served him and said, Put this woman out of my presence now, and bolt the door after her!
2 Sam 13:18 Now [Tamar] was wearing a long robe with sleeves {and} of various colors, for in such robes were the king's virgin daughters clad of old. Then Amnon's servant brought her out and bolted the door after her.
2 Sam 13:19 And [she] put ashes on her head and tore the long, sleeved robe which she wore, and she laid her hand on her head and went away shrieking {and} wailing.
2 Sam 13:20 And Absalom her brother said to her, Has your brother Amnon been with you? Be quiet now, my sister. He is your brother; take not this matter to heart. So Tamar dwelt in her brother Absalom's house, a desolate woman.
2 Sam 13:21 But when King David heard of all these things, he was very angry.
2 Sam 13:22 And Absalom spoke to Amnon neither good nor bad; for Absalom hated Amnon because he had humbled his sister Tamar.
2 Sam 13:23 After two full years Absalom had sheepshearers at Baal-hazor near Ephraim, and Absalom invited all the king's sons.
2 Sam 13:24 Absalom came to the king and said, Behold, your servant has sheepshearers; I pray you, let the king and his servants go with your servant.
2 Sam 13:25 And the king said to Absalom, No, my son, let us not all go, lest we be burdensome to you. Absalom urged David; still he would not go, but he blessed him.
2 Sam 13:26 Then said Absalom, If not, I pray you, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said to him, Why should he go with you?
2 Sam 13:27 But Absalom urged him, and he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.
2 Sam 13:28 Now Absalom commanded his servants, Notice now, when Amnon's heart is merry with wine and when I say to you, Strike Amnon, then kill him. Fear not; have I not commanded you? Be courageous and brave.
2 Sam 13:29 And the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose and every man mounted his mule and fled.
2 Sam 13:30 While they were on the way, the word came to David, Absalom has killed all the king's sons, and not one of them is left.
2 Sam 13:31 Then the king arose and tore his garments and lay on the floor; and all his servants standing by tore their clothes.
2 Sam 13:32 But Jonadab son of Shimeah, David's brother, said, Let not my lord suppose they have killed all the

king's sons; for Amnon only is dead. This purpose has shown itself on Absalom's determined mouth ever since the day Amnon humiliated his sister Tamar.
2 Sam 13:33 So let not my lord the king take the thing to heart and think all the king's sons are dead; for Amnon only is dead.
2 Sam 13:34 But Absalom fled. And the young man who kept the watch looked up, and behold, many people were coming by the way of the hillside behind him.
2 Sam 13:35 And Jonadab said to the king, See, the king's sons are coming. It is as your servant said.
2 Sam 13:36 And as he finished speaking, the king's sons came and lifted up their voices and wept; and the king also and all his servants wept very bitterly.
2 Sam 13:37 But Absalom fled and went to [his mother's father] Talmai son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son [Amnon] every day.
2 Sam 13:38 So Absalom fled to Geshur and was there three years.
2 Sam 13:39 And the spirit of King David longed to go forth to Absalom, for he was comforted about Amnon, seeing that he was dead.
2 Sam 14:1 NOW JOAB son of Zeruiah knew that the king's heart was toward Absalom.
2 Sam 14:2 And Joab sent to Tekoah and brought from there a wise woman and said to her, Pretend to be a mourner; put on mourning apparel, do not anoint yourself with oil, but act like a woman who has long been mourning for the dead.
2 Sam 14:3 And go to the king and speak thus to him. And Joab told her what to say.
2 Sam 14:4 When the woman of Tekoah spoke to the king, she fell on her face to the ground and did obeisance, and said, Help, O king!
2 Sam 14:5 The king asked her, What troubles you? She said, I am a widow; my husband is dead.
2 Sam 14:6 And your handmaid had two sons, and they quarreled with one another in the field. There was no one to separate them, and one struck the other and killed him.
2 Sam 14:7 And behold, our whole family has risen against your handmaid, and they say, Deliver him who slew his brother, that we may kill him for the life of his brother whom he slew; and so they would destroy the heir also. And so quenching my coal which is left, they would leave to my husband neither name nor remnant upon the earth.
2 Sam 14:8 David said to the woman, Go home, and I will give orders concerning you.
2 Sam 14:9 And the woman of Tekoah said to the king, My lord, O king, let the guilt be on me and on my father's house; let the king and his throne be guiltless.
2 Sam 14:10 The king said, If anyone says anything to you, bring him to me, and he shall not touch you again.
2 Sam 14:11 Then she said, I pray you, let the king remember the Lord your God, that the avenger of blood destroy not any more, lest they destroy my son. And David said, As the Lord lives, there shall not one hair of your son fall to the earth.
2 Sam 14:12 Then the woman said, Let your handmaid, I pray you, speak one word to my lord the king. He said, Say on.
2 Sam 14:13 [She] said, Why then have you planned such a thing against God's people? For in speaking this word the king is like one who is guilty, in that [he] does not bring home his banished one.
2 Sam 14:14 We must all die; we are like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. And God does not take away life, but devises means so that he who is banished may not be an utter outcast from Him.
2 Sam 14:15 And now I have come to speak of this thing to my lord the king because the people have made me afraid. And I thought, I will speak to the king; it may be that he will perform the request of his servant.
2 Sam 14:16 For the king will hear to deliver his handmaid from the hand of the man who would destroy me and my son together from [Israel] the inheritance of God.
2 Sam 14:17 And the woman said, The word of my lord the king will now give me rest {and} security, for as an angel of God is my lord the king to hear {and} discern good and evil. May the Lord your God be with you!
2 Sam 14:18 Then the king said to the woman, Hide not from me anything I ask you. And the woman said, Let my lord the king speak.
2 Sam 14:19 The king said, Is the hand of Joab with you in all this? And the woman answered, As your soul lives, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from anything my lord the king has said. It was your servant Joab who directed me; he put all these words in my mouth.
2 Sam 14:20 In order to change the course of matters [between Absalom and his father] your servant Joab did this. But my lord has wisdom like the wisdom of the angel of God--to know all things that are on the earth.
2 Sam 14:21 Then the king said to Joab, Behold now, I grant this; go, bring back the young man Absalom.

2 Sam 14:22 And Joab fell to the ground on his face and did obeisance and thanked the king. And Joab said, Today your servant knows that I have found favor in your sight, my lord, O king, in that the king has performed the request of his servant.
2 Sam 14:23 So Joab arose, went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.
2 Sam 14:24 And the king said, Let him go to his own house, and let him not see my face. So Absalom went to his own house and did not see the king's face.
2 Sam 14:25 But in all Israel there was none so much to be praised for his beauty as Absalom; from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.
2 Sam 14:26 And when he cut the hair of his head, he weighed it--for at each year's end he cut it, because its weight was a burden to him--and it weighed 200 shekels by the king's weight.
2 Sam 14:27 There were born to Absalom three sons and one daughter whose name was Tamar; she was a beautiful woman.
2 Sam 14:28 Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem and did not see the king's face.
2 Sam 14:29 So Absalom sent for Joab to send him to the king, but he would not come to him; even when he sent again the second time, he would not come.
2 Sam 14:30 Therefore Absalom said to his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he has barley there; go and set it on fire. So Absalom's servants set the field afire.
2 Sam 14:31 Then Joab arose and went to Absalom at his house and said to him, Why have your servants set my field on fire?
2 Sam 14:32 Absalom answered Joab, I sent to you, saying, Come here, that I may send you to the king to ask, Why have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me to be there still. Now therefore [Joab], let me see the king, and if there is iniquity {and} guilt in me, let him kill me.
2 Sam 14:33 So Joab came to the king and told him. And when David had called for Absalom, he came to him and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king; and [David] kissed Absalom.
2 Sam 15:1 AFTER THIS, Absalom got a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him.
2 Sam 15:2 And [he] rose up early and stood beside the gateway; and when any man who had a controversy came to the king for judgment, Absalom called to him, Of what city are you? And he would say, Your servant is of such and such a tribe of Israel.
2 Sam 15:3 Absalom would say to him, Your claims are good and right, but there is no man appointed as the king's agent to hear you.
2 Sam 15:4 Absalom added, Oh, that I were judge in the land! Then every man with any suit or cause might come to me and I would do him justice!
2 Sam 15:5 And whenever a man came near to do obeisance to him, he would put out his hand, take hold of him, and kiss him.
2 Sam 15:6 Thus Absalom did to all Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.
2 Sam 15:7 And after [four] years, Absalom said to the king, I pray you, let me go to Hebron [his birthplace] and pay my vow to the Lord.
2 Sam 15:8 For your servant vowed while I dwelt at Geshur in Syria, If the Lord will bring me again to Jerusalem, then I will serve the Lord [by offering a sacrifice].
2 Sam 15:9 And the king said to him, Go in peace. So he arose and went to Hebron.
2 Sam 15:10 But Absalom sent secret messengers throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then say, Absalom is king at Hebron.
2 Sam 15:11 With Absalom went 200 men from Jerusalem, who were invited [as guests to his sacrificial feast]; and they went in their simplicity, and they knew not a thing.
2 Sam 15:12 And while Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh. And the conspiracy was strong; the people with Absalom increased continually.
2 Sam 15:13 And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Absalom.
2 Sam 15:14 David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, Arise and let us flee, or else none of us will escape from Absalom. Make haste to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly and bring evil upon us and smite the city with the sword.
2 Sam 15:15 And the king's servants said to the king, Behold, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king says.
2 Sam 15:16 So the king and all his household after him went forth. But he left ten women who were concubines to

keep the house.
2 Sam 15:17 The king went forth with all the people after him, and halted at the last house.
2 Sam 15:18 All David's servants passed on beside him, along with [his bodyguards] all the Cherethites, Pelethites; also all the Gittites, 600 men who came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.
2 Sam 15:19 The king said to Ittai the Gittite, Why do you go with us also? Return to your place and remain with the king [Absalom], for you are a foreigner and an exile.
2 Sam 15:20 Since you came only yesterday, should I make you go up and down with us? Since I must go where I may, you return, and take back your brethren with you. May loving-kindness and faithfulness be with you.
2 Sam 15:21 But Ittai answered the king, As the Lord lives, and as my lord the king lives, wherever my lord the king shall be, whether for death or life, even there also will your servant be.
2 Sam 15:22 So David said to Ittai, Go on and pass over [the Kidron]. And Ittai the Gittite passed over and all his men and all the little ones who were with him.
2 Sam 15:23 All the country wept with a loud voice as all the people passed over. The king crossed the brook Kidron, and all the people went on toward the wilderness.
2 Sam 15:24 Abiathar [the priest] and behold, Zadok came also, and all the Levites with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God. And they set down the ark of God until all the people had gone from the city.
2 Sam 15:25 Then the king told Zadok, Take back the ark of God to the city. If I find favor in the Lord's eyes, He will bring me back and let me see both it and His house.
2 Sam 15:26 But if He says, I have no delight in you, then here I am; let Him do to me what seems good to Him.
2 Sam 15:27 The king also said to Zadok the priest, Are you not a seer? [You and Abiathar] return to the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz your son and Jonathan son of Abiathar.
2 Sam 15:28 See, I will wait at the fords [at the Jordan] of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me.
2 Sam 15:29 Zadok, therefore, and Abiathar carried the ark of God back to Jerusalem and they stayed there.
2 Sam 15:30 And David went up over the Mount of Olives and wept as he went, barefoot and his head covered. And all the people who were with him covered their heads, weeping as they went.
2 Sam 15:31 David was told, Ahithophel [your counselor] is among the conspirators with Absalom. David said, O Lord, I pray You, turn Ahithophel's counsel into foolishness.
2 Sam 15:32 When David came to the summit [of Olivet], where he worshiped God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat rent and earth upon his head.
2 Sam 15:33 David said to him, If you go with me, you will be a burden to me.
2 Sam 15:34 But if you return to the city and say to Absalom, I will be your servant, O king; as I have been your father's servant in the past, so will I be your servant now, then you may defeat for me the counsel of Ahithophel.
2 Sam 15:35 Will not Zadok and Abiathar the priests be with you? So whatever you hear from the king's house, just tell it to [them].
2 Sam 15:36 Behold, their two sons are there with them, Ahimaaz, Zadok's son and Jonathan, Abiathar's son; and by them send to me everything you hear.
2 Sam 15:37 So Hushai, David's friend, returned, and Absalom also came into Jerusalem.
2 Sam 16:1 WHEN DAVID was a little past the top [of Olivet], behold, Ziba, the servant of Mephibosheth, met him with a couple of donkeys saddled, and upon them 200 loaves of bread, 100 bunches of raisins, 100 summer fruits, and a skin of wine.
2 Sam 16:2 The king said to Ziba, What do you mean by these? Ziba said, The donkeys are for the king's household to ride on, the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat, and the wine is for those to drink who become faint in the wilderness.
2 Sam 16:3 The king said, And where is your master's son [grandson Mephibosheth]? Ziba said to the king, Behold, he remains in Jerusalem, for he said, Today the house of Israel will give me back the kingdom of my father [grandfather Saul].
2 Sam 16:4 Then the king said to Ziba, Behold, all that belonged to Mephibosheth is now yours. Ziba said, I do obeisance; let me ever find favor in your sight, my lord O king.
2 Sam 16:5 When King David came to Bahurim, a man of the family of the house of Saul, Shimei son of Gera, came out and cursed continually as he came.
2 Sam 16:6 And he cast stones at David and at all the servants of King David; and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left.
2 Sam 16:7 Shimei said as he cursed, Get out, get out, you man of blood, you base fellow!
2 Sam 16:8 The Lord has avenged upon you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead you have reigned; and

the Lord has delivered the kingdom into the hands of Absalom your son. Behold, the calamity is upon you because you are a bloody man!
2 Sam 16:9 Then said [David's nephew] Abishai son of Zeruiah to the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and take off his head.
2 Sam 16:10 The king said, What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? If he is cursing because the Lord said to him, Curse David, who then shall ask, Why have you done so?
2 Sam 16:11 And David said to Abishai and to all his servants, Behold, my son, who was born to me, seeks my life. With how much more reason now may this Benjamite do it? Let him alone; and let him curse, for the Lord has bidden him to do it.
2 Sam 16:12 It may be that the Lord will look on the iniquity done me and will recompense me with good for his cursing this day.
2 Sam 16:13 So David and his men went by the road, and Shimei went along on the hillside opposite David and cursed as he went and threw stones and dust at him.
2 Sam 16:14 And the king and all the people who were with him came [to the Jordan] weary, and he refreshed himself there.
2 Sam 16:15 And Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him.
2 Sam 16:16 And when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, came to Absalom, Hushai said to [him], Long live the king! Long live the king!
2 Sam 16:17 Absalom said to Hushai, Is this your kindness {and} loyalty to your friend? Why did you not go with your friend?
2 Sam 16:18 Hushai said to Absalom, No, for whom the Lord and this people and all the men of Israel choose, his will I be, and with him I will remain.
2 Sam 16:19 And again, whom should I serve? Should it not be his son? As I have served your father, so will I serve you.
2 Sam 16:20 Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, Give your counsel. What shall we do?
2 Sam 16:21 And Ahithophel said to Absalom, Go in to your father's concubines whom he has left to keep the house; and all Israel will hear that you are abhorred by your father. Then the hands of all who are with you will be made strong.
2 Sam 16:22 So they spread for Absalom a tent on the top of the [king's] house, and Absalom went in to his father's harem in the sight of all Israel.
2 Sam 16:23 And the counsel of Ahithophel in those days was as if a man had consulted the word of God; so was all Ahithophel's counsel considered both by David and by Absalom.
2 Sam 17:1 MOREOVER, AHITHOPHEL said to Absalom, Let me choose 12,000 men and I will set out and pursue David this night.
2 Sam 17:2 I will come upon him while he is exhausted and weak, and cause him to panic; all the people with him will flee. Then I will strike down the king alone.
2 Sam 17:3 I will bring back all the people to you. [The removal of] the man whom you seek is the assurance that all will return; and all the people will be at peace.
2 Sam 17:4 And what he said pleased Absalom well and all the elders of Israel.
2 Sam 17:5 Absalom said, Now call Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear what he says.
2 Sam 17:6 When Hushai came, Absalom said to him, Ahithophel has counseled thus. Shall we do what he says? If not, speak up.
2 Sam 17:7 And Hushai said to Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel has given is not good at this time.
2 Sam 17:8 For, said Hushai, you know your father and his men, that they are mighty men, and they are embittered {and} enraged like a bear robbed of her whelps in the field. And your father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people.
2 Sam 17:9 Behold, he is hidden even now in some pit or other place; and when some of them are overthrown at the first, whoever hears it will say, There is a slaughter among the followers of Absalom.
2 Sam 17:10 And even he who is brave, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, will utterly melt, for all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man and that those who are with him are brave men.
2 Sam 17:11 Therefore I counsel that all [the men of] Israel be gathered to you, from Dan even to Beersheba, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude, and that you go to battle in your own person.
2 Sam 17:12 So shall we come upon [David] some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew settles [unseen and unheard] on the ground; and of him and of all the men with him there shall not be left so much

as one.
2 Sam 17:13 If he withdraws into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will drag it into the ravine until not one pebble is left there.
2 Sam 17:14 Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than that of Ahithophel. For the Lord had ordained to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, so that the Lord might bring evil upon Absalom.
2 Sam 17:15 Then said Hushai to Zadok and Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel, and thus and thus have I counseled.
2 Sam 17:16 Now send quickly and tell David, Lodge not this night at the fords [at the Jordan] of the wilderness, but by all means pass over, lest the king be swallowed up and all the people with him.
2 Sam 17:17 Now [the youths] Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed at En-rogel, for they must not be seen coming into the city. But a maidservant went and told them, and they went and told King David.
2 Sam 17:18 But a lad saw them and told Absalom; but they left quickly and came to the house of a man in Bahurim, who had a well in his court, and they went down into it.
2 Sam 17:19 And the woman spread a covering over the well's mouth and spread ground corn on it; and the thing was not discovered.
2 Sam 17:20 For when Absalom's servants came to the woman at the house, they said, Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said to them, They went over the brook of water. When they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.
2 Sam 17:21 After they had departed, the boys came up out of the well and went and told King David, and said, Arise and pass quickly over the river Jordan; for thus and so has Ahithophel counseled against you.
2 Sam 17:22 David arose and all the people with him and passed over the Jordan. By daybreak, not one was left who had not crossed.
2 Sam 17:23 But when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his donkey, went home to his city, put his household in order, and hanged himself and died, and was buried in the tomb of his father.
2 Sam 17:24 Then David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom passed over the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.
2 Sam 17:25 Absalom made Amasa captain of the army instead of Joab. Amasa was the son of an [Ishmaelite] named Ithra, who married Abigail daughter of Nahash, [half sister of David and] sister of Zeruiah, Joab's mother.
2 Sam 17:26 So Israel and Absalom encamped in the land of Gilead.
2 Sam 17:27 When David came to Mahanaim, Shobi son of Nahash of Rabbah of the Ammonites, and Machir son of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim
2 Sam 17:28 Brought beds, basins, earthen vessels, wheat, barley, meal, parched grain, beans, lentils, parched [pulse--seeds of peas and beans],
2 Sam 17:29 Honey, curds, sheep, and cheese of cows for David and the people with him to eat; for they said, The people are hungry, weary, and thirsty in the wilderness.
2 Sam 18:1 DAVID NUMBERED the men who were with him and set over them commanders of thousands and of hundreds.
2 Sam 18:2 David sent forth the army, a third under command of Joab, a third under Abishai son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third under Ittai the Gittite. [He] told the men, I myself will go out with you also.
2 Sam 18:3 But the men said, You shall not go out. For if we flee, they will not care about us; if half of us die, they will not care about us. But you are worth 10,000 such as we are. So now it is better that you be able to help us from the city.
2 Sam 18:4 The king said to them, Whatever seems best to you I will do. So he stood beside the gate, and all the army came out by hundreds and by thousands.
2 Sam 18:5 The king commanded Joab, Abishai, and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders about Absalom.
2 Sam 18:6 So the army went out into the field against Israel, and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim.
2 Sam 18:7 [Absalom's] men of Israel were defeated by the servants of David, and there was a great slaughter that day of 20,000 men.
2 Sam 18:8 For the battle spread over the face of all the country, and the forest devoured more men that day than did the sword.
2 Sam 18:9 Then Absalom [unavoidably] met the servants of David. Absalom rode on a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and Absalom's head caught fast [in a fork] of the oak; and the mule under him

ran away, leaving him hanging between the heavens and the earth.
2 Sam 18:10 A certain man saw it and told Joab, Behold, I saw Absalom hanging in an oak.
2 Sam 18:11 Joab said to the man, You saw him! Why did you not strike him down to the ground? I would have given you ten shekels of silver and a girdle.
2 Sam 18:12 The man told Joab, Though I should receive 1,000 pieces of silver, yet I would not put forth my hand against the king's son. For in our hearing the king charged you, Abishai, and Ittai, Have a care, whoever you be, for the young man Absalom.
2 Sam 18:13 Otherwise, if I had dealt falsely against his life--for nothing is hidden from the king--you yourself would have taken sides against me.
2 Sam 18:14 Joab said, I will not tarry thus with you. He took three darts in his hand and thrust them into the body of Absalom while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak.
2 Sam 18:15 And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded and struck Absalom and killed him.
2 Sam 18:16 Then Joab blew the trumpet, and the troops returned from pursuing Israel, for Joab restrained {and} spared them.
2 Sam 18:17 They took Absalom and cast him into a great pit in the forest and raised a very great heap of stones upon him. And all Israel fled, everyone to his own home.
2 Sam 18:18 Now Absalom in his lifetime had reared up for himself a pillar which is in the King's Valley, for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance. He called the pillar after his own name, and to this day it is called Absalom's Monument.
2 Sam 18:19 Then said Ahimaaz son of Zadok, Let me now run and bear the king tidings of how the Lord has avenged David of his enemies.
2 Sam 18:20 Joab told him, You shall not carry news today, but another time. Today you shall bear no news, for the king's son is dead.
2 Sam 18:21 Then said Joab to the Cushite [an Ethiopian], Go tell the king what you have seen. And the Cushite bowed to Joab and ran.
2 Sam 18:22 Then said Ahimaaz son of Zadok again to Joab, But anyhow, let me, I pray you, also run after the Cushite. Joab said, Why should you run, my son, seeing you will have no reward, for you have not sufficient tidings?
2 Sam 18:23 But he said, Let me run anyhow. So Joab said to him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain and outran the Cushite.
2 Sam 18:24 Now David was sitting between the two gates; and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate by the wall, and when he looked, he saw a man running alone.
2 Sam 18:25 The watchman called out and told the king. The king said, If he is alone, he has news to tell. And he came on and drew near.
2 Sam 18:26 Then the watchman saw another man running, and the watchman called to the gatekeeper, Behold, another man running alone. The king said, He also brings news.
2 Sam 18:27 The watchman said, I think the man in front runs like Ahimaaz son of Zadok. The king said, He is a good man and comes with good tidings.
2 Sam 18:28 And Ahimaaz called and said to the king, All is well! And he fell down to the ground on his face before the king and said, Blessed be the Lord your God, Who has shut up the men who lifted up their hands against my lord the king.
2 Sam 18:29 The king said, Is the young man Absalom safe? Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant and me, your servant, I saw a great tumult, but I do not know what it was.
2 Sam 18:30 The king told him, Turn aside; stand here. And he turned aside and stood still.
2 Sam 18:31 And behold, the Cushite (Ethiopian) came, and he said, News, my lord the king! For the Lord has delivered you this day from all who rose up against you.
2 Sam 18:32 The king said to the Cushite, Is the young man Absalom safe? The Cushite replied, May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise against you to do evil be like that young man is.
2 Sam 18:33 And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And as he went, he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would to God I had died for you, O Absalom, my son, my son!
2 Sam 19:1 IT WAS told Joab, Behold, the king is weeping and mourning for Absalom.
2 Sam 19:2 So the victory that day was turned into mourning for all the people, for they heard it said, The king grieves for his son.
2 Sam 19:3 The people slipped into the city stealthily that day as humiliated people steal away when they flee in battle.
2 Sam 19:4 But the king covered his face and cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my

son!
2 Sam 19:5 And Joab came into the house to the king and said, You have today covered the faces of all your servants with shame, who this day have saved your life and the lives of your sons and your daughters and the lives of your wives and concubines.
2 Sam 19:6 For you love those who hate you and hate those who love you. You have declared today that princes and servants are nothing to you; for today I see that if Absalom had lived and all the rest of us had died, you would be well pleased.
2 Sam 19:7 So now arise, go out and speak kindly and encouragingly to your servants; for I swear by the Lord that if you do not go, not a man will remain with you this night. And this will be worse for you than all the evil that has befallen you from your youth until now.
2 Sam 19:8 Then the king arose and sat in the gate. And all [his followers] were told, The king is sitting in the gate, and they all came before the king. Now Israel [Absalom's troops] had fled, every man to his home.
2 Sam 19:9 And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king delivered us from the hands of our enemies, and he saved us from the hands of the Philistines. And now he has fled out of the land from Absalom.
2 Sam 19:10 And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. So now, why do you say nothing about bringing back the king?
2 Sam 19:11 And King David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Say to the elders of Judah, Why are you the last to bring the king back to his house, when the word of all Israel has come to the king, to bring him to his house?
2 Sam 19:12 You are my kinsmen; you are my bone and my flesh. Why then are you the last to bring back the king?
2 Sam 19:13 And say to Amasa, Are you not of my bone and of my flesh? May God do so to me, and more also, if you are not commander of my army hereafter in place of Joab.
2 Sam 19:14 He inclined the hearts of all the men of Judah as one man, so they sent word to [him], Return, you and all your servants.
2 Sam 19:15 So [David] returned and came to the Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal to meet the king, to conduct him over the Jordan.
2 Sam 19:16 And Shimei son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, hastily came down with the men of Judah to meet King David,
2 Sam 19:17 And 1,000 men of Benjamin with him. And Ziba, the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and twenty servants with him, rushed to the Jordan {and} pressed quickly into the king's presence.
2 Sam 19:18 And there went over a ferryboat to bring over the king's household and to do what he thought good. And Shimei son of Gera fell down before the king as David came to the Jordan,
2 Sam 19:19 And said to the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity to me {and} hold me guilty, nor remember what your servant did the day my lord went out of Jerusalem [when Shimei grossly insulted David]; may the king not take it to heart.
2 Sam 19:20 For your servant knows that I have sinned; therefore, behold, I am today the first of all the house of Joseph to come down to meet my lord the king.
2 Sam 19:21 But Abishai son of Zeruiah said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the Lord's anointed?
2 Sam 19:22 David said, What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you should be an adversary to me today? Shall anyone be put to death today in Israel? For do not I know that I am this day king over Israel?
2 Sam 19:23 Therefore the king said to Shimei, You shall not die [at my hand]. And the king gave him his oath.
2 Sam 19:24 Mephibosheth the son [grandson] of Saul came down to meet the king, and had not dressed his feet, trimmed his beard, or washed his clothes from the day the king left until he returned in peace {and} safety.
2 Sam 19:25 And when he came to Jerusalem to meet the king, David said to him, Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?
2 Sam 19:26 He said, My lord O king, my servant [Ziba] deceived me; for I said, Saddle me the donkey that I may ride on it and go to the king, for your servant is lame [but he took the donkey and left without me].
2 Sam 19:27 He has slandered your servant to my lord the king. But the king is as an angel of God; so do what is good in your eyes.
2 Sam 19:28 For all of my father's house were but doomed to death before my lord the king; yet you set your servant among those who ate at your own table. What right therefore have I to cry any more to the king?
2 Sam 19:29 The king said to him, Why speak any more of your affairs? I say, You and Ziba divide the land.

2 Sam 19:30 Mephibosheth said to the king, Oh, let him take it all, since my lord the king has returned home in safety {and} peace.
2 Sam 19:31 Now Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim and went on to the Jordan with the king to conduct him over the Jordan.
2 Sam 19:32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, even eighty years old; and he had provided the king with food while he remained at Mahanaim, for he was a very great man.
2 Sam 19:33 And the king said to Barzillai, Come over with me, and I will provide for you with me in Jerusalem.
2 Sam 19:34 And Barzillai said to the king, How much longer have I to live, that it would be worthwhile for me to go up with the king to Jerusalem?
2 Sam 19:35 I am this day eighty years old. Could I now [be useful as a counselor to] discern between good and evil? Can your servant appreciate what I eat or drink? Can I any longer enjoy the voices of singing men and women? Why then should your servant be still a burden to my lord the king?
2 Sam 19:36 Your servant will only go over the Jordan with the king. Why should the king repay me with such a reward?
2 Sam 19:37 Let your servant turn back again, that I may die in my own city and be buried by the grave of my father and mother. But here is your servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king. And do to him what shall seem good to you.
2 Sam 19:38 The king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him what seems good to you; and whatever you ask of me I will do for you.
2 Sam 19:39 So all the people went over the Jordan. When the king had crossed over, he kissed Barzillai and blessed him, and [the great man] returned to his own place.
2 Sam 19:40 Then the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went with him; and all the people of Judah and also half the people of Israel escorted the king.
2 Sam 19:41 And all the men of Israel came to the king and said to him, Why have our kinsmen, the men of Judah, stolen you away and have brought the king and his household over the Jordan, and all David's men with him?
2 Sam 19:42 But all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king is near of kin to us. Why then be angry about it? Have we eaten at all at the king's expense? Or has he given us any gift?
2 Sam 19:43 Then the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, We have ten [tribes'] shares in the king; and we have more right to David than you have. Why then did you despise {and} ignore us? Were we not the first to speak of our bringing back our king? But the words of the men of Judah were more violent than the charges of the men of Israel.
2 Sam 20:1 THERE HAPPENED to be there a base {and} contemptible fellow named Sheba son of Bichri, a Benjamite. He blew a trumpet and said, We have no portion in David and no inheritance in the son of Jesse! Every man to his tents, O Israel!
2 Sam 20:2 So all the men of Israel withdrew from David and followed Sheba son of Bichri; but the men of Judah stayed faithfully with their king, from the Jordan to Jerusalem.
2 Sam 20:3 So David came to his house at Jerusalem. And the king took the ten women, his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them away under guard and provided for them, but did not go in to them. So they were shut up to the day of their death, living in widowhood.
2 Sam 20:4 Then said the king to Amasa, Assemble the men of Judah to me within three days, and you be present here.
2 Sam 20:5 So Amasa went to assemble the men of Judah, but he tarried longer than the set time which had been appointed him.
2 Sam 20:6 And David said to Abishai, Now will Sheba son of Bichri do us more harm than Absalom did. Take your lord's servants and pursue him, lest he get for himself fenced cities and snatch away our very eyes.
2 Sam 20:7 And there went after him Joab's men and [David's bodyguards] the Cherethites and Pelethites and all the mighty men; they went out from Jerusalem to pursue Sheba son of Bichri.
2 Sam 20:8 When they were at the great stone in Gibeon, Amasa came to meet them. Joab was wearing a soldier's garment, and over it was a sheathed sword fastened around his hips; and as he went forward, it fell out.
2 Sam 20:9 Joab said to Amasa, Are you well, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand [as if] to kiss him.
2 Sam 20:10 But Amasa did not notice the sword in Joab's hand. So [Joab] struck him [who was to have been his successor] with it in the body, shedding his bowels to the ground without another blow; and [soon] he died. So Joab and Abishai his brother pursued Sheba son of Bichri.
2 Sam 20:11 And one of Joab's men stood by him and said, Whoever favors Joab and is for David, follow Joab!

2 Sam 20:12 And Amasa wallowed in his blood in the highway. And when the man saw that all the people who came by stood still, he removed Amasa out of the highway into the field and spread a cloth over him.
2 Sam 20:13 When Amasa was removed from the highway, all the people went on after Joab to pursue Sheba son of Bichri.
2 Sam 20:14 Joab went through all the tribes of Israel to Abel of Beth-maacah, and all the Berites assembled and also went after [Sheba] ardently.
2 Sam 20:15 And they came and besieged Sheba in Abel of Beth-maacah, and they cast up a siege mound against the city, and it stood against the rampart; and all the men with Joab battered {and} undermined the wall to make it fall.
2 Sam 20:16 Then a wise woman of the city cried, Hear, hear! Say to Joab, Come here so I can speak to you.
2 Sam 20:17 And when he came near her, the woman said, Are you Joab? He answered, I am. Then she said to him, Hear the words of your handmaid. He answered, I am listening.
2 Sam 20:18 Then she said, People used to say, Let them but ask counsel at Abel, and so they settled the matter.
2 Sam 20:19 I am one of the peaceable and faithful in Israel. You seek to destroy a city which is a mother in Israel. Why will you swallow up the inheritance of the Lord?
2 Sam 20:20 Joab answered, Far be it, far be it from me that I should swallow up or destroy!
2 Sam 20:21 That is not true. But a man of the hill country of Ephraim, Sheba son of Bichri, has lifted up his hand against King David. Deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said, Behold, his head shall be thrown to you over the wall.
2 Sam 20:22 Then the woman in her wisdom went to all the people. And they cut off the head of Sheba son of Bichri and cast it down to Joab. So he blew the trumpet, and they retired from the city, every man to his own home. And Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king.
2 Sam 20:23 Joab was over the host of Israel; Benaiah son of Jehoiada was over [the king's bodyguards] the Cherethites and Pelethites;
2 Sam 20:24 Adoram was over the tribute; Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was recorder;
2 Sam 20:25 Sheva was scribe; and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests;
2 Sam 20:26 Also Ira the Jairite was chief minister to David.
2 Sam 21:1 THERE WAS a three-year famine in the days of David, year after year; and David inquired of the Lord. The Lord replied, It is on account of Saul and his bloody house, for he put to death the Gibeonites.
2 Sam 21:2 So the king called the Gibeonites--now the Gibeonites were not Israelites but of the remnant of the Amorites. The Israelites had sworn to spare them, but Saul in his zeal for the people of Israel and Judah had sought to slay the Gibeonites--
2 Sam 21:3 So David said to the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? How can I make atonement that you may bless the Lord's inheritance?
2 Sam 21:4 The Gibeonites said to him, We will accept no silver or gold of Saul or of his house; neither for us shall you kill any man in Israel. David said, I will do for you what you say.
2 Sam 21:5 They said to the king, The man who consumed us and planned to prevent us from remaining in any territory of Israel,
2 Sam 21:6 Let seven men of his sons be delivered to us and we will hang them up before the Lord at Gibeah of Saul, [on the mountain] of the Lord. And the king said, I will give them.
2 Sam 21:7 But the king spared Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, because of the Lord's oath that was between David and Jonathan son of Saul.
2 Sam 21:8 But the king took the two sons of Rizpah daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth, and the five sons of [Merab] daughter of Saul, whom she bore to Adriel son of Barzillai the Meholathite.
2 Sam 21:9 He delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hung them up on the hill before the Lord, and all seven perished together. They were put to death in the first days of barley harvest.
2 Sam 21:10 Rizpah daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until rain fell on them, and she did not allow either the birds of the air to come upon them by day or the beasts of the field by night.
2 Sam 21:11 It was told David what Rizpah daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done.
2 Sam 21:12 And David went and took the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh-gilead, who had stolen them from the street of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hung them up when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa.
2 Sam 21:13 He brought from there the bones of Saul and of Jonathan his son, and they gathered the bones of those

who were hung up.
2 Sam 21:14 And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son they buried in the country of Benjamin in Zelah in the tomb of Kish, [Saul's] father, and they did all that the king commanded. And after that, God heard {and} answered when His people prayed for the land.
2 Sam 21:15 The Philistines had war again with Israel. And David went down and his servants with him and fought against the Philistines, and David became faint.
2 Sam 21:16 Ishbi-benob, who was of the sons of the giants, the weight of whose spear was 300 shekels of bronze, was girded with a new sword, and thought to kill David.
2 Sam 21:17 But Abishai son of Zeruiah came to David's aid, and smote and killed the Philistine. Then David's men charged him, You shall no more go out with us to battle, lest you quench the lamp of Israel.
2 Sam 21:18 After this, there was again war with the Philistines at Gob (Gezer). Then Sibbecai the Hushathite slew Saph (Sippai), who was a descendant of the giant.
2 Sam 21:19 There was again war at Gob with the Philistines, and Elhanan son of Jaare-oregim, a Bethlehemite, slew Goliath the Gittite, whose spear shaft was like a weaver's beam.
2 Sam 21:20 And there was again war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number; he also was a descendant of the giants.
2 Sam 21:21 And when he defied Israel, Jonathan son of Shimei, brother of David, slew him.
2 Sam 21:22 These four were descended from the giant in Gath, and they fell by the hands of David and his servants.
2 Sam 22:1 DAVID SPOKE to the Lord the words of this song on the day when the Lord delivered him from the hands of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.
2 Sam 22:2 He said: The Lord is my Rock [of escape from Saul] and my Fortress [in the wilderness] and my Deliverer;
2 Sam 22:3 My God, my Rock, in Him will I take refuge; my Shield and the Horn of my salvation; my Stronghold and my Refuge, my Savior--You save me from violence.
2 Sam 22:4 I call on the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.
2 Sam 22:5 For the waves of death enveloped me; the torrents of destruction made me afraid.
2 Sam 22:6 The cords of Sheol were entangling me; I encountered the snares of death.
2 Sam 22:7 In my distress I called upon the Lord; I cried to my God, and He heard my voice from His temple; my cry came into His ears.
2 Sam 22:8 Then the earth reeled and quaked, the foundations of the heavens trembled and shook because He was angry.
2 Sam 22:9 Smoke went up from His nostrils, and devouring fire from His mouth; coals were kindled by it.
2 Sam 22:10 He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under His feet.
2 Sam 22:11 He rode on a cherub and flew; He was seen upon the wings of the wind.
2 Sam 22:12 He made darkness His canopy around Him, gathering of waters, thick clouds of the skies.
2 Sam 22:13 Out of the brightness before Him coals of fire flamed forth.
2 Sam 22:14 The Lord thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered His voice.
2 Sam 22:15 He sent out arrows and scattered them; lightning confused {and} troubled them.
2 Sam 22:16 The channels of the sea were visible, the foundations of the world were uncovered at the rebuke of the Lord, at the blast of the breath of His nostrils.
2 Sam 22:17 He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of great waters.
2 Sam 22:18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.
2 Sam 22:19 They came upon me in the day of my calamity, but the Lord was my stay.
2 Sam 22:20 He brought me forth into a large place; He delivered me because He delighted in me.
2 Sam 22:21 The Lord rewarded me according to my uprightness with Him; He compensated {and} benefited me according to the cleanness of my hands.
2 Sam 22:22 For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God.
2 Sam 22:23 For all His ordinances were before me; and from His statutes I did not turn aside.
2 Sam 22:24 I was also blameless before Him and kept myself from guilt {and} iniquity.
2 Sam 22:25 Therefore the Lord has recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in His [holy] sight.
2 Sam 22:26 Toward the loving {and} loyal You will show Yourself loving {and} loyal, and with the upright {and} blameless You will show Yourself upright {and} blameless.
2 Sam 22:27 To the pure You will show Yourself pure, and to the willful You will show Yourself willful.

2 Sam 22:28 And the afflicted people You will deliver, but Your eyes are upon the haughty, whom You will bring down.
2 Sam 22:29 For You, O Lord, are my Lamp; the Lord lightens my darkness.
2 Sam 22:30 For by You I run through a troop; by my God I leap over a wall.
2 Sam 22:31 As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried. He is a Shield to all those who trust {and} take refuge in Him.
2 Sam 22:32 For who is God but the Lord? And who is a Rock except our God?
2 Sam 22:33 God is my strong Fortress; He guides the blameless in His way {and} sets him free.
2 Sam 22:34 He makes my feet like the hinds' [firm and able]; He sets me secure {and} confident upon the heights.
2 Sam 22:35 He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
2 Sam 22:36 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; and Your condescension {and} gentleness have made me great.
2 Sam 22:37 You have enlarged my steps under me, so that my feet have not slipped.
2 Sam 22:38 I have pursued my enemies and destroyed them; and I did not turn back until they were consumed.
2 Sam 22:39 I consumed them and thrust them through, so that they did not arise; they fell at my feet.
2 Sam 22:40 For You girded me with strength for the battle; those who rose up against me You subdued under me.
2 Sam 22:41 You have made my enemies turn their backs to me, that I might cut off those who hate me.
2 Sam 22:42 They looked, but there was none to save--even to the Lord, but He did not answer them.
2 Sam 22:43 Then I beat them small as the dust of the earth; I crushed them as the mire of the street and scattered them abroad.
2 Sam 22:44 You also have delivered me from strife with my people; You kept me as the head of the nations. People whom I had not known served me.
2 Sam 22:45 Foreigners yielded feigned obedience to me; as soon as they heard of me, they became obedient to me.
2 Sam 22:46 Foreigners faded away; they came limping {and} trembling from their strongholds.
2 Sam 22:47 The Lord lives; blessed be my Rock, and exalted be God, the Rock of my salvation.
2 Sam 22:48 It is God Who executes vengeance for me and Who brought down [and disciplined] the peoples under me,
2 Sam 22:49 Who brought me out from my enemies. You also lifted me up above those who rose up against me; You delivered me from the violent man.
2 Sam 22:50 For this I will give thanks {and} extol You, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing praises to Your name.
2 Sam 22:51 He is a Tower of salvation {and} great deliverance to His king, and shows loving-kindness to His anointed, to David and his offspring forever.
2 Sam 23:1 NOW THESE are the last words of David: David son of Jesse says, and the man who was raised on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, says,
2 Sam 23:2 The Spirit of the Lord spoke in {and} by me, and His word was upon my tongue.
2 Sam 23:3 The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me, When one rules over men righteously, ruling in the fear of God,
2 Sam 23:4 He dawns on them like the morning light when the sun rises on a cloudless morning, when the tender grass springs out of the earth through clear shining after rain.
2 Sam 23:5 Truly does not my house stand so with God? For He has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure. For will He not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?
2 Sam 23:6 But wicked, godless, {and} worthless lives are all like thorns to be thrust away, because they cannot be taken with the hand.
2 Sam 23:7 But the man who touches them arms himself with iron and the shaft of a spear, and they are utterly consumed with fire on the spot.
2 Sam 23:8 These are the names of the mighty men whom David had: Josheb-basshebeth, a Tahchemonite, chief of the Three [heroes], known also as Adino the Eznite; he wielded his spear and went against 800 men, who were slain at one time.
2 Sam 23:9 Next to him among the three mighty men was Eleazar son of Dodo, son of Ahohi. He was with David when they defied the Philistines assembled there for battle, and the men of Israel had departed.
2 Sam 23:10 [Eleazar] arose and struck down the Philistines until his hand was weary and clung to the sword. The Lord wrought a great deliverance {and} victory that day; the men returned after him only to take the spoil.
2 Sam 23:11 Next to [Eleazar] was Shammah son of Agee the Hararite. The Philistines were gathered at Lehi on a piece of ground full of lentils; and the [Israelites] fled from the Philistines.

2 Sam 23:12 But he stood in the midst of the ground and defended it and slew the Philistines; and the Lord wrought a great victory.
2 Sam 23:13 And three of the thirty chief men went down at harvest time to David in the cave of Adullam, and a troop of Philistines was encamped in the Valley of Rephaim.
2 Sam 23:14 And David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.
2 Sam 23:15 And David said longingly, Oh, that someone would give me a drink of water from the well of Bethlehem by the gate!
2 Sam 23:16 And the three mighty men broke through the army of the Philistines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem by the gate and brought it to David. But he would not drink it, but poured it out to the Lord.
2 Sam 23:17 And he said, Be it far from me, O Lord, to drink this. Is it not [the same as] the blood of the men who went at the risk of their lives? So he would not drink it. These things did the three mighty men.
2 Sam 23:18 Now Abishai the brother of Joab son of Zeruiah was chief of the Three. He wielded his spear against 300 men and slew them, and won a name beside the Three.
2 Sam 23:19 Was he not most renowned of the Three? So he was their captain; however, he did not attain to the Three.
2 Sam 23:20 And Benaiah son of Jehoiada, a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done many notable acts, slew two lionlike men of Moab. He went down also and slew a lion in a pit on a snowy day.
2 Sam 23:21 And he slew an Egyptian, a handsome man. The Egyptian had a spear in his hand, but Benaiah went down to him with a staff, snatched the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew the man with his own spear.
2 Sam 23:22 These things Benaiah son of Jehoiada did, and won a name beside the three mighty men.
2 Sam 23:23 He was more renowned than the Thirty, but he attained not to the [first] Three. David set him over his guard {or} council.
2 Sam 23:24 Asahel brother of Joab was one of the Thirty; then Elhanan son of Dodo of Bethlehem,
2 Sam 23:25 Shammah of Harod, Elika of Harod,
2 Sam 23:26 Helez the Paltite, Ira son of Ikkesh of Tekoa,
2 Sam 23:27 Abiezer of Anathoth, Mebunnai the Hushathite,
2 Sam 23:28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai of Netophah,
2 Sam 23:29 Heleb son of Baanah of Netophah, Ittai son of Ribai of Gibeah of the Benjamites.
2 Sam 23:30 Benaiah of Pirathon, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash,
2 Sam 23:31 Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite,
2 Sam 23:32 Eliahba of Shaalbon, the sons of Jashen, Jonathan,
2 Sam 23:33 Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam son of Sharar the Hararite,
2 Sam 23:34 Eliphelet son of Ahasbai, son of Maacah, Eliam son of Ahithophel of Giloh,
2 Sam 23:35 Hezro (Hezrai) of Carmel, Paarai the Arbite,
2 Sam 23:36 Igal son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite,
2 Sam 23:37 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai of Beeroth, armor-bearer of Joab son of Zeruiah,
2 Sam 23:38 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,
2 Sam 23:39 Uriah the Hittite--thirty-seven in all.
2 Sam 24:1 AGAIN THE anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and He moved David against them, saying, Go, number Israel and Judah.
2 Sam 24:2 For the king said to Joab the captain of the host who was with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beersheba, and count the people, that I may know their number.
2 Sam 24:3 And Joab said to the king, May the Lord your God add a hundred times as many people as there are, and let the eyes of my lord the king see it; but why does my lord the king delight in this thing?
2 Sam 24:4 But the king's word prevailed against Joab and the commanders of the army. So they went from the king's presence to number the Israelites.
2 Sam 24:5 They passed over the Jordan and encamped in Aroer, on the south side of the city lying in the midst of the ravine [of the Arnon] toward Gad, and on to Jazer.
2 Sam 24:6 Then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtim-hodshi, and they came to Dan-jaan [Dan in the forest] and around to Sidon,
2 Sam 24:7 And came to the stronghold of Tyre and to all the cities of the Hivites and Canaanites; and they went out to the South (the Negeb) of Judah at Beersheba.
2 Sam 24:8 So when they had gone through all the land [taking the census], they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

2 Sam 24:9 And Joab gave the sum of the numbering of the people to the king. There were in Israel 800,000 valiant men who drew the sword, and the men of Judah were 500,000.
2 Sam 24:10 But David's heart smote him after he had numbered the people. David said to the Lord, I have sinned greatly in what I have done. I beseech You, O Lord, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly.
2 Sam 24:11 When David arose in the morning, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying,
2 Sam 24:12 Go and say to David, Thus says the Lord, I hold over you three choices; select one of them, so I may bring it upon you.
2 Sam 24:13 So Gad came to David and told him and said, Shall seven years of famine come to your land? Or will you flee three months before your pursuing enemies? Or do you prefer three days of pestilence in your land? Consider and see what answer I shall return to Him Who sent me.
2 Sam 24:14 And David said to Gad, I am in great distress. Let us fall into the hands of the Lord, for His mercies are many {and} great; but let me not fall into the hands of man.
2 Sam 24:15 So the Lord sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed; and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba 70,000 men.
2 Sam 24:16 And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord relented of the evil {and} reversed His judgment and said to the destroying angel, It is enough; now stay your hand. And the angel of the Lord was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.
2 Sam 24:17 When David saw the angel who was smiting the people, he spoke to the Lord and said, Behold, I have sinned and I have done wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray You, be [only] against me and against my father's house.
2 Sam 24:18 Then Gad came to David and said, Go up, rear an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.
2 Sam 24:19 So David went up according to Gad's word, as the Lord commanded.
2 Sam 24:20 Araunah looked and saw the king and his servants coming toward him; and [he] went out and bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.
2 Sam 24:21 Araunah said, Why has my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshing floor from you, to build there an altar to the Lord, that the plague may be stayed from the people.
2 Sam 24:22 And Araunah said to David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seems good to him. Behold, here are oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and the yokes of the oxen for wood.
2 Sam 24:23 All this, O king, Araunah gives to the king. And Araunah said to the king, The Lord your God accept you.
2 Sam 24:24 But King David said to Araunah, No, but I will buy it of you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God of that which costs me nothing. So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.
2 Sam 24:25 David built there an altar to the Lord and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord heeded the prayers for the land, and Israel's plague was stayed.
1 Kin 1:1 AND KING David was old and advanced in years; they covered him with [bed]clothes, but he could not get warm.
1 Kin 1:2 So his servants [the physicians] said to him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin, and let her wait on and be useful to the king; let her lie in your bosom, that my lord the king may get warm.
1 Kin 1:3 So they sought a fair maiden through all the territory of Israel and found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the king.
1 Kin 1:4 The maiden was beautiful; and she waited on and nursed him. But the king had no intercourse with her.
1 Kin 1:5 Then Adonijah son of [David's wife] Haggith exalted himself, saying, I [the eldest living son] will be king. And he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, with fifty men to run before him.
1 Kin 1:6 David his father had never in his life displeased him by asking, Why have you done so? He was also a very attractive man and was born after Absalom.
1 Kin 1:7 He conferred with Joab son of Zeruiah [David's half sister] and with Abiathar the priest, and they followed Adonijah and helped him.
1 Kin 1:8 But Zadok the priest, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, Nathan the prophet, Shimei, Rei, and David's mighty men did not side with Adonijah.
1 Kin 1:9 Adonijah sacrificed sheep, oxen, and fatlings by the Stone of Zoheleth, which is beside [the well] En-rogel; and he invited all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the royal officials of Judah.

1 Kin 1:10 But Nathan the prophet, Benaiah, the mighty men, and Solomon his brother he did not invite.
1 Kin 1:11 Then Nathan said to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, Have you not heard that Adonijah, the son of Haggith, reigns and David our lord does not know it?
1 Kin 1:12 Come now, let me advise you how to save your own life and your son Solomon's.
1 Kin 1:13 Go to King David and say, Did you not, my lord, O king, swear to your handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? Why then does Adonijah reign?
1 Kin 1:14 Behold, while you are still talking there with the king, I also will come in after you and confirm your words.
1 Kin 1:15 So Bathsheba went in to the king in his chamber. Now the king was very old {and} feeble, and Abishag the Shunammite was ministering to [him].
1 Kin 1:16 Bathsheba bowed and did obeisance to the king. The king said, What do you wish?
1 Kin 1:17 And she said to him, My lord, you swore by the Lord your God to your handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me and sit upon my throne.
1 Kin 1:18 And now, behold, Adonijah is reigning, and, my lord the king, you do not know it.
1 Kin 1:19 He has sacrificed oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the king's sons and Abiathar the priest and Joab the commander of the army. But he did not invite Solomon your servant.
1 Kin 1:20 Now, my lord O king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, to tell who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after you.
1 Kin 1:21 Otherwise, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, I and my son Solomon shall be counted as offenders.
1 Kin 1:22 While she was still talking with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in.
1 Kin 1:23 The king was told, Here is Nathan the prophet. And when he came before the king, he bowed himself before him with his face to the ground.
1 Kin 1:24 And Nathan said, My lord the king, have you said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne?
1 Kin 1:25 He has gone this day and sacrificed oxen, fatlings, and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the king's sons, the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and they eat and drink before him and say, Long live King Adonijah!
1 Kin 1:26 But me your servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon he has not invited.
1 Kin 1:27 Is this done by my lord the king and you have not shown your servants who shall succeed my lord the king?
1 Kin 1:28 Then King David answered, Call Bathsheba. And she came into the king's presence and stood before him.
1 Kin 1:29 And the king took an oath and said, As the Lord lives, Who has redeemed my soul out of all distress,
1 Kin 1:30 Even as I swore to you by the Lord, the God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead--even so will I certainly do this day.
1 Kin 1:31 Bathsheba bowed with her face to the ground and did obeisance to the king and said, Let my lord King David live forever!
1 Kin 1:32 King David said, Call Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king.
1 Kin 1:33 The king told them, Take the servants of your lord and cause Solomon my son to ride on my own mule and bring him down to Gihon [in the Kidron Valley].
1 Kin 1:34 And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel. Then blow the trumpet and say, Long live King Solomon!
1 Kin 1:35 Then you shall come up after him, and he shall come and sit on my throne, for he shall be king in my stead; I have appointed him ruler over Israel and Judah.
1 Kin 1:36 And Benaiah son of Jehoiada answered the king and said, Amen! May the Lord, the God of my lord the king, say so too.
1 Kin 1:37 As the Lord has been with my lord the king, even so may He be with Solomon and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David.
1 Kin 1:38 So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites [the king's bodyguards] went down and caused Solomon to ride upon King David's mule and brought him to Gihon.
1 Kin 1:39 Zadok the priest took a horn of oil out of the tent and anointed Solomon. They blew the trumpet and all the people said, Long live King Solomon!

1 Kin 1:40 All the people followed him; they played on pipes and rejoiced greatly, so that the earth [resounded] with the joyful sound.
1 Kin 1:41 And Adonijah and all the guests with him heard it as they finished feasting. When Joab heard the trumpet sound, he said, What does this uproar in the city mean?
1 Kin 1:42 While he was still speaking, behold, Jonathan son of Abiathar the priest came. And Adonijah said, Come in, for you are a trustworthy man and bring good news.
1 Kin 1:43 Jonathan replied, Adonijah, truly our lord King David has made Solomon king!
1 Kin 1:44 The king has sent him with Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule.
1 Kin 1:45 Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon; they have come up from there rejoicing, so the city resounds. This is the noise you heard.
1 Kin 1:46 Solomon sits on the royal throne.
1 Kin 1:47 Moreover, the king's servants came to congratulate our lord King David, saying, May God make the name of Solomon better than your name and make his throne greater than your throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed
1 Kin 1:48 And said, Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, Who has granted me to see one of my offspring sitting on my throne this day.
1 Kin 1:49 And all the guests that were with Adonijah were afraid and rose up and went every man his way.
1 Kin 1:50 And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose and went [to the tabernacle tent on Mt. Zion] and caught hold of the horns of the altar [as a fugitive's refuge].
1 Kin 1:51 And it was told Solomon, Behold, Adonijah fears King Solomon, for behold, he has caught hold of the horns of the altar, saying, Let King Solomon swear to me first that he will not slay his servant with the sword.
1 Kin 1:52 Solomon said, If he will show himself to be a worthy man, not a hair of him shall fall to the ground; but if wickedness is found in him, he shall die.
1 Kin 1:53 So King Solomon sent, and they brought Adonijah down from the altar [in front of the tabernacle]. He came and bowed himself to King Solomon, and Solomon said to him, Go to your house.
1 Kin 2:1 WHEN DAVID'S time to die was near, he charged Solomon his son, saying,
1 Kin 2:2 I go the way of all the earth. Be strong and show yourself a man;
1 Kin 2:3 Keep the charge of the Lord your God, walk in His ways, keep His statutes, His commandments, His precepts, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may do wisely {and} prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn,
1 Kin 2:4 That the Lord may fulfill His promise to me, saying, If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart {and} mind and with all their soul, there shall not fail you [to have] a man on the throne of Israel.
1 Kin 2:5 You know also what Joab son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, Abner son of Ner and Amasa son of Jether, whom he murdered, avenging in time of peace blood shed in war, and putting innocent blood of war on the girdle on his loins and on the sandals of his feet.
1 Kin 2:6 Do therefore according to your wisdom, but let not his hoary head go down to Sheol (the place of the dead) in peace.
1 Kin 2:7 But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite and let them be among those who eat at your table; for with such kindness they met me when I fled because of Absalom your brother.
1 Kin 2:8 And you have with you Shimei son of Gera, the Benjamite of Bahurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim. But he came down to meet me at the Jordan [on my return], and I swore to him by the Lord, saying, I will not put you to death with the sword.
1 Kin 2:9 So do not hold him guiltless; for you are a wise man and know what you should do to him. His hoary head bring down to the grave with blood.
1 Kin 2:10 So David slept with his fathers and was buried in the City of David.
1 Kin 2:11 David reigned over Israel forty years--seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.
1 Kin 2:12 Then Solomon sat on the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was firmly established.
1 Kin 2:13 Adonijah, the son of [David and] Haggith, came to Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon. She said, Do you come peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.
1 Kin 2:14 He said, I have something to say to you. And she said, Say on.
1 Kin 2:15 He said, You know that the kingdom belonged to me [as the eldest living son], and all Israel looked to me to reign. However, the kingdom has passed from me to my brother; for it was his from the Lord.

1 Kin 2:16 Now I make one request of you; do not deny me. And she said, Say on.
1 Kin 2:17 He said, I pray you, ask King Solomon, for he will not refuse you, to give me Abishag the Shunammite to be my wife.
1 Kin 2:18 And Bathsheba said, Very well; I will speak for you to the king.
1 Kin 2:19 So Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah. The king rose to meet her, bowed to her, sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set at his right hand for her, the king's mother.
1 Kin 2:20 Then she said, I have one small request to make of you; do not refuse me. The king said to her, Ask on, my mother, for I will not refuse you.
1 Kin 2:21 She said, Give Abishag the Shunammite to Adonijah your brother to be his wife.
1 Kin 2:22 King Solomon answered his mother, And why do you ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Ask for him the kingdom also--for he is my elder brother--[ask it] even for him and for [his supporters] Abiathar the priest and Joab son of Zeruiah.
1 Kin 2:23 Then King Solomon swore by the Lord, saying, May God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah has not requested this against his own life.
1 Kin 2:24 Therefore, as the Lord lives, Who has established me and set me on the throne of David my father and Who has made me a house as He promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day.
1 Kin 2:25 So King Solomon sent Benaiah son of Jehoiada, who attacked [Adonijah] and he died.
1 Kin 2:26 And to Abiathar the priest the king said, Get to Anathoth to your own estate; for you deserve death, but I will not put you to death now, because you bore the ark of the Lord God before my father David and were afflicted in all my father endured.
1 Kin 2:27 So Solomon expelled Abiathar [descendant of Eli] from being priest to the Lord, fulfilling the word of the Lord which He spoke concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.
1 Kin 2:28 When the news came to Joab, for Joab had followed Adonijah though he had not followed Absalom, [he] fled to the tent (tabernacle) of the Lord and caught hold of the horns of the altar [before it].
1 Kin 2:29 King Solomon was told that Joab had fled to the tent of the Lord and was at the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, strike him down.
1 Kin 2:30 So Benaiah came to the tent of the Lord and told Joab, The king commands, Come forth. But Joab said, No, I will die here. Then Benaiah brought the king word again, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me.
1 Kin 2:31 The king said to him, Do as he has said. Strike him down and bury him, that you may take away from [me and from] my father's house the innocent blood which Joab shed.
1 Kin 2:32 The Lord shall return his bloody deeds upon his own head, for he fell upon two men more [uncompromisingly] righteous and honorable than he and slew them with the sword, without my father knowing of it: Abner son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and Amasa son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah.
1 Kin 2:33 So shall their blood return upon the head of Joab and of his descendants forever. But upon David, his descendants, his house, and his throne, there shall be peace from the Lord forever.
1 Kin 2:34 So Benaiah son of Jehoiada went up and struck and killed Joab, and he was buried at his own house in the wilderness.
1 Kin 2:35 The king put Benaiah son of Jehoiada in Joab's place over the army and put Zadok the priest in place of Abiathar.
1 Kin 2:36 The king sent for Shimei and said to him, Build yourself a house in Jerusalem and dwell there, and do not leave there.
1 Kin 2:37 For on the day you go out and pass over the brook Kidron, know with certainty that you shall die; your blood shall be upon your own head.
1 Kin 2:38 And Shimei said to the king, The saying is good. As my lord the king has said, so your servant will do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days.
1 Kin 2:39 But after three years, two of Shimei's servants ran away to Achish son of Maacah, king of Gath. And Shimei was told, Behold, your [runaway] servants are in Gath.
1 Kin 2:40 So Shimei arose, saddled his donkey, and went to Gath to King Achish to seek his servants, and brought them from Gath.
1 Kin 2:41 It was told Solomon that Shimei went from Jerusalem to Gath and had returned.
1 Kin 2:42 And the king sent for Shimei and said to him, Did I not make you swear by the Lord and warn you, saying, Know with certainty, on the day you go out and walk abroad anywhere, you shall surely die? And you said to me, I have heard your word. It is accepted.
1 Kin 2:43 Why then have you not kept the oath of the Lord and the command with which I have charged you?

1 Kin 2:44 The king also said to Shimei, You are aware in your own heart of all the evil you did to my father David; so the Lord will return your evil upon your own head.
1 Kin 2:45 But King Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the Lord forever.
1 Kin 2:46 So the king commanded Benaiah son of Jehoiada, who went out and struck down Shimei, and he died. And the kingdom was established in the hands of Solomon.
1 Kin 3:1 AND SOLOMON made an alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt and took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into the City of David until he had finished building his own house and the house of the Lord, and the wall around Jerusalem.
1 Kin 3:2 But the people sacrificed [to God] in the high places [as the heathen did to their idols], for there was no house yet built to the Name of the Lord.
1 Kin 3:3 Solomon loved the Lord, walking [at first] in the statutes {and} practices of David his father, only he sacrificed and burned incense in the high places.
1 Kin 3:4 The king went to Gibeon [near Jerusalem, where stood the tabernacle and the bronze altar] to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. One thousand burnt offerings Solomon offered on that altar.
1 Kin 3:5 In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night. And God said, Ask what I shall give you.
1 Kin 3:6 Solomon said, You have shown to Your servant David my father great mercy {and} loving-kindness, according as he walked before You in faithfulness, righteousness, and uprightness of heart with You; and You have kept for him this great kindness {and} steadfast love, that You have given him a son to sit on his throne this day.
1 Kin 3:7 Now, O Lord my God, You have made Your servant king instead of David my father, and I am but a lad [in wisdom and experience]; I know not how to go out (begin) or come in (finish).
1 Kin 3:8 Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people who cannot be counted for multitude.
1 Kin 3:9 So give Your servant an understanding mind {and} a hearing heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and bad. For who is able to judge {and} rule this Your great people?
1 Kin 3:10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.
1 Kin 3:11 God said to him, Because you have asked this and have not asked for long life or for riches, nor for the lives of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to recognize what is just and right,
1 Kin 3:12 Behold, I have done as you asked. I have given you a wise, discerning mind, so that no one before you was your equal, nor shall any arise after you equal to you.
1 Kin 3:13 I have also given you what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there shall not be any among the kings equal to you all your days.
1 Kin 3:14 And if you will go My way, keep My statutes and My commandments as your father David did, then I will lengthen your days.
1 Kin 3:15 Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. He came to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.
1 Kin 3:16 Then two women who had become mothers out of wedlock came and stood before the king.
1 Kin 3:17 And one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.
1 Kin 3:18 And the third day after I was delivered, this woman also was delivered. And we were together; no stranger was with us, just we two in the house.
1 Kin 3:19 And this woman's child died in the night because she lay on him.
1 Kin 3:20 And she arose at midnight and took my son from beside me while your handmaid slept and laid him in her bosom and laid her dead child in my bosom.
1 Kin 3:21 And when I rose to nurse my child, behold, he was dead. But when I had considered him in the morning, behold, it was not the son I had borne.
1 Kin 3:22 But the other woman said, No! But the living one is my son, and the dead one is your son! And this one said, No! But the dead son is your son, and the living is my son. Thus they spoke before the king.
1 Kin 3:23 The king said, One says, This is my son that is alive and yours is the dead one. The other woman says, No! But your son is the dead one and mine is the living one.
1 Kin 3:24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword to the king.
1 Kin 3:25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two and give half to the one and half to the other.
1 Kin 3:26 Then the mother of the living child said to the king, for she yearned over her son, O my lord, give her the living baby, and by no means slay him. But the other said, Let him not be mine or yours, but divide him.
1 Kin 3:27 Then the king said, Give her [who pleads for his life] the living baby, and by no means slay him. She is the

child's mother.
1 Kin 3:28 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had made, and they stood in awe of him, for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to do justice.
1 Kin 4:1 KING SOLOMON was king over all Israel.
1 Kin 4:2 These were his chief officials: Azariah son of Zadok was the [high] priest;
1 Kin 4:3 Elihoreph and Ahijah, sons of Shisha, were secretaries; Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was recorder;
1 Kin 4:4 Benaiah son of Jehoiada commanded the army; Zadok and Abiathar were priests;
1 Kin 4:5 Azariah son of Nathan was over the officers; Zabud son of Nathan was priest and the king's friend {and} private advisor;
1 Kin 4:6 Ahishar was in charge of the palace; and Adoniram son of Abda was in charge of the forced labor.
1 Kin 4:7 Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, who secured provisions for the king and his household; each man had to provide for a month in a year.
1 Kin 4:8 These were their names: Ben-hur, in the hill country of Ephraim;
1 Kin 4:9 Ben-deker, in Makaz, Shaalbim, Beth-shemesh, and Elon-beth-hanan;
1 Kin 4:10 Ben-hesed, in Arubboth (to him belonged Socoh and all the land of Hepher);
1 Kin 4:11 Ben-abinadab, in Naphoth-dor (he had Taphath, Solomon's daughter, as wife);
1 Kin 4:12 Baana son of Ahilud, in Taanach, Megiddo, and all Beth-shean which is beside Zarethan below Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah as far as beyond Jokmeam;
1 Kin 4:13 Ben-geber, in Ramoth-gilead (to him belonged the villages of Jair son of Manasseh which are in Gilead, also the region of Argob which is in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and bronze bars);
1 Kin 4:14 Ahinadab son of Iddo, in Mahanaim;
1 Kin 4:15 Ahimaaz, in Naphtali (he had taken Basemath, Solomon's daughter, as his wife);
1 Kin 4:16 Baana son of Hushai, in Asher and Bealoth;
1 Kin 4:17 Jehoshaphat son of Paruah, in Issachar;
1 Kin 4:18 Shimei son of Ela, in Benjamin;
1 Kin 4:19 Geber son of Uri, in Gilead, the country of Sihon king of the Amorites and of Og king of Bashan; only one officer was over all the country [at one time, each serving for one month].
1 Kin 4:20 Judah and Israel were many, like the sand which is by the sea in multitude; they ate, drank, and rejoiced.
1 Kin 4:21 Solomon reigned over all the kingdoms from the [Euphrates] River to the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt; they brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life.
1 Kin 4:22 Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, sixty measures of meal,
1 Kin 4:23 Ten fat oxen, twenty pasture-fed cattle, a hundred sheep, besides harts, gazelles, roebucks, and fatted fowl of choice kinds.
1 Kin 4:24 For he had dominion over all the region west of the [Euphrates] River, from Tiphsah to Gaza, over all the kings west of the River, and he had peace on all sides around him.
1 Kin 4:25 Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and fig tree, from Dan to Beersheba, all of Solomon's days.
1 Kin 4:26 Solomon also had 40,000 stalls of horses for his chariots, and 12,000 horsemen.
1 Kin 4:27 And those officers provided food for King Solomon and for all who came to his table, every man in his month; they let nothing be lacking.
1 Kin 4:28 Barley also and straw for the horses and swift steeds they brought to the place where it was needed, each according to his assignment.
1 Kin 4:29 And God gave Solomon exceptionally much wisdom and understanding, and breadth of mind like the sand of the seashore.
1 Kin 4:30 Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the people of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt.
1 Kin 4:31 For he was wiser than all other men--than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol. His fame was in all the nations round about.
1 Kin 4:32 He also originated 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005.
1 Kin 4:33 He spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of the wall; he spoke also of beasts, of birds, of creeping things, and of fish.
1 Kin 4:34 Men came from all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and from all kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom.
1 Kin 5:1 HIRAM KING of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that he was anointed king in place of his father, for Hiram always loved David.

1 Kin 5:2 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,
1 Kin 5:3 You know how David my father could not build a house to the Name of the Lord his God because wars were about him on every side, until the Lord put his foes under his feet.
1 Kin 5:4 But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil confronting me.
1 Kin 5:5 And I purpose to build a house to the Name of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to David my father, Your son whom I will set on your throne in your place shall build the house to My Name {and} Presence.
1 Kin 5:6 So, Hiram, command them to hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; my servants shall join yours, and I will give you whatever wages you set for your servants. For you know that no one among us can equal the skill of the Sidon men in cutting timber.
1 Kin 5:7 When Hiram heard the words of Solomon, he rejoiced greatly and said, Blessed be the Lord this day, Who has given David a wise son to be over this great people.
1 Kin 5:8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things for which you sent to me; I will do all you wish concerning the cedar and cypress timber.
1 Kin 5:9 My servants shall bring the logs down from Lebanon to the sea, make them into rafts, and float them by sea to the place that you direct. I will have them released there, and you shall take them away. And you shall fulfill my desire by providing food for my household.
1 Kin 5:10 So Hiram gave Solomon all the cedar and cypress trees he desired,
1 Kin 5:11 And Solomon gave Hiram 20,000 measures of wheat for food for his household, and 20 measures of pure, beaten oil. He gave these to Hiram yearly.
1 Kin 5:12 The Lord gave Solomon wisdom, as He promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and they made a treaty.
1 Kin 5:13 King Solomon raised a levy [of forced labor] out of all Israel; and the levy was 30,000 men.
1 Kin 5:14 He sent them to Lebanon, 10,000 a month by divisions; one month they were in Lebanon and two months at home. Adoniram was over the levy.
1 Kin 5:15 And Solomon had 70,000 burden bearers and 80,000 hewers [of stone] in the hill country of Judah,
1 Kin 5:16 Besides Solomon's 3,300 overseers in charge of the people doing the work.
1 Kin 5:17 The king commanded, and they hewed {and} brought out great, costly stones in order to lay the foundation of the house with dressed stone.
1 Kin 5:18 Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders and the men of Gebal did the hewing and prepared the timber and stones to build the house.
1 Kin 6:1 AND 480 years after the Israelites came out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the second month, Ziv, he began to build the Lord's house.
1 Kin 6:2 The length of the house Solomon built for the Lord was sixty cubits, its breadth twenty, and its height thirty cubits.
1 Kin 6:3 The length of the vestibule in front of the temple was twenty cubits, equal to the width of the house, and its depth in front of the house was ten cubits.
1 Kin 6:4 For the house he made narrow [latticed] windows.
1 Kin 6:5 Against the wall of the house he built chambers running round the walls of the house both of the Holy Place and of the Holy of Holies; and he made side chambers all around.
1 Kin 6:6 The first story's side chambers were five cubits wide, those of the middle story six cubits wide, and of the third story seven cubits wide; for around the outside of the wall of the house he made offsets in order that the supporting beams should not be thrust into the walls of the house.
1 Kin 6:7 When the house was being built, its stone was made ready at the quarry, and no hammer, ax, or tool of iron was heard in the house while it was in building.
1 Kin 6:8 The entrance to the lowest side chamber was on the right [or south] side of the house; and one went up winding stairs into the middle chamber and from the middle into the third.
1 Kin 6:9 So Solomon built the temple building and finished it, and roofed the house with beams and boards of cedar.
1 Kin 6:10 Then he built the stories of chambers [the lean-to] against all the house, each [story] five cubits high; and it was joined to the house with timbers of cedar.
1 Kin 6:11 Now the word of the Lord came to Solomon, saying,
1 Kin 6:12 Concerning this house which you are building, if you will walk in My statutes, execute My precepts, and keep all My commandments to walk in them, then I will fulfill to you My promises which I made to David your father.

1 Kin 6:13 And I will dwell among the Israelites and will not forsake My people Israel.
1 Kin 6:14 So Solomon built the house and finished it.
1 Kin 6:15 He built the walls of the house (the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies) within with boards of cedar, from the floor of the house to the rafters of the ceiling. He covered the inside with wood, and the floor of the house with boards of cypress.
1 Kin 6:16 He built twenty cubits of the rear of the house with boards of cedar from the floor to the rafters; he built it within for the sanctuary, the Holy of Holies.
1 Kin 6:17 The [rest of the] house, that is, the temple in front of the Holy of Holies, was forty cubits long.
1 Kin 6:18 The cedar on the house within was carved with gourds and open flowers. All was cedar; no stone was visible.
1 Kin 6:19 And he prepared the Holy of Holies in the inner room in which to set the ark of the covenant of the Lord.
1 Kin 6:20 The Holy of Holies was twenty cubits in length, in breadth, and in height. He overlaid it with pure gold. He also overlaid the cedar altar.
1 Kin 6:21 Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold, and he drew chains of gold across in front of the Holy of Holies and overlaid it with gold.
1 Kin 6:22 And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until all the house was finished. Also the whole [incense] altar that [stood outside the door but] belonged to the Holy of Holies he overlaid with gold.
1 Kin 6:23 Within the Holy of Holies he made two cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high.
1 Kin 6:24 Five cubits was the length of one wing of the cherub and five cubits its other wing; from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other was ten cubits.
1 Kin 6:25 The wings of the other cherub were also ten cubits. Both cherubim were the same,
1 Kin 6:26 The height of one cherub ten cubits, as was the other.
1 Kin 6:27 He put the cherubim within the inner sanctuary. Their wings were stretched out, so that the wing of one touched one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall, and their inner wings touched in the midst of the room.
1 Kin 6:28 Solomon overlaid the cherubim with gold.
1 Kin 6:29 He carved all the walls of the house (these two holy rooms) round about with figures of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, within and without.
1 Kin 6:30 The floor of the house he overlaid with gold, inside and out.
1 Kin 6:31 For the Holy of Holies he made [folding] doors of olive wood; their entire width was one-fifth that of the wall.
1 Kin 6:32 On the two doors of olive wood he carved cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers; he overlaid them with gold, and spread gold on the cherubim and palm trees.
1 Kin 6:33 Also he made for the door of the Holy Place four-sided posts of olive wood.
1 Kin 6:34 The two doors were of cypress wood; the two leaves of each door were folding.
1 Kin 6:35 He carved on them cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, covered with gold evenly applied on the carved work.
1 Kin 6:36 He built the inner court with three rows of hewn stone and a row of cedar beams.
1 Kin 6:37 In the fourth year the foundation of the Lord's house was laid, in the [second] month, Ziv.
1 Kin 6:38 In the eleventh year, in Bul, the eighth month, the house was finished throughout according to all its specifications. So he was seven years in building it.
1 Kin 7:1 SOLOMON WAS building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all of it.
1 Kin 7:2 He built also the Forest of Lebanon House; its length was a hundred cubits, its breadth fifty, and its height thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.
1 Kin 7:3 And it was covered with cedar above the side chambers that were upon the forty-five pillars, fifteen in a row.
1 Kin 7:4 There were window frames in three rows, and window opposite window in three tiers.
1 Kin 7:5 All the doorways and windows were square cut, and window was opposite window in three tiers.
1 Kin 7:6 He also made the Hall of Pillars; its length was fifty cubits and its breadth thirty cubits. There was a porch in front, and pillars and a cornice before them.
1 Kin 7:7 He made the porch for the throne where he was to judge, the Porch of Judgment; it was covered with cedar from floor to ceiling.
1 Kin 7:8 His house where he was to dwell had another court behind the Porch of Judgment of similar work. Solomon also made a house like this porch for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had married.
1 Kin 7:9 All were of costly stones hewn according to measure, sawed with saws back and front, even from

foundation to coping, and from the outside to the great court.
1 Kin 7:10 The foundation was of costly stones, even great stones of eight and ten cubits.
1 Kin 7:11 And above were costly stones hewn according to measure, and cedar timbers.
1 Kin 7:12 Also the great encircling court had three courses of hewn stone and a course of cedar beams, like was around the inner court of the house of the Lord and the porch of the house.
1 Kin 7:13 King Solomon brought Hiram from Tyre.
1 Kin 7:14 He was the son of a widow of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in bronze. He was full of wisdom, understanding, and skill to do any kind of work in bronze. So he came to King Solomon and did all his [bronze] work.
1 Kin 7:15 He fashioned the two pillars of bronze, each eighteen cubits high, and a line of twelve cubits measured its circumference.
1 Kin 7:16 He made two capitals of molten bronze to set upon the tops of the pillars; the height of each capital was five cubits.
1 Kin 7:17 Nets of checkerwork and wreaths of chainwork for the capitals were on the tops of the pillars, seven for each capital.
1 Kin 7:18 So Hiram made the pillars. There were two rows of pomegranates encircling each network to cover the capitals that were upon the top.
1 Kin 7:19 The capitals that were upon the top of the pillars in the porch were of lily work [design], four cubits.
1 Kin 7:20 The capitals were upon the two pillars and also above the rounded projection beside the network. There were 200 pomegranates in two rows round about, and so with the other capital.
1 Kin 7:21 Hiram set up the pillars of the porch of the temple; he set up the right pillar and called its name Jachin [he will establish], and he set up the left pillar and called its name Boaz [in strength].
1 Kin 7:22 On the tops of the pillars was lily work [design]. So the work of the pillars was finished.
1 Kin 7:23 He made a round molten Sea, ten cubits from brim to brim, five cubits high and thirty cubits in circumference.
1 Kin 7:24 Under its brim were gourds encircling the Sea, ten to a cubit; the gourds were in two rows, cast in one piece with it.
1 Kin 7:25 It stood upon twelve oxen, three facing north, three west, three south, and three east; the Sea was set upon them, and all their rears pointed inward.
1 Kin 7:26 It was a handbreadth thick, and its brim was made like the brim of a cup, like a lily blossom. It held 2,000 baths [Hebrew liquid measurement].
1 Kin 7:27 Hiram made ten bronze bases [for the lavers]; their length and breadth were four cubits, and the height three cubits.
1 Kin 7:28 This is the way the bases were made: they had panels between the ledges.
1 Kin 7:29 On the panels between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubim; and upon the ledges there was a pedestal above. Beneath the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging work.
1 Kin 7:30 And every base had four bronze wheels and axles of bronze, and at the four corners were supports for a laver. Beneath the laver the supports were cast, with wreaths at the side of each.
1 Kin 7:31 Its mouth within the capital projected upward a cubit, and its mouth was round like the work of a pedestal, a cubit and a half. Also upon its mouth were carvings, and their borders were square, not round.
1 Kin 7:32 Under the borders were four wheels, and the axles of the wheels were one piece with the base. And the height of a wheel was a cubit and a half.
1 Kin 7:33 The wheels were made like a chariot wheel: their axles, their rims, their spokes, and their hubs were all cast.
1 Kin 7:34 There were four supports to the four corners of each base; the supports were part of the base itself.
1 Kin 7:35 On the top of the base there was a circular elevation half a cubit high, and on the top of the base its stays and panels were of one piece with it.
1 Kin 7:36 And on the surface of its stays and its panels Hiram carved cherubim, lions, and palm trees, according to the space of each, with wreaths round about.
1 Kin 7:37 Thus he made the ten bases. They all had one casting, one measure, and one form.
1 Kin 7:38 Then he made ten lavers of bronze; each laver held forty baths and measured four cubits, and there was one laver on each of the ten bases.
1 Kin 7:39 He put the bases five on the south side of the house and five on the north side; and he set the Sea at the southeast corner of the house.

1 Kin 7:40 Hiram made the lavers, the shovels, and the basins. So Hiram finished all the work that he did for King Solomon on the house of the Lord:
1 Kin 7:41 The two pillars; and the two bowls of the capitals that were on the tops of the two pillars; and the two networks to cover the two bowls;
1 Kin 7:42 And the 400 pomegranates for the two networks, two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were upon the pillars;
1 Kin 7:43 The ten bases and the ten lavers on the bases;
1 Kin 7:44 One Sea, and the twelve oxen under it;
1 Kin 7:45 The pots, the shovels, and the basins. All these vessels which Hiram made for King Solomon in the house of the Lord were of burnished bronze.
1 Kin 7:46 In the Jordan plain the king cast them, in clay ground between Succoth and Zarethan.
1 Kin 7:47 Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because they were so many; the weight of the bronze was not found out.
1 Kin 7:48 Solomon made all the other vessels of the Lord's house: the [incense] altar of gold; the table of gold for the showbread;
1 Kin 7:49 The lampstands of pure gold, five on the right side and five on the left, in front of the Holy of Holies; with the flowers, the lamps, and the tongs of gold;
1 Kin 7:50 The cups, snuffers, basins, spoons, firepans--of pure gold; and the hinges of gold for the doors of the innermost room, the Holy of Holies, and for the doors of the Holy Place.
1 Kin 7:51 So all the work that King Solomon did on the house of the Lord was completed. Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated--the silver, the gold, and the vessels--and put them in the treasuries of the Lord's house.
1 Kin 8:1 THEN SOLOMON assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the chiefs of the fathers' houses of the Israelites, before the king in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of Zion, the City of David.
1 Kin 8:2 All the men of Israel assembled themselves before King Solomon at the feast in the seventh month, Ethanim.
1 Kin 8:3 All the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.
1 Kin 8:4 And they brought up the ark of the Lord, the Tent of Meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up.
1 Kin 8:5 King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel who had assembled before him were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, so many that they could not be reported or counted.
1 Kin 8:6 And the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place in the Holy of Holies of the house, under the wings of the cherubim.
1 Kin 8:7 For the cherubim spread forth their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and its poles.
1 Kin 8:8 The poles were so long that the ends of them were seen from the Holy Place before the Holy of Holies, but they were not seen outside; they are there to this day.
1 Kin 8:9 There was nothing in the ark except the two tables of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites when they came out of the land of Egypt.
1 Kin 8:10 When the priests had come out of the Holy Place, the cloud filled the Lord's house,
1 Kin 8:11 So the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house.
1 Kin 8:12 Then Solomon said, The Lord said that He would dwell in the thick darkness.
1 Kin 8:13 I have surely built You a house of habitation, a settled place for You to dwell in forever.
1 Kin 8:14 And the king turned his face about and blessed all the assembly of Israel, and all the assembly of Israel stood.
1 Kin 8:15 He said, Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, Who spoke with His mouth to David my father and has with His hand fulfilled it, saying,
1 Kin 8:16 Since the day that I brought forth My people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel in which to build a house that My Name [and My Presence] might be in it, but I chose David to be over My people Israel.
1 Kin 8:17 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the Name [the Presence] of the Lord, the God of Israel.
1 Kin 8:18 And the Lord said to David my father, Whereas it was in your heart to build a house for My Name, you did

well that it was in your heart.
1 Kin 8:19 Yet you shall not build the house, but your son, who shall be born to you, shall build it to My Name [and My actively present Person].
1 Kin 8:20 And the Lord has fulfilled His promise which He made: I have risen up in the place of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the Lord promised, and have built a house for the Name (renown) of the Lord, the God of Israel.
1 Kin 8:21 And I have made there a place for the ark [the token of His presence], in which is the covenant [the Ten Commandments] of the Lord which He made with our fathers when He brought them out of the land of Egypt.
1 Kin 8:22 Then Solomon stood [in the court] before the Lord's burnt offering altar in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven
1 Kin 8:23 And he said, O Lord, the God of Israel, there is no God like You in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing mercy {and} loving-kindness to Your servants who walk before You with all their heart.
1 Kin 8:24 You have kept what You promised Your servant David my father. You also spoke with Your mouth and have fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day.
1 Kin 8:25 Therefore now, O Lord, the God of Israel, keep with Your servant David my father what You promised him when You said, There shall not fail you a man before Me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children take heed to their way, that they walk before Me as you have done.
1 Kin 8:26 Now, O God of Israel, let Your word which You spoke to Your servant David my father be confirmed [by experience].
1 Kin 8:27 But will God indeed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, the heavens and heaven of heavens [in its most extended compass] cannot contain You; how much less this house that I have built?
1 Kin 8:28 Yet graciously consider the prayer and supplication of Your servant, O Lord my God, to hearken to the [loud] cry and prayer which he prays before You today,
1 Kin 8:29 That Your eyes may be open toward this house night and day, toward the place of which You have said, My Name [and the token of My presence] shall be there, that You may hearken to the prayer which Your servant shall make in [or facing toward] this place.
1 Kin 8:30 Hearken to the prayer of Your servant and of Your people Israel when they pray in {or} toward this place. Hear in heaven, Your dwelling place, and when You hear, forgive.
1 Kin 8:31 Whenever a man sins against his neighbor and is made to take an oath and comes and swears the oath before Your altar in this house,
1 Kin 8:32 Then hear in heaven and do and judge Your servants, condemning the wicked by bringing his guilt upon his own head and justifying the [uncompromisingly] righteous by rewarding him according to his righteousness (his uprightness, right standing with God).
1 Kin 8:33 When Your people Israel are struck down before the enemy because they have sinned against You, and they turn again to You, confess Your name (Your revelation of Yourself), and pray, beseeching You in this house,
1 Kin 8:34 Then hear in heaven and forgive the sin of Your people Israel and return them to the land You gave to their fathers.
1 Kin 8:35 When heaven is shut up and no rain falls because they have sinned against You, if they pray in [or toward] this place and confess Your name (Your revelation of Yourself) and turn from their sin when You afflict them,
1 Kin 8:36 Then hear in heaven and forgive the sin of Your servants, Your people Israel, when You teach them the good way in which they should walk. And give rain upon Your land which You have given to Your people as an inheritance.
1 Kin 8:37 If there is famine in the land or pestilence, blight, mildew, locust, or caterpillar, if their enemy besieges them in the land of their cities, whatever plague, whatever sickness there is,
1 Kin 8:38 Whatever prayer or supplication is made by any or all of Your people Israel--each man knowing the affliction of his own heart, and spreading forth his hands toward this house [and its pledge of Your presence]--
1 Kin 8:39 Then hear in heaven, Your dwelling place, and forgive and act and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart You know, for You and You only know the hearts of all the children of men,
1 Kin 8:40 That they may fear {and} revere You all the days that they live in the land which You gave to our fathers.
1 Kin 8:41 Moreover, concerning a stranger who is not of Your people Israel but comes from a far country for the sake of Your name [and Your active Presence]--
1 Kin 8:42 For they will hear of Your great name (Your revelation of Yourself), Your strong hand, and outstretched arm--when he shall pray in [or toward] this house,

1 Kin 8:43 Hear in heaven, Your dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger asks of You, so that all peoples of the earth may know Your name [and Your revelation of Your presence] and fear {and} revere You, as do Your people Israel, and may know {and} comprehend that this house which I have built is called by Your Name [and contains the token of Your presence].
1 Kin 8:44 If Your people go out to battle against their enemy, wherever You shall send them, and shall pray to the Lord toward the city which You have chosen and the house that I have built for Your Name [and Your revelation of Yourself],
1 Kin 8:45 Then hear in heaven their prayer and supplication, and defend their cause {and} maintain their right.
1 Kin 8:46 If they sin against You--for there is no man who does not sin--and You are angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, so that they are carried away captive to the enemy's land, far or near;
1 Kin 8:47 Yet if they think {and} consider in the land where they were carried captive, and repent and make supplication to You there, saying, We have sinned and have done perversely and wickedly;
1 Kin 8:48 If they repent {and} turn to You with all their mind and with all their heart in the land of their enemies who took them captive, and pray to You toward their land which You gave to their fathers, the city which You have chosen, and the house which I have built for Your Name;
1 Kin 8:49 Then hear their prayer and their supplication in heaven, Your dwelling place, and defend their cause {and} maintain their right.
1 Kin 8:50 And forgive Your people, who have sinned against You, and all their transgressions against You, and grant them compassion before those who took them captive, that they may have pity and be merciful to them;
1 Kin 8:51 For they are Your people and Your heritage, which You brought out of Egypt, from the midst of the iron furnace.
1 Kin 8:52 Let Your eyes be open to the supplication of Your servant and of Your people Israel, to hearken to them in all for which they call to You.
1 Kin 8:53 For You separated them from among all the peoples of the earth to be Your heritage, as You declared through Moses Your servant when You brought our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord God.
1 Kin 8:54 When Solomon finished offering all this prayer and supplication to the Lord, he arose from before the Lord's altar, where he had knelt with hands stretched toward heaven.
1 Kin 8:55 And he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying,
1 Kin 8:56 Blessed be the Lord, Who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. Not one word has failed of all His good promise which He promised through Moses His servant.
1 Kin 8:57 May the Lord our God be with us as He was with our fathers; may He not leave us or forsake us,
1 Kin 8:58 That He may incline our hearts to Him, to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His precepts which He commanded our fathers.
1 Kin 8:59 Let these my words, with which I have made supplication before the Lord, be near to the Lord our God day and night, that He may maintain the cause {and} right of His servant and of His people Israel as each day requires,
1 Kin 8:60 That all the earth's people may know that the Lord is God and that there is no other.
1 Kin 8:61 Let your hearts therefore be blameless {and} wholly true to the Lord our God, to walk in His statutes and to keep His commandments, as today.
1 Kin 8:62 And the king and all Israel with him offered sacrifice before the Lord.
1 Kin 8:63 Solomon offered as peace offerings to the Lord: 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep. So the king and all the Israelites dedicated the house of the Lord.
1 Kin 8:64 On that same day the king consecrated the middle of the court that was before the Lord's house; there he offered burnt offerings, cereal offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar that was before the Lord was too small to receive [all] the offerings.
1 Kin 8:65 So at that time Solomon held the feast, and all Israel with him, a great assembly, from the entrance of Hamath to the Brook of Egypt, before the Lord our God, for seven days [for the dedication] and seven days [for the Feast of Tabernacles], fourteen days in all.
1 Kin 8:66 On the eighth day he sent the people away; they blessed the king and went to their tents with greatest joy and gratitude for all the goodness the Lord had shown to David His servant and Israel His people.
1 Kin 9:1 WHEN SOLOMON finished the building of the Lord's house and the king's house, and all he desired and was pleased to do,
1 Kin 9:2 The Lord appeared to Solomon the second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon.
1 Kin 9:3 The Lord told him, I have heard your prayer and supplication which you have made before Me; I have hallowed this house which you have built, and I have put My Name [and My Presence] there forever. My eyes and

My heart shall be there perpetually.
1 Kin 9:4 And if you will walk before Me, as David your father walked, in integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you, keeping My statutes and My precepts,
1 Kin 9:5 Then I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, There shall not fail you [to have] a man upon the throne of Israel.
1 Kin 9:6 But if you turn away from following Me, you or your children, and will not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you but go and serve other gods and worship them,
1 Kin 9:7 Then I will cut off Israel from the land I have given them, and this house I have hallowed for My Name (renown) I will cast from My sight. And Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all the peoples.
1 Kin 9:8 This house shall become a heap of ruins; every passerby shall be astonished and shall hiss [with surprise] and say, Why has the Lord done thus to this land and to this house?
1 Kin 9:9 Then they will answer, Because they forsook the Lord their God, Who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have laid hold of other gods and have worshiped and served them; therefore the Lord has brought on them all this evil.
1 Kin 9:10 At the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built the two houses, the Lord's house and the king's house,
1 Kin 9:11 For which Hiram king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with as much cedar and cypress timber and gold as he desired, King Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.
1 Kin 9:12 And Hiram came from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him, and they did not please him.
1 Kin 9:13 He said, What are these cities worth which you have given me, my brother? So they are called the Cabul [unproductive] Land to this day.
1 Kin 9:14 And Hiram sent to the king 120 talents of gold.
1 Kin 9:15 This is the account of the levy [of forced labor] which King Solomon raised to build the house of the Lord, his own house, the Millo, the wall of Jerusalem, Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer.
1 Kin 9:16 For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up and taken Gezer, burned it with fire, slew the Canaanites who dwelt in the city, and had given it as dowry to his daughter, Solomon's wife.
1 Kin 9:17 So Solomon rebuilt Gezer and Lower Beth-horon,
1 Kin 9:18 Baalath and Tamar (Tadmor) in the wilderness, in the land of Judah,
1 Kin 9:19 And all the store cities which Solomon had and cities for his chariots and cities for his horsemen, and whatever Solomon desired to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.
1 Kin 9:20 As for all the people who were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, who were not Israelites,
1 Kin 9:21 Their children who were left after them in the land, whom the Israelites were not able utterly to destroy, of them Solomon made a forced levy of slaves to this day.
1 Kin 9:22 But Solomon made no slaves of the Israelites; they were the soldiers, his officials, attendants, commanders, captains, chariot officers, and horsemen.
1 Kin 9:23 These were the chief officers over Solomon's work, 550 who had charge of the people who did the work.
1 Kin 9:24 But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the City of David to her house which Solomon had built for her; then he built the Millo.
1 Kin 9:25 Three times a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar he built to the Lord, and he burned incense with them before the Lord. So he finished the house.
1 Kin 9:26 And King Solomon made a fleet of ships in Ezion-geber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red Sea, in Edom.
1 Kin 9:27 And Hiram sent with the fleet his servants, shipmen who had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.
1 Kin 9:28 They came to Ophir and got 420 talents of gold and brought it to King Solomon.
1 Kin 10:1 WHEN THE queen of Sheba heard of [the constant connection of] the fame of Solomon with the name of the Lord, she came to prove him with hard questions (problems and riddles).
1 Kin 10:2 She came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels bearing spices, very much gold, and precious stones. When she had come to Solomon, she communed with him about all that was in her mind.
1 Kin 10:3 Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king which he failed to explain to her.
1 Kin 10:4 When the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom {and} skill, the house he had built,
1 Kin 10:5 The food of his table, the seating of his officials, the standing at attention of his servants, their apparel, his

cupbearers, his ascent by which he went up to the house of the Lord [or the burnt offerings he sacrificed], she was breathless {and} overcome.
1 Kin 10:6 She said to the king, It was a true report I heard in my own land of your acts {and} sayings and wisdom.
1 Kin 10:7 I did not believe it until I came and my eyes had seen. Behold, the half was not told me. You have added wisdom and goodness exceeding the fame I heard.
1 Kin 10:8 Happy are your men! Happy are these your servants who stand continually before you, hearing your wisdom!
1 Kin 10:9 Blessed be the Lord your God, Who delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the Lord loved Israel forever, He made you king to execute justice and righteousness.
1 Kin 10:10 And she gave the king 120 talents of gold and of spices a very great store and precious stones. Never again came such abundance of spices as these the queen of Sheba gave King Solomon.
1 Kin 10:11 The navy also of Hiram brought from Ophir gold and a great plenty of almug (algum) wood and precious stones.
1 Kin 10:12 Of the almug wood the king made pillars for the house of the Lord and for the king's house, and lyres also and harps for the singers. No such almug wood came again or has been seen to this day.
1 Kin 10:13 King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all she wanted, whatever she asked, besides his gifts to her from his royal bounty. So she returned to her own country, she and her servants.
1 Kin 10:14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one [particular] year was 666 talents of gold,
1 Kin 10:15 Besides what the traders brought and the traffic of the merchants and from all the [tributary] kings and governors of the land of Arabia.
1 Kin 10:16 King Solomon made 200 large shields of beaten gold; 600 shekels of gold went into each shield.
1 Kin 10:17 And he made 300 shields of beaten gold; three minas of gold went into each shield. The king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.
1 Kin 10:18 Also the king made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with the finest gold.
1 Kin 10:19 The throne had six steps, and attached at the rear of the top of the throne was a round covering {or} canopy. On either side of the seat were armrests, and two lions stood beside the armrests.
1 Kin 10:20 Twelve lions stood there, one on either end of each of the six steps; there was nothing like it ever made in any kingdom.
1 Kin 10:21 All King Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were of pure gold. None were of silver; it was accounted as nothing in the days of Solomon.
1 Kin 10:22 For the king had a fleet of ships of Tarshish at sea with the fleet of Hiram. Once every three years the fleet of ships of Tarshish came bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and peacocks.
1 Kin 10:23 So King Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom (skill).
1 Kin 10:24 And all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom which God had put in his mind.
1 Kin 10:25 Every man brought tribute: vessels of silver and gold, garments, equipment, spices, horses, and mules, so much year by year.
1 Kin 10:26 Solomon collected chariots and horsemen; he had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen, which he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem.
1 Kin 10:27 The king made silver as common in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars as plentiful as the sycamore trees in the lowlands.
1 Kin 10:28 Solomon's horses were brought out of Egypt, and the king's merchants received them in droves, each at a price.
1 Kin 10:29 A chariot could be brought out of Egypt for 600 shekels of silver, and a horse for 150. And so to all the kings of the Hittites and of Syria they were exported by the king's merchants.
1 Kin 11:1 BUT KING Solomon [defiantly] loved many foreign women--the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites.
1 Kin 11:2 They were of the very nations of whom the Lord said to the Israelites, You shall not mingle with them, neither shall they mingle with you, for surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods. Yet Solomon clung to these in love.
1 Kin 11:3 He had 700 wives, princesses, and 300 concubines, and his wives turned away his heart from God.
1 Kin 11:4 For when Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not perfect (complete and whole) with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father.
1 Kin 11:5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abominable idol of the Ammonites!

1 Kin 11:6 Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and went not fully after the Lord, as David his father did.
1 Kin 11:7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abominable idol of Moab, on the hill opposite Jerusalem, and for Molech the abominable idol of the Ammonites.
1 Kin 11:8 And he did so for all of his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.
1 Kin 11:9 And the Lord was angry with Solomon because his heart was turned from the Lord, the God of Israel, Who had appeared to him twice,
1 Kin 11:10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods, but he did not do what the Lord commanded.
1 Kin 11:11 Therefore the Lord said to Solomon, Because you are doing this and have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely rend the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant!
1 Kin 11:12 However, in your days I will not do it, for David your father's sake. But I will rend it out of the hand of your son!
1 Kin 11:13 However, I will not tear away all the kingdom, but will give one tribe to your son for David My servant's sake and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen.
1 Kin 11:14 The Lord stirred up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he was of royal descent in Edom.
1 Kin 11:15 For when David was in Edom, and Joab the commander of Israel's army went up to bury the slain, he slew every male in Edom.
1 Kin 11:16 For Joab and all Israel remained there for six months, until he had cut off every male in Edom.
1 Kin 11:17 But Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants, to Egypt, Hadad being yet a little child.
1 Kin 11:18 They set out from Midian and came to Paran, and took men with them out of Paran and came to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave [young] Hadad a house and land and ordered provisions for him.
1 Kin 11:19 Hadad found great favor with Pharaoh, so that he gave him in marriage the sister of his own wife Tahpenes the queen.
1 Kin 11:20 The sister of Tahpenes bore Hadad Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house; and Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh.
1 Kin 11:21 But when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers and that Joab the commander of Israel's army was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to my own country.
1 Kin 11:22 Then Pharaoh said to him, But what have you lacked with me that now you want to go to your own country? He replied, Nothing. However, let me go anyhow.
1 Kin 11:23 God raised up for [Hadad] another adversary, Rezon son of Eliada, who had fled from his master, Hadadezer king of Zobah.
1 Kin 11:24 Rezon gathered men about him and became leader of a marauding band after the slaughter by David. They went to Damascus and dwelt and made [Rezon] king in Damascus.
1 Kin 11:25 And Rezon was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, besides the mischief that Hadad did. Rezon abhorred Israel and reigned over Syria.
1 Kin 11:26 Jeroboam son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman, rebelled against the king--
1 Kin 11:27 And for this reason: Solomon built the Millo and repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.
1 Kin 11:28 The man Jeroboam was a mighty man of courage. Solomon, seeing that the young man was industrious, put him in charge over all the [forced] labor of the house of Joseph.
1 Kin 11:29 At that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite met him on the way. Ahijah had clad himself with a new garment; and they were alone in the field.
1 Kin 11:30 Ahijah caught the new garment he wore and tore it into twelve pieces.
1 Kin 11:31 He said to Jeroboam, You take ten pieces, for thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, Behold, I will tear the kingdom from the hand of Solomon and will give you ten tribes.
1 Kin 11:32 But he shall have one tribe, for My servant David's sake and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel,
1 Kin 11:33 Because they have forsaken Me and have worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the Ammonites, and have not walked in My ways, to do what is right in My sight, keeping My statutes and My ordinances as did David his father.
1 Kin 11:34 However, I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand; but I will make him ruler all the days of his life for David My servant's sake, whom I chose because he kept My commandments and My statutes.
1 Kin 11:35 But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand and give it to you, ten tribes.
1 Kin 11:36 Yet to his son I will give one tribe, that David My servant may always have a light before Me in

Jerusalem, the city where I have chosen to put My Name.
1 Kin 11:37 And I will take you, and you shall reign according to all that your soul desires; and you shall be king over Israel.
1 Kin 11:38 And if you will hearken to all I command you and will walk in My ways and do right in My sight, keeping My statutes and My commandments, as David My servant did, I will be with you and build you a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you.
1 Kin 11:39 And I will for this afflict the descendants of David, but not forever.
1 Kin 11:40 Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. But Jeroboam arose and fled into Egypt, to Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until Solomon died.
1 Kin 11:41 The rest of the acts of Solomon--and all that he did, and his wisdom (skill)--are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?
1 Kin 11:42 The time Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years.
1 Kin 11:43 And Solomon slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David his father. Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.
1 Kin 12:1 REHOBOAM WENT to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king.
1 Kin 12:2 And when Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of it--for he still dwelt in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon--[he] returned from Egypt.
1 Kin 12:3 And they sent and called him, and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and said to Rehoboam,
1 Kin 12:4 Your father made our yoke heavy; now therefore lighten the hard service and the heavy yoke your father put upon us, and we will serve you.
1 Kin 12:5 He replied, Go away for three days and then return to me. So the people departed.
1 Kin 12:6 And King Rehoboam consulted with the old men who stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived and said, How do you advise me to answer this people?
1 Kin 12:7 And they said to him, If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them and answer them with good words, they will be your servants forever.
1 Kin 12:8 But he forsook the counsel the old men gave him and consulted the young men who grew up with him and stood before him.
1 Kin 12:9 He said to them, What do you advise that we answer this people who have said, Make the yoke your father put on us lighter?
1 Kin 12:10 The young men who grew up with him answered, To the people who told you, Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make it lighter for us--say this, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.
1 Kin 12:11 And now whereas my father loaded you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.
1 Kin 12:12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king had appointed.
1 Kin 12:13 And the king answered the people roughly and forsook the counsel the old men had given him,
1 Kin 12:14 And spoke to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; he chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.
1 Kin 12:15 So the king did not hearken to the people, for the situation was from the Lord, that He might fulfill His word which He spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam son of Nebat.
1 Kin 12:16 So when all Israel saw that the king did not heed them, they answered the king, What portion have we in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Look now to your own house, David! So Israel went to their tents.
1 Kin 12:17 But Rehoboam reigned over the Israelites who dwelt in the cities of Judah.
1 Kin 12:18 Then King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tribute [taskmaster over the forced labor], and all Israel stoned him to death with stones. So King Rehoboam hastened to get into his chariot to flee to Jerusalem.
1 Kin 12:19 So Israel has rebelled against the house of David to this day.
1 Kin 12:20 When all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, they sent and called him to the assembly and made him king over all Israel. None followed the house of David except the tribe of Judah only.
1 Kin 12:21 And when Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, 180,000 chosen warriors, to fight against the house of Israel to bring the kingdom back to Rehoboam son of Solomon.
1 Kin 12:22 But the word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,
1 Kin 12:23 Tell Rehoboam son of Solomon king of Judah and all the house of Judah and Benjamin and the remnant of the people,

1 Kin 12:24 Thus says the Lord, You shall not go up or fight against your brethren, the Israelites. Return every man to his house, for this thing is from Me. So they hearkened to the Lord's word and returned home, according to the Lord's word.
1 Kin 12:25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim and lived there. He went out from there and built Penuel.
1 Kin 12:26 Jeroboam said in his heart, Now the kingdom will return to the house of David.
1 Kin 12:27 If this people goes up to the house of the Lord at Jerusalem to sacrifice, then the heart of this people will turn again to their lord, to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam king of Judah.
1 Kin 12:28 So the king took counsel and made two calves of gold. And he said to the people, It is too much for you to go [all the way] up to Jerusalem. Behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
1 Kin 12:29 And he set the one golden calf in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.
1 Kin 12:30 And this thing became a sin; for the people went to worship each of them even as far as Dan.
1 Kin 12:31 Jeroboam also made houses on high places and made priests of people who were not Levites.
1 Kin 12:32 And Jeroboam appointed a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, like the feast kept in Judah, and he offered sacrifices upon the altar. So he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves he had made. And he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places he had made.
1 Kin 12:33 So he offered upon the altar he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, a date which he chose individually; and he appointed a feast for the Israelites and he went up to the altar to burn incense [in defiance of God's law.]
1 Kin 13:1 AND BEHOLD, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the Lord to Bethel. Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.
1 Kin 13:2 The man cried against the altar by the word of the Lord, O altar, altar, thus says the Lord: Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name; and on you shall he offer the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and men's bones shall be burned on you.
1 Kin 13:3 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the Lord has spoken: Behold, the altar shall be split and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out. [Fulfilled in II Kings 23:15, 16.]
1 Kin 13:4 When King Jeroboam heard the words the man of God cried against the altar in Bethel, he thrust out his hand, saying, Lay hold on him! And his hand which he put forth against him dried up, so that he could not draw it to him again.
1 Kin 13:5 The altar also was split and the ashes poured out from the altar according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the Lord.
1 Kin 13:6 And the king said to the man of God, Entreat now the favor of the Lord your God and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me. And the man of God entreated the Lord, and the king's hand was restored and became as it was before.
1 Kin 13:7 And the king said to the man of God, Come home with me and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward.
1 Kin 13:8 And the man of God said to the king, If you give me half your house, I will not go in with you, and I will not eat bread or drink water in this place.
1 Kin 13:9 For I was commanded by the word of the Lord, You shall eat no bread or drink water or return by the way you came.
1 Kin 13:10 So he went another way and did not return by the way that he came to Bethel.
1 Kin 13:11 Now there dwelt an old prophet in Bethel; and his sons came and told him all that the man of God had done that day in Bethel; the words which he had spoken to the king they told also to their father.
1 Kin 13:12 Their father asked them, Which way did he go? For his sons had seen which way the man of God who came from Judah had gone.
1 Kin 13:13 He said to his sons, Saddle the donkey for me. So they saddled the donkey and he rode on it
1 Kin 13:14 And went after the man of God. And he found him sitting under an oak, and he said to him, Are you the man of God who came from Judah? And he said, I am.
1 Kin 13:15 Then he said to him, Come home with me and eat bread.
1 Kin 13:16 He said, I may not return with you or go in with you, neither will I eat bread or drink water with you in this place.
1 Kin 13:17 For I was told by the word of the Lord, You shall not eat bread or drink water there or return by the way that you came.
1 Kin 13:18 He answered, I am a prophet also, as you are. And an angel spoke to me by the word of the Lord, saying,

Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied to him.
1 Kin 13:19 So the man from Judah went back with him and ate and drank water in his house.
1 Kin 13:20 And as they sat at the table, the word of the Lord came to the prophet who brought him back.
1 Kin 13:21 And he cried to the man of God who came from Judah, Thus says the Lord: Because you have disobeyed the word of the Lord and have not kept the command which the Lord your God commanded you,
1 Kin 13:22 But have come back and have eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which the Lord said to you, Eat no bread and drink no water--your corpse shall not come to the tomb of your fathers.
1 Kin 13:23 And after the prophet of the house had eaten bread and drunk, he saddled the donkey for the man he had brought back.
1 Kin 13:24 And when he had gone, a lion met him by the road and slew him, and his corpse was cast in the way, and the donkey stood by it; the lion also stood by the corpse.
1 Kin 13:25 And behold, men passed by and saw the corpse thrown in the road, and the lion standing by the corpse, and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.
1 Kin 13:26 When the prophet who brought him back from the way heard of it, he said, It is the man of God who was disobedient to the word of the Lord; therefore the Lord has given him to the lion, which has torn him and slain him, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke to him.
1 Kin 13:27 And he said to his sons, Saddle the donkey for me. And they saddled it.
1 Kin 13:28 And he went and found the corpse thrown in the road, and the donkey and the lion stood by the body; the lion had not eaten the corpse or torn the donkey.
1 Kin 13:29 The prophet took up the corpse of the man of God and laid it upon the donkey and brought it back, and the old prophet came into the city to mourn and to bury him.
1 Kin 13:30 And he laid the body in his own grave, and they mourned over him, saying, Alas, my brother!
1 Kin 13:31 After he had buried him, he said to his sons, When I am dead, bury me in the grave in which the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones.
1 Kin 13:32 For the saying which he cried by the word of the Lord against the altar in Bethel and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria shall surely come to pass.
1 Kin 13:33 After this thing, Jeroboam turned not from his evil way, but made priests for the high places again from among all the people. Whoever would, he consecrated, that there might be priests for the high places.
1 Kin 13:34 And this thing became the sin of the dynasty of Jeroboam that caused it to be abolished and destroyed from the face of the earth.
1 Kin 14:1 THEN ABIJAH [the little] son of Jeroboam became sick.
1 Kin 14:2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray you, and disguise yourself, that you may not be recognized as Jeroboam's wife, and go to Shiloh. Behold, Ahijah the prophet is there, who told me that I should be king over this people.
1 Kin 14:3 Take ten loaves, some cakes, and a bottle of honey, and go to him. He will tell you what shall happen to the child.
1 Kin 14:4 Jeroboam's wife did so. She arose and went [twenty miles] to Shiloh and came to the house of Ahijah. Ahijah could not see, for his eyes were dim because of his age.
1 Kin 14:5 And the Lord said to Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam is coming to ask you concerning her son, for he is sick. Thus and thus shall you say to her. When she came, she pretended to be another woman.
1 Kin 14:6 But when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet as she came in at the door, he said, Come in, wife of Jeroboam. Why do you pretend to be another? For I am charged with heavy news for you.
1 Kin 14:7 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Because I exalted you from among the people and made you leader over My people Israel
1 Kin 14:8 And rent the kingdom away from the house of David and gave it to you--and yet you have not been as My servant David, who kept My commandments and followed Me with all his heart, to do only what was right in My eyes,
1 Kin 14:9 But have done evil above all who were before you; for you have made yourself other gods, molten images, to provoke Me to anger and have cast Me behind your back--
1 Kin 14:10 Therefore behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam and will cut off from [him] every male, both bond and free, in Israel, and will utterly sweep away the house of Jeroboam as a man sweeps away dung, till it is all gone.
1 Kin 14:11 Anyone belonging to Jeroboam who dies in the city the dogs shall eat, and any who dies in the field the birds of the heavens shall eat. For the Lord has spoken it.

1 Kin 14:12 Arise therefore [Ano, Jeroboam's wife], get to your own house. When your feet enter the city, the child shall die.
1 Kin 14:13 And all Israel shall mourn for him and bury him; for he only of Jeroboam's family shall come to the grave, because in him there is found something good {and} pleasing to the Lord, the God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam.
1 Kin 14:14 Moreover, the Lord will raise up for Himself a king over Israel who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam this day. From now on
1 Kin 14:15 The Lord will smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water; and He will root up Israel out of this good land which He gave to their fathers and will scatter them beyond the [Euphrates] River, because they have made their Asherim [idolatrous symbols of the goddess Asherah], provoking the Lord to anger.
1 Kin 14:16 He will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam which he has sinned and made Israel to sin.
1 Kin 14:17 So Jeroboam's wife departed and came to Tirzah. When she came to the threshold of the house, the child died.
1 Kin 14:18 And all Israel buried him and mourned for him, according to the word of the Lord spoken by His servant Ahijah the prophet.
1 Kin 14:19 The rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.
1 Kin 14:20 Jeroboam reigned for twenty-two years, and he slept with his fathers; and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.
1 Kin 14:21 And Rehoboam son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city the Lord chose out of all the tribes of Israel to put His Name [and the pledge of His presence] there. His mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess.
1 Kin 14:22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord, Whom they provoked to jealousy with the sins they committed, above all that their fathers had done.
1 Kin 14:23 For they also built themselves [idolatrous] high places, pillars, and Asherim [idolatrous symbols of the goddess Asherah] on every high hill and under every green tree.
1 Kin 14:24 There were also sodomites (male cult prostitutes) in the land. They did all the abominations of the nations whom the Lord cast out before the Israelites.
1 Kin 14:25 In the fifth year of King Rehoboam, Shishak king of Egypt [Jeroboam's brother-in-law] came up against Jerusalem.
1 Kin 14:26 He took away the treasures of the house of the Lord and of the king's house; he took away all, including all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.
1 Kin 14:27 King Rehoboam made in their stead bronze shields and committed them to the hands of the captains of the guard who kept the door of the king's house.
1 Kin 14:28 And as often as the king went into the house of the Lord, the guards bore them and brought them back into the guardroom.
1 Kin 14:29 The rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?
1 Kin 14:30 There was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.
1 Kin 14:31 Rehoboam slept with his fathers and was buried with them in the City of David. His mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. Abijam (Abijah) his son reigned in his stead.
1 Kin 15:1 IN THE eighteenth year of King Jeroboam son of Nebat, Abijam began to reign over Judah.
1 Kin 15:2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother was Maacah (Micaiah) daughter [granddaughter] of Abishalom (Absalom).
1 Kin 15:3 He walked in all the sins of his father [Rehoboam] before him; and his heart was not blameless with the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father [forefather].
1 Kin 15:4 Nevertheless, for David's sake the Lord his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, setting up his son after him and establishing Jerusalem,
1 Kin 15:5 Because David did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and turned not aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.
1 Kin 15:6 There was war between [Abijam's father] Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of [Rehoboam's] life.
1 Kin 15:7 The rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.
1 Kin 15:8 Abijam slept with his fathers and they buried him in the City of David. Asa his son reigned in his stead.
1 Kin 15:9 In the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Asa began to reign over Judah.

1 Kin 15:10 Forty-one years he reigned in Jerusalem. His mother was [also named] Maacah (Micaiah) daughter of Abishalom (Absalom).
1 Kin 15:11 And Asa did right in the eyes of the Lord, as did David his father [forefather].
1 Kin 15:12 He put away the sodomites (male cult prostitutes) out of the land and removed all the idols that his fathers [Solomon, Rehoboam, and Abijam] had made {or} promoted.
1 Kin 15:13 Also Maacah his mother he removed from being queen mother, because she had an image made for [the goddess] Asherah. Asa destroyed her image, burning it by the brook Kidron.
1 Kin 15:14 But the high places were not removed. Yet Asa's heart was blameless with the Lord all his days.
1 Kin 15:15 He brought the things which his father had dedicated and the things which he himself had dedicated into the house of the Lord--silver, gold, and vessels.
1 Kin 15:16 There was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.
1 Kin 15:17 Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah and built up Ramah, that he might allow no one to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.
1 Kin 15:18 Then Asa took all the silver and gold left in the treasuries of the house of the Lord and of the king's house and delivered them into the hands of his servants. And King Asa sent them to Ben-hadad son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, who dwelt at Damascus, saying,
1 Kin 15:19 Let there be a league between me and you, as was between my father and your father. Behold, I am sending you a present of silver and gold; go, break your league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may withdraw from me.
1 Kin 15:20 So Ben-hadad hearkened to king Asa and sent the commanders of his armies against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, Dan, Abel-beth-maacah, and all Chinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.
1 Kin 15:21 When Baasha heard of it, he quit building up Ramah and dwelt in Tirzah.
1 Kin 15:22 Then King Asa made a proclamation to all Judah--none was exempted. They carried away the stones of Ramah and its timber with which Baasha had been building. And King Asa built up with them Geba of Benjamin, and also Mizpah.
1 Kin 15:23 The rest of all the acts of Asa, all his might, all that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? But in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.
1 Kin 15:24 Asa slept with his fathers and was buried with them in the city of David his father. Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.
1 Kin 15:25 Nadab son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned two years.
1 Kin 15:26 He did evil in the sight of the Lord and walked in the way of his father and in his sin, with which he made Israel sin.
1 Kin 15:27 Baasha son of Ahijah of the house of Issachar conspired against Nadab, and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines, for Nadab and all Israel were laying siege to Gibbethon.
1 Kin 15:28 In the third year of Asa king of Judah Baasha slew Nadab and reigned in his stead.
1 Kin 15:29 As soon as he was king, Baasha killed all the household of Jeroboam. He left to [it] not one who breathed, until he had destroyed it, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by His servant Ahijah the Shilonite--
1 Kin 15:30 Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned and by which he made Israel to sin, and because of his provocation of the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger.
1 Kin 15:31 The rest of Nadab's acts, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?
1 Kin 15:32 There was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.
1 Kin 15:33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha son of Ahijah began his reign of twenty-four years over all Israel in Tirzah.
1 Kin 15:34 He did evil in the sight of the Lord and walked in the way of Jeroboam and in his sin, with which he made Israel sin.
1 Kin 16:1 AND THE word of the Lord came to Jehu son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,
1 Kin 16:2 Because I exalted you [Baasha] out of the dust and made you leader over My people Israel, and you have walked in the way of Jeroboam and have made My people Israel sin, to provoke Me to anger with their sins,
1 Kin 16:3 Behold, I will utterly sweep away Baasha and his house, and will make your house like [that] of Jeroboam son of Nebat.
1 Kin 16:4 Any of Baasha's family who dies in the city the dogs shall eat, and any who dies in the field the birds of the heavens shall eat.

1 Kin 16:5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, what he did and his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?
1 Kin 16:6 Baasha slept with his fathers and was buried in Tirzah. Elah his son reigned in his stead.
1 Kin 16:7 Also the word of the Lord against Baasha and his house came through the prophet Jehu son of Hanani for all the evil that Baasha did in the sight of the Lord in provoking Him to anger with the work of his hands [idols], in being like the house of Jeroboam, and also because he destroyed it [the family of Jeroboam, of his own accord].
1 Kin 16:8 In the twenty-sixth year of Asa king of Judah, Elah son of Baasha began his reign of two years over Israel in Tirzah.
1 Kin 16:9 Elah's servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against Elah. He was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, who was over the household in Tirzah.
1 Kin 16:10 Zimri came in and smote and killed him in the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.
1 Kin 16:11 When he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, he killed all the household of Baasha; he left not one male of his kinsmen or his friends.
1 Kin 16:12 Thus Zimri destroyed all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke against Baasha through Jehu the prophet,
1 Kin 16:13 For all the sins of Baasha and of Elah his son by which they sinned and made Israel sin, in provoking the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger with their idols.
1 Kin 16:14 The rest of the acts of Elah, and all he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?
1 Kin 16:15 In the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, Zimri reigned for seven days in Tirzah. The troops were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines,
1 Kin 16:16 And they heard the rumor, Zimri has conspired and slain the king! So all Israel made Omri, the commander of the army, king over Israel that day in the camp.
1 Kin 16:17 So Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.
1 Kin 16:18 And when Zimri saw that the city was taken, he went into the stronghold of the king's house and burned the king's house over him with fire and died,
1 Kin 16:19 Because of his sins committed in doing evil in the sight of the Lord, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and his sin in causing Israel to sin.
1 Kin 16:20 The rest of the acts of Zimri, and his deeds of treason, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?
1 Kin 16:21 Then the people of Israel were divided into two factions. Half of the people followed Tibni son of Ginath, to make him king, and half followed Omri.
1 Kin 16:22 But the people who followed Omri prevailed against those who followed Tibni son of Ginath. So Tibni died and Omri reigned.
1 Kin 16:23 In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah, Omri began his reign of twelve years over Israel. He reigned six years in Tirzah.
1 Kin 16:24 Omri bought the hill Samaria from Shemer for two talents of silver. He built a city on the hill {and} fortified it, and called it Samaria (Shomeron), after the owner of the hill, Shemer.
1 Kin 16:25 But Omri did evil in the eyes of the Lord, even worse than all who were before him.
1 Kin 16:26 He walked in all the ways of Jeroboam son of Nebat and in his sin, by which he made Israel sin, to provoke the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger with their idols.
1 Kin 16:27 The rest of the acts of Omri, and his might that he showed, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?
1 Kin 16:28 So Omri slept with his fathers and was buried in Samaria. Ahab his son reigned in his stead.
1 Kin 16:29 In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab son of Omri began his reign of twenty-two years over Israel in Samaria.
1 Kin 16:30 And Ahab son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord above all before him.
1 Kin 16:31 As if it had been a light thing for Ahab to walk in the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, he took for a wife Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and served Baal and worshiped him.
1 Kin 16:32 He erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal which he built in Samaria.
1 Kin 16:33 And Ahab made an Asherah [idolatrous symbol of the goddess Asherah]. Ahab did more to provoke the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel before him.
1 Kin 16:34 In his days, Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho. He laid its foundations at the cost of the life of Abiram his

firstborn, and set up its gates with the loss of his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke through Joshua son of Nun.
1 Kin 17:1 ELIJAH THE Tishbite, of the temporary residents of Gilead, said to Ahab, As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, before Whom I stand, there shall not be dew or rain these years but according to My word.
1 Kin 17:2 And the word of the Lord came to him, saying,
1 Kin 17:3 Go from here and turn east and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, east of the Jordan.
1 Kin 17:4 You shall drink of the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.
1 Kin 17:5 So he did according to the word of the Lord; he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, east of the Jordan.
1 Kin 17:6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning and bread and flesh in the evening, and he drank of the brook.
1 Kin 17:7 After a while the brook dried up because there was no rain in the land.
1 Kin 17:8 And the word of the Lord came to him:
1 Kin 17:9 Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.
1 Kin 17:10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her, Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.
1 Kin 17:11 As she was going to get it, he called to her and said, Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.
1 Kin 17:12 And she said, As the Lord your God lives, I have not a loaf baked but only a handful of meal in the jar and a little oil in the bottle. See, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and bake it for me and my son, that we may eat it--and die.
1 Kin 17:13 Elijah said to her, Fear not; go and do as you have said. But make me a little cake of [it] first and bring it to me, and afterward prepare some for yourself and your son.
1 Kin 17:14 For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: The jar of meal shall not waste away or the bottle of oil fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.
1 Kin 17:15 She did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days.
1 Kin 17:16 The jar of meal was not spent nor did the bottle of oil fail, according to the word which the Lord spoke through Elijah.
1 Kin 17:17 After these things, the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick; and his sickness was so severe that there was no breath left in him.
1 Kin 17:18 And she said to Elijah, What have you against me, O man of God? Have you come to me to call my sin to remembrance and to slay my son?
1 Kin 17:19 He said to her, Give me your son. And he took him from her bosom and carried him up into the chamber where he stayed and laid him upon his own bed.
1 Kin 17:20 And Elijah cried to the Lord and said, O Lord my God, have You brought further calamity upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?
1 Kin 17:21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the Lord and said, O Lord my God, I pray You, let this child's soul come back into him.
1 Kin 17:22 And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah, and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.
1 Kin 17:23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the [lower part of the] house and gave him to his mother; and Elijah said, See, your son is alive!
1 Kin 17:24 And the woman said to Elijah, By this I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.
1 Kin 18:1 AFTER MANY days, the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain upon the earth.
1 Kin 18:2 So Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. Now the famine was severe in Samaria.
1 Kin 18:3 And Ahab called Obadiah, who was the governor of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the Lord greatly;
1 Kin 18:4 For when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the Lord, Obadiah took a hundred prophets and hid them by fifties in a cave and fed them with bread and water.)
1 Kin 18:5 And Ahab said to Obadiah, Go into the land to all the fountains of water and to all the brooks; perhaps we may find grass to keep the horses and mules alive, that we lose none of the beasts.
1 Kin 18:6 So they divided the land between them to pass through it. Ahab went one way and Obadiah went another way, each by himself.
1 Kin 18:7 As Obadiah was on the way, behold, Elijah met him. He recognized him and fell on his face and said, Are you my lord Elijah?

1 Kin 18:8 He answered him, It is I. Go tell your lord, Behold, Elijah is here.
1 Kin 18:9 And he said, What sin have I committed, that you would deliver your servant into the hands of Ahab to be slain?
1 Kin 18:10 As the Lord your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my lord has not sent to seek you. And when they said, He is not here, he took an oath from the kingdom or nation that they had not found you.
1 Kin 18:11 And now you say, Go tell your lord, Behold, Elijah is here.
1 Kin 18:12 And as soon as I have gone out from you, the Spirit of the Lord will carry you I know not where; so when I come and tell Ahab and he cannot find you, he will kill me. But I your servant have feared {and} revered the Lord from my youth.
1 Kin 18:13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the Lord, how I hid a hundred men of the Lord's prophets by fifties in a cave and fed them with bread and water?
1 Kin 18:14 And now you say, Go tell your lord, Behold, Elijah is here; and he will kill me.
1 Kin 18:15 Elijah said, As the Lord of hosts lives, before Whom I stand, I will surely show myself to Ahab today.
1 Kin 18:16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah.
1 Kin 18:17 When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, Are you he who troubles Israel?
1 Kin 18:18 Elijah replied, I have not troubled Israel, but you have, and your father's house, by forsaking the commandments of the Lord and by following the Baals.
1 Kin 18:19 Therefore send and gather to me all Israel at Mount Carmel, and the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of [the goddess] Asherah, who eat at [Queen] Jezebel's table.
1 Kin 18:20 So Ahab sent to all the Israelites and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel.
1 Kin 18:21 Elijah came near to all the people and said, How long will you halt {and} limp between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him! But if Baal, then follow him. And the people did not answer him a word.
1 Kin 18:22 Then Elijah said to the people, I, I only, remain a prophet of the Lord, but Baal's prophets are 450 men.
1 Kin 18:23 Let two bulls be given us; let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood but put no fire to it. I will dress the other bull, lay it on the wood, and put no fire to it.
1 Kin 18:24 Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord; and the One Who answers by fire, let Him be God. And all the people answered, It is well spoken.
1 Kin 18:25 Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, Choose one bull for yourselves and dress it first, for you are many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it.
1 Kin 18:26 So they took the bull given them, dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, O Baal, hear {and} answer us! But there was no voice; no one answered. And they leaped upon {or} limped about the altar they had made.
1 Kin 18:27 At noon Elijah mocked them, saying, Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is musing, or he has gone aside, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.
1 Kin 18:28 And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with knives and lances until the blood gushed out upon them.
1 Kin 18:29 Midday passed, and they played the part of prophets until the time for offering the evening sacrifice, but there was no voice, no answer, no one who paid attention.
1 Kin 18:30 Then Elijah said to all the people, Come near to me. And all the people came near him. And he repaired the [old] altar of the Lord that had been broken down [by Jezebel].
1 Kin 18:31 Then Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord came, saying, Israel shall be your name.
1 Kin 18:32 And with the stones Elijah built an altar in the name [and self-revelation] of the Lord. He made a trench about the altar as great as would contain two measures of seed.
1 Kin 18:33 He put the wood in order and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood and said, Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and the wood.
1 Kin 18:34 And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.
1 Kin 18:35 The water ran round about the altar, and he filled the trench also with water.
1 Kin 18:36 At the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet came near and said, O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant and that I have done all these things at Your word.
1 Kin 18:37 Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You, the Lord, are God, and have turned their hearts back [to You].

1 Kin 18:38 Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice and the wood and the stones and the dust, and also licked up the water that was in the trench.
1 Kin 18:39 When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and they said, The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!
1 Kin 18:40 And Elijah said, Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one escape. They seized them, and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and [as God's law required] slew them there.
1 Kin 18:41 And Elijah said to Ahab, Go up, eat and drink, for there is the sound of abundance of rain.
1 Kin 18:42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he bowed himself down upon the earth and put his face between his knees
1 Kin 18:43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up and looked and said, There is nothing. Elijah said, Go again seven times.
1 Kin 18:44 And at the seventh time the servant said, A cloud as small as a man's hand is arising out of the sea. And Elijah said, Go up, say to Ahab, Hitch your chariot and go down, lest the rain stop you.
1 Kin 18:45 In a little while, the heavens were black with wind-swept clouds, and there was a great rain. And Ahab went to Jezreel.
1 Kin 18:46 The hand of the Lord was on Elijah. He girded up his loins and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel [nearly twenty miles].
1 Kin 19:1 AHAB TOLD Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had slain all the prophets [of Baal] with the sword.
1 Kin 19:2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.
1 Kin 19:3 Then he was afraid and arose and went for his life and came to Beersheba of Judah [over eighty miles, and out of Jezebel's realm] and left his servant there.
1 Kin 19:4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a lone broom {or} juniper tree and asked that he might die. He said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am no better than my fathers.
1 Kin 19:5 As he lay asleep under the broom {or} juniper tree, behold, an angel touched him and said to him, Arise and eat.
1 Kin 19:6 He looked, and behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a bottle of water at his head. And he ate and drank and lay down again.
1 Kin 19:7 The angel of the Lord came the second time and touched him and said, Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.
1 Kin 19:8 So he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and nights to Horeb, the mount of God.
1 Kin 19:9 There he came to a cave and lodged in it; and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and He said to him, What are you doing here, Elijah?
1 Kin 19:10 He replied, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I, I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.
1 Kin 19:11 And He said, Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord. And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake;
1 Kin 19:12 And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire [a sound of gentle stillness and] a still, small voice.
1 Kin 19:13 When Elijah heard the voice, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, What are you doing here, Elijah?
1 Kin 19:14 He said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts, because the Israelites have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and slain Your prophets with the sword. And I, I only, am left, and they seek my life, to destroy it.
1 Kin 19:15 And the Lord said to him, Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria.
1 Kin 19:16 And anoint Jehu son of Nimshi to be king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah to be prophet in your place.
1 Kin 19:17 And him who escapes from the sword of Hazael Jehu shall slay, and him who escapes the sword of Jehu

Elisha shall slay.
1 Kin 19:18 Yet I will leave Myself 7,000 in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him.
1 Kin 19:19 So Elijah left there and found Elisha son of Shaphat, whose plowing was being done with twelve yoke of oxen, and he drove the twelfth. Elijah crossed over to him and cast his mantle upon him.
1 Kin 19:20 He left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, Let me kiss my father and mother, and then I will follow you. And he [testing Elisha] said, Go on back. What have I done to you? [Settle it for yourself.]
1 Kin 19:21 So Elisha went back from him. Then he took a yoke of oxen, slew them, boiled their flesh with the oxen's yoke [as fuel], and gave to the people, and they ate. Then he arose, followed Elijah, and served him.
1 Kin 20:1 BEN-HADAD KING of Syria gathered all his army together; thirty-two kings were with him, and horses and chariots. And he went up and besieged Samaria, warring against it.
1 Kin 20:2 He sent messengers into Samaria to Ahab king of Israel and said to him, Thus says Ben-hadad:
1 Kin 20:3 Your silver and your gold are mine; your wives and your children, even the fairest, also are mine.
1 Kin 20:4 And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to what you say, I am yours, and all that I have.
1 Kin 20:5 The messengers came again and said, Thus says Ben-hadad: Although I have sent to you, saying, You shall deliver to me your silver, your gold, your wives, and your children--
1 Kin 20:6 Yet I will send my servants to you tomorrow about this time, and they shall search your house and the houses of your servants; and all the desire of your eyes they shall lay hands upon and take it away.
1 Kin 20:7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land and said, Notice now and see how this man is seeking our destruction. He sent to me for my wives, my children, my silver, and my gold, and I did not refuse him.
1 Kin 20:8 And all the elders and all the people said to him, Do not heed him or consent.
1 Kin 20:9 So he said to Ben-hadad's messengers, Tell my lord the king, All you first sent for to your servant I will do, but this thing I cannot do. And the messengers left; then they brought him word again.
1 Kin 20:10 Ben-hadad sent to him and said, May the gods do so to me, and more also, if the rubbish of Samaria shall be enough for each one of all the people who are at my feet {and} follow me to get a handful.
1 Kin 20:11 The king of Israel answered, Tell him: Let not him who girds on his harness boast as he who puts it off.
1 Kin 20:12 When Ben-hadad heard this message as he and the kings were drinking in the booths, he said to his servants, Set the army in array. And they set themselves in array against [Samaria].
1 Kin 20:13 Then a prophet came to Ahab king of Israel and said, Thus says the Lord: Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold, I will deliver it into your hand today, and you shall know {and} realize that I am the Lord.
1 Kin 20:14 Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus says the Lord: By the young men [the attendants or bodyguards] of the governors of the districts. Then Ahab said, Who shall order the battle? And he answered, You.
1 Kin 20:15 Ahab numbered the attendants of the governors of the districts, and they were 232. After them he numbered all the people of [the army of] Israel, 7,000.
1 Kin 20:16 And they went out at noon. But Ben-hadad was drinking himself drunk in the booths, he and the thirty-two kings who helped him.
1 Kin 20:17 The servants of the governors of the districts went out first; and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria.
1 Kin 20:18 And he said, Whether they have come out for peace or for war, take them alive.
1 Kin 20:19 So these [strong young guards] of the governors of the districts went out of [Samaria], and the army followed them.
1 Kin 20:20 And each one killed his man; the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them. Ben-hadad king of Syria escaped on a horse with the horsemen.
1 Kin 20:21 The king of Israel went out and smote [the riders of] the horses and chariots and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.
1 Kin 20:22 The prophet came to the king of Israel and said to him, Go, fortify yourself and become strong and give attention to what you must do, for at the first of next year the king of Syria will return against you.
1 Kin 20:23 And the servants of the king of Syria said to him, Israel's gods are gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we. But let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.
1 Kin 20:24 And do this thing: Remove the kings, each from his place, and put governors in their stead.
1 Kin 20:25 And muster yourself an army like the army you have lost, horse for horse and chariot for chariot. And we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. And he heeded their speech and did so.
1 Kin 20:26 And at the return of the year, Ben-hadad mustered the Syrians and went up to Aphek to fight against

Israel.
1 Kin 20:27 The Israelites were counted and, all present, went against them. The Israelites encamped before the enemy like two little flocks of lost kids [absolutely everything against them but Almighty God], but the Syrians filled the country.
1 Kin 20:28 A man of God came and said to the king of Israel, Thus says the Lord: Because the Syrians have said, The Lord is God of the hills but He is not God of the valleys, therefore I will deliver all this great multitude into your hands, and you shall know {and} recognize by experience that I am the Lord.
1 Kin 20:29 They encamped opposite each other seven days. Then the battle was joined; and the Israelites slew of the Syrians 100,000 foot soldiers in one day.
1 Kin 20:30 But the rest fled to the city of Aphek, and the wall fell upon 27,000 men who were left. Ben-hadad fled into the city {and} from chamber to chamber.
1 Kin 20:31 His servants said to him, We have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings. Let us put sackcloth on our loins and ropes about our necks, and go out to the king of Israel; perhaps he will spare your life.
1 Kin 20:32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins and put ropes on their necks, and came to the king of Israel and said, Your servant Ben-hadad says, I pray you, let me live. And King [Ahab] said, Is he yet alive? He is my brother.
1 Kin 20:33 Now the men took it as an omen and they hastily took it up and said, Yes, your brother Ben-hadad. Then the king said, Go, bring him. Then Ben-hadad came forth to him, and the victorious king caused him to come up into the chariot.
1 Kin 20:34 Ben-hadad [tempting him] said, The cities which my father took from your father I will restore; and you may maintain bazaars of your own in Damascus, as my father did in Samaria. Then, said Ahab, I will send you away on these terms. So he made a covenant with him and sent him away.
1 Kin 20:35 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his neighbor, At the command of the Lord, strike me, I pray you. And the man refused to strike him.
1 Kin 20:36 Then said he to him, Because you have not obeyed the voice of the Lord, behold, as soon as you have left me a lion will slay you. And as soon as he departed from him, a lion found him and killed him.
1 Kin 20:37 Then [the prophet] found another man and said, Strike me, I pray you. And the man struck him, so that in striking, he wounded him.
1 Kin 20:38 So the prophet departed and waited for King Ahab by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face.
1 Kin 20:39 And as the king passed by, the [prophet] cried out to him, Your servant went out into the midst of the battle, and behold, a man turned aside and brought a man to me and said, Keep this man. If for any reason he is missing, then your life shall be required for his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver.
1 Kin 20:40 But while your servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said to him, Such is your own verdict; you yourself have decided it.
1 Kin 20:41 The man hastily removed the ashes from his face, and Ahab king of Israel recognized him as one of the prophets.
1 Kin 20:42 And he said to the king, Thus says the Lord: Because you have let go out of your hand the man I had devoted to destruction, therefore your life shall go for his life, and your people for his people.
1 Kin 20:43 And King [Ahab] of Israel went to his house resentful and sullen, and came to Samaria.
1 Kin 21:1 NOW NABOTH the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, close beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria; and after these things,
1 Kin 21:2 Ahab said to Naboth, Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near my house. I will give you a better vineyard for it or, if you prefer, I will give you its worth in money.
1 Kin 21:3 Naboth said to Ahab, The Lord forbid that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you.
1 Kin 21:4 And Ahab [already depressed by the Lord's message to him] came into his house [more] resentful and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him; for he had said, I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers. And he lay down on his bed, turned away his face, and would eat no food.
1 Kin 21:5 But Jezebel his wife came and said to him, Why is your spirit so troubled that you eat no food?
1 Kin 21:6 And he said to her, Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, Give me your vineyard for money; or if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard for it. And he answered, I will not give you my vineyard.
1 Kin 21:7 Jezebel his wife said to him, Do you not govern Israel? Arise, eat food, and let your heart be happy. I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.
1 Kin 21:8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal and sent them to the elders and nobles who dwelt with Naboth in his city.

1 Kin 21:9 And in the letters she said, Proclaim a fast and set Naboth up high among the people.
1 Kin 21:10 And set two men, base fellows, before him, and let them bear witness against him, saying, You cursed {and} renounced God and the king. Then carry him out and stone him to death.
1 Kin 21:11 And the men of his city, the elders and the nobles who dwelt there, did as Jezebel had directed in the letters sent them.
1 Kin 21:12 They proclaimed a fast and set Naboth on high among the people.
1 Kin 21:13 Two base fellows came in and sat opposite him and they charged Naboth before the people, saying, Naboth cursed {and} renounced God and the king. Then he was carried out of the city and stoned to death.
1 Kin 21:14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth has been stoned and is dead.
1 Kin 21:15 Then Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite which he refused to sell you, for Naboth is not alive, but dead.
1 Kin 21:16 When Ahab heard that, he arose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite to take possession of it.
1 Kin 21:17 Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,
1 Kin 21:18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel in Samaria. He is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to possess it.
1 Kin 21:19 Say to him, Thus says the Lord: Have you killed and also taken possession? Thus says the Lord: In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick your blood, even yours.
1 Kin 21:20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Have you found me, O my enemy? And he answered, I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do evil in the sight of the Lord.
1 Kin 21:21 See [says the Lord], I will bring evil on you and utterly sweep away and cut off from Ahab every male, bond and free,
1 Kin 21:22 And will make your household like that of Jeroboam son of Nebat and like the household of Baasha son of Ahijah, for the provocation with which you have provoked Me to anger and made Israel to sin.
1 Kin 21:23 Also the Lord said of Jezebel: The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.
1 Kin 21:24 Any belonging to Ahab who dies in the city the dogs shall eat, and any who dies in the field the birds of the air shall eat.
1 Kin 21:25 For there was no one who sold himself to do evil in the sight of the Lord as did Ahab, incited by his wife Jezebel.
1 Kin 21:26 He did very abominably in going after idols, as had the Amorites, whom the Lord cast out before the Israelites.
1 Kin 21:27 When Ahab heard those words of Elijah, he tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his flesh, fasted, lay in sackcloth, and went quietly.
1 Kin 21:28 And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,
1 Kin 21:29 Do you see how Ahab humbles himself before Me? Because he humbles himself before Me, I will not bring the evil in his lifetime, but in his son's day I will bring the evil upon his house.
1 Kin 22:1 SYRIA AND Israel continued without war for three years.
1 Kin 22:2 In the third year Jehoshaphat king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.
1 Kin 22:3 And [Ahab] king of Israel said to his servants, Do you know that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we keep silence and do not take it from the king of Syria?
1 Kin 22:4 And [Ahab] said to Jehoshaphat, Will you go with me to Ramoth-gilead to battle? Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.
1 Kin 22:5 But Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, Inquire first, I pray you, for the word of the Lord today.
1 Kin 22:6 Then [Ahab] king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about 400 men, and said to them, Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I hold back? And they said, Go up, for the Lord will deliver it into the hand of the king.
1 Kin 22:7 Jehoshaphat said, Is there not another prophet of the Lord here whom we may ask?
1 Kin 22:8 [Ahab] king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the Lord, but I hate him, for he never prophesies good for me, but evil. Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say that.
1 Kin 22:9 Then [Ahab] king of Israel told an officer, Bring quickly Micaiah son of Imlah.
1 Kin 22:10 Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah were sitting in [royal] robes [or armor], each on his throne in an open place [on a threshing floor] at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

1 Kin 22:11 And Zedekiah son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron and said, Thus says the Lord: With these you shall push the Syrians until they are destroyed.
1 Kin 22:12 And all the prophets agreed, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead and prosper, for the Lord will deliver it into the king's hand.
1 Kin 22:13 The messenger who went to call Micaiah said to him, Behold now, the prophets unanimously declare good to the king. Let your answer, I pray you, be like theirs, and say what is good.
1 Kin 22:14 But Micaiah said, As the Lord lives, I will speak what the Lord says to me.
1 Kin 22:15 So he came to the king. King [Ahab] said, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we hold back? And he answered, Go and prosper, for the Lord will deliver it into the king's hand.
1 Kin 22:16 And the king said to him, How many times must I charge you to tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the Lord?
1 Kin 22:17 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills as sheep that have no shepherd, and the Lord said, These have no master. Let them return every man to his house in peace.
1 Kin 22:18 Then the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell you that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?
1 Kin 22:19 And Micaiah said, Hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by Him on His right hand and on His left.
1 Kin 22:20 And the Lord said, Who will entice Ahab to go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? One said this way, another said that way.
1 Kin 22:21 Then there came forth a spirit [of whom I am about to tell] and stood before the Lord and said, I will entice him.
1 Kin 22:22 The Lord said to him, By what means? And he said, I will go forth and be a lying spirit in the mouths of all his prophets. [The Lord] said, You shall entice him and succeed also. Go forth and do it.
1 Kin 22:23 So the Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouths of all these prophets; and the Lord has spoken evil concerning you.
1 Kin 22:24 But Zedekiah son of Chenaanah went near and struck Micaiah on the cheek and said, Which way went the Spirit of the Lord from me to speak to you?
1 Kin 22:25 Micaiah said, Behold, you shall see on that day when you go into an inner chamber to hide yourself.
1 Kin 22:26 [Ahab] king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, carry him back to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king's son,
1 Kin 22:27 And say, The king says, Put this fellow in prison and feed him with bread and water of affliction until I come in peace.
1 Kin 22:28 Micaiah said, If you return at all in peace, the Lord has not spoken by me. He [added], Hear, O people, every one of you!
1 Kin 22:29 So [Ahab] king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead.
1 Kin 22:30 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself and enter the battle, but you put on your [royal] clothing. And the king of Israel disguised himself and went into the battle.
1 Kin 22:31 But the king of Syria had commanded the thirty-two captains of his chariots, Fight neither with small nor great, but only with [Ahab] king of Israel.
1 Kin 22:32 And when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, they said, Surely it is the king of Israel. They turned to fight against him, but Jehoshaphat cried out.
1 Kin 22:33 And when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back from pursuing him.
1 Kin 22:34 But a certain man drew a bow at a venture and smote [Ahab] the king of Israel between the joints of the armor. So he said to the driver of his chariot, Turn around and carry me out of the army, for I am wounded.
1 Kin 22:35 The battle increased that day, and [Ahab] the king was propped up in his chariot facing the Syrians, and at nightfall he died. And the blood of his wound flowed onto the floor of the chariot.
1 Kin 22:36 And there went a cry throughout the army about sundown, saying, Every man to his city and his own country,
1 Kin 22:37 For the king is dead! And [Ahab] was brought to Samaria, where they buried him.
1 Kin 22:38 And they washed [his] chariot by the pool of Samaria, where the harlots bathed, and the dogs licked up his blood, as the Lord had predicted.
1 Kin 22:39 The rest of Ahab's acts, all he did, the ivory palace and all the cities he built, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

1 Kin 22:40 So Ahab slept with his fathers. Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.
1 Kin 22:41 Jehoshaphat son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.
1 Kin 22:42 Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother was Azubah daughter of Shilhi.
1 Kin 22:43 He walked in all the ways {or} customs of Asa his father, never swerving from it, doing right in the sight of the Lord. However, the [idolatrous] high places were not taken away; for the people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places.
1 Kin 22:44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with Israel's king.
1 Kin 22:45 The rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, his might that he showed and how he warred, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?
1 Kin 22:46 And the remnant of the sodomites (the male cult prostitutes) who remained in the days of his father Asa, [Jehoshaphat] expelled from the country.
1 Kin 22:47 There was no king in Edom; a deputy was acting king.
1 Kin 22:48 Jehoshaphat ordered ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold, but they did not go, for the ships were wrecked at Ezion-geber.
1 Kin 22:49 When Ahaziah son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with your servants in the ships, Jehoshaphat refused.
1 Kin 22:50 Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers and was buried with them in the city of David his father [forefather]. And Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.
1 Kin 22:51 Ahaziah son of Ahab began his two-year reign over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah.
1 Kin 22:52 He did evil in the sight of the Lord and walked in the ways of his father [Ahab] and of his mother [Jezebel] and of Jeroboam son of Nebat, who made Israel sin.
1 Kin 22:53 He served Baal and worshiped him and provoked the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger in all the ways his father had done.
2 Kin 1:1 MOAB REBELLED against Israel after the death of Ahab.
2 Kin 1:2 [King] Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria and lay sick. He sent messengers, saying, Go, ask Baal-zebub, the god of [Philistine] Ekron, if I shall recover from this illness.
2 Kin 1:3 But the angel of the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king in Samaria and say to them, Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?
2 Kin 1:4 Therefore the Lord says: You [Ahaziah] shall not leave the bed on which you lie, but shall surely die. And Elijah departed.
2 Kin 1:5 When the messengers returned to Ahaziah, he said, Why have you turned back?
2 Kin 1:6 They replied, A man came up to meet us who said, Go back to the king who sent you and tell him, Thus says the Lord: Is there no God in Israel that you send to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not leave the bed on which you lie, but shall surely die.
2 Kin 1:7 The king asked, What was the man like who came to meet you saying these things?
2 Kin 1:8 They answered, He was a hairy man with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite.
2 Kin 1:9 Then the king sent to Elijah a captain of fifty men with his fifty [to seize him]. He found Elijah sitting on a hilltop and said, Man of God, the king says, Come down.
2 Kin 1:10 Elijah said to the captain of fifty, If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty. And fire fell from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.
2 Kin 1:11 Again King [Ahaziah] sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he said to Elijah, Man of God, the king has said, Come down quickly!
2 Kin 1:12 And Elijah answered, If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.
2 Kin 1:13 Ahaziah sent again a captain of a third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up and fell on his knees before Elijah and besought him and said to him, O man of God, I pray you, let my life and the lives of these fifty, your servants, be precious in your sight.
2 Kin 1:14 Behold, fire came down from heaven and burned up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties. Therefore let my life now be precious in your sight.
2 Kin 1:15 The angel of the Lord said to Elijah, Go down with him; do not be afraid of him. So he arose and went

with him to the king.
2 Kin 1:16 Elijah said to [King] Ahaziah, Thus says the Lord: Since you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub, god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel of Whom to inquire His word? Therefore you shall not leave the bed on which you lie, but shall surely die.
2 Kin 1:17 So Ahaziah died according to the word of the Lord which Elijah had spoken. Joram [also a son of Ahab] reigned in Israel in his stead in the second year of Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, because Ahaziah had no son [but his brother].
2 Kin 1:18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?
2 Kin 2:1 WHEN THE Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were going from Gilgal.
2 Kin 2:2 And Elijah said to Elisha, Tarry here, I pray you, for the Lord has sent me to Bethel. But Elisha replied, As the Lord lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. So they went down to Bethel.
2 Kin 2:3 The prophets' sons who were at Bethel came to Elisha and said, Do you know that the Lord will take your master away from you today? He said, Yes, I know it; hold your peace.
2 Kin 2:4 Elijah said to him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray you, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho. But he said, As the Lord lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. So they came to Jericho.
2 Kin 2:5 The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came to Elisha and said, Do you know that the Lord will take your master away from you today? And he answered, Yes, I know it; hold your peace.
2 Kin 2:6 Elijah said to him, Tarry here, I pray you, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan. But he said, As the Lord lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. And the two of them went on.
2 Kin 2:7 Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood [to watch] afar off; and the two of them stood by the Jordan.
2 Kin 2:8 And Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the waters, and they divided this way and that, so that the two of them went over on dry ground.
2 Kin 2:9 And when they had gone over, Elijah said to Elisha, Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you. And Elisha said, I pray you, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.
2 Kin 2:10 He said, You have asked a hard thing. However, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you--but if not, it shall not be so.
2 Kin 2:11 As they still went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire parted the two of them, and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.
2 Kin 2:12 And Elisha saw it and he cried, My father, my father! The chariot of Israel and its horsemen! And he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.
2 Kin 2:13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan.
2 Kin 2:14 And he took the mantle that fell from Elijah and struck the waters and said, Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah? And when he had struck the waters, they parted this way and that, and Elisha went over.
2 Kin 2:15 When the sons of the prophets who were [watching] at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha. And they came to meet him and bowed themselves to the ground before him.
2 Kin 2:16 And they said to him, Behold now, there are among your servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray you, and seek your master. It may be that the Spirit of the Lord has taken him up and cast him on some mountain or into some valley. And he said, You shall not send.
2 Kin 2:17 But when they urged him till he was embarrassed, he said, Send. So they sent fifty men, who sought for three days but did not find him.
2 Kin 2:18 When they returned to Elisha, who had waited at Jericho, he said to them, Did I not tell you, Do not go?
2 Kin 2:19 And the men of the city said to Elisha, Behold, inhabiting of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees, but the water is bad and the locality causes miscarriage {and} barrenness [in all animals].
2 Kin 2:20 He said, Bring me a new bowl and put salt [the symbol of God's purifying power] in it. And they brought it to him.
2 Kin 2:21 Then Elisha went to the spring of the waters and cast the salt in it and said, Thus says the Lord: I [not the salt] have healed these waters; there shall not be any more death, miscarriage {or} barrenness [and bereavement] because of it.
2 Kin 2:22 So the waters were healed to this day, as Elisha had said.
2 Kin 2:23 He went up from Jericho to Bethel. On the way, young [maturing and accountable] boys came out of the city and mocked him and said to him, Go up [in a whirlwind], you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!

2 Kin 2:24 And he turned around and looked at them and called a curse down on them in the name of the Lord. And two she-bears came out of the woods and ripped up forty-two of the boys.
2 Kin 2:25 Elisha went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.
2 Kin 3:1 JORAM SON of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.
2 Kin 3:2 He did evil in the sight of the Lord, but not like his father and mother; for he put away the pillar of Baal that his father had made.
2 Kin 3:3 Yet he clung to the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not from them.
2 Kin 3:4 Mesha king of Moab was a sheepmaster, and paid in tribute to the king of Israel [annually] 100,000 lambs and 100,000 rams, with the wool.
2 Kin 3:5 But when Ahab died, the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.
2 Kin 3:6 So King Joram went out of Samaria at that time and mustered all Israel.
2 Kin 3:7 And he sent to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me to war against Moab? And he said, I will go; I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.
2 Kin 3:8 Joram said, Which way shall we go up? Jehoshaphat answered, The way through the Wilderness of Edom.
2 Kin 3:9 So the king of Israel went with the king of Judah and the king of Edom. They made a circuit of seven days' journey, but there was no water for the army or for the animals following them.
2 Kin 3:10 Then the king of Israel said, Alas! The Lord has called [us] three kings together to be delivered into Moab's hand!
2 Kin 3:11 But Jehoshaphat said, Is there no prophet of the Lord here by whom we may inquire of the Lord? One of the king of Israel's servants answered, Elisha son of Shaphat, who served Elijah, is here.
2 Kin 3:12 Jehoshaphat said, The word of the Lord is with him. So Joram king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to Elisha.
2 Kin 3:13 And Elisha said to the king of Israel, What have I to do with you? Go to the prophets of your [wicked] father Ahab and your [wicked] mother Jezebel. But the king of Israel said to him, No, for the Lord has called [us] three kings together to be delivered into the hand of Moab.
2 Kin 3:14 And Elisha said, As the Lord of hosts lives, before Whom I stand, surely, were it not that I respect the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would neither look at you nor see you [King Joram].
2 Kin 3:15 But now bring me a minstrel. And while the minstrel played, the hand {and} power of the Lord came upon [Elisha].
2 Kin 3:16 And he said, Thus says the Lord: Make this [dry] brook bed full of trenches.
2 Kin 3:17 For thus says the Lord: You shall not see wind or rain, yet that ravine shall be filled with water, so you, your cattle, and your beasts [of burden] may drink.
2 Kin 3:18 This is but a light thing in the sight of the Lord. He will deliver the Moabites also into your hands.
2 Kin 3:19 You shall smite every fenced city and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree and stop all wells of water and mar every good piece of land with stones.
2 Kin 3:20 In the morning, when the sacrifice was offered, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.
2 Kin 3:21 When all the Moabites heard that the kings had come up to fight against them, all who were able to put on armor, young and old, gathered and drew up at the border.
2 Kin 3:22 When they rose up early next morning, and the sun shone upon the water, the Moabites saw the water across from them as red as blood.
2 Kin 3:23 And they said, This is blood; the kings have surely been fighting and have slain one another. Now then, Moab, to the spoil!
2 Kin 3:24 But when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them. And they went forward, slaying the Moabites as they went.
2 Kin 3:25 They beat down the cities [walls], and on every good piece of land every man cast a stone, covering it [with stones]. And they stopped all the springs of water and felled all the good trees, until only the stones [of the walls of Moab's capital city] of Kir-hareseth were left standing, and the slingers surrounded and took it.
2 Kin 3:26 And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was against him, he took with him 700 swordsmen to break through to the king of Edom, but they could not.
2 Kin 3:27 Then he [Moab's king] took his eldest son, who was to reign in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering on the wall [in full view of the horrified enemy kings]. And there was great indignation, wrath, {and}

bitterness against Israel; and they [his allies Judah and Edom] withdrew from [Joram] and returned to their own land.
2 Kin 4:1 NOW THE wife of a son of the prophets cried to Elisha, Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord. But the creditor has come to take my two sons to be his slaves.
2 Kin 4:2 Elisha said to her, What shall I do for you? Tell me, what have you [of sale value] in the house? She said, Your handmaid has nothing in the house except a jar of oil.
2 Kin 4:3 Then he said, Go around and borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels--and not a few.
2 Kin 4:4 And when you come in, shut the door upon you and your sons. Then pour out [the oil you have] into all those vessels, setting aside each one when it is full.
2 Kin 4:5 So she went from him and shut the door upon herself and her sons, who brought to her the vessels as she poured the oil.
2 Kin 4:6 When the vessels were all full, she said to her son, Bring me another vessel. And he said to her, There is not a one left. Then the oil stopped multiplying.
2 Kin 4:7 Then she came and told the man of God. He said, Go, sell the oil and pay your debt, and you and your sons live on the rest.
2 Kin 4:8 One day Elisha went on to Shunem, where a rich and influential woman lived, who insisted on his eating a meal. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he stopped there for a meal.
2 Kin 4:9 And she said to her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God who passes by continually.
2 Kin 4:10 Let us make a small chamber on the [housetop] and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp. Then whenever he comes to us, he can go [up the outside stairs and rest] here.
2 Kin 4:11 One day he came and turned into the chamber and lay there.
2 Kin 4:12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. When he had called her, she stood before him.
2 Kin 4:13 And he said to Gehazi, Say now to her, You have been most painstakingly {and} reverently concerned for us; what is to be done for you? Would you like to be spoken for to the king or to the commander of the army? She answered, I dwell among my own people [they are sufficient].
2 Kin 4:14 Later Elisha said, What then is to be done for her? Gehazi answered, She has no child and her husband is old.
2 Kin 4:15 He said, Call her. [Gehazi] called her, and she stood in the doorway.
2 Kin 4:16 Elisha said, At this season when the time comes round, you shall embrace a son. She said, No, my lord, you man of God, do not lie to your handmaid.
2 Kin 4:17 But the woman conceived and bore a son at that season the following year, as Elisha had said to her.
2 Kin 4:18 When the child had grown, he went out one day to his father with the reapers.
2 Kin 4:19 But he said to his father, My head, my head! The man said to his servant, Carry him to his mother.
2 Kin 4:20 And when he was brought to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.
2 Kin 4:21 And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him and went out.
2 Kin 4:22 And she called to her husband and said, Send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, that I may go quickly to the man of God and come back again.
2 Kin 4:23 And he said, Why go to him today? It is neither the New Moon nor the Sabbath. And she said, It will be all right.
2 Kin 4:24 Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, Ride fast; do not slacken your pace for me unless I tell you.
2 Kin 4:25 So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel. When the man of God saw her afar off, he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite.
2 Kin 4:26 Run to meet her and say, Is it well with you? Well with your husband? Well with the child? And she answered, It is well.
2 Kin 4:27 When she came to the mountain to the man of God, she clung to his feet. Gehazi came to thrust her away, but the man of God said, Let her alone, for her soul is bitter {and} vexed within her, and the Lord has hid it from me and has not told me.
2 Kin 4:28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? Did I not say, Do not deceive me?
2 Kin 4:29 Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up your loins and take my staff in your hand and go lay my staff on the face of the child. If you meet any man, do not salute him. If he salutes you, do not answer him.
2 Kin 4:30 The mother of the child said, As the Lord lives and as my soul lives, I will not leave you. And he arose and followed her.
2 Kin 4:31 Gehazi passed on before them and laid the staff on the child's face, but the boy neither spoke nor heard. So

he went back to meet Elisha and said to him, The child has not awakened.
2 Kin 4:32 When Elisha arrived in the house, the child was dead and laid upon his bed.
2 Kin 4:33 So he went in, shut the door on the two of them, and prayed to the Lord.
2 Kin 4:34 He went up and lay on the child, put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands. And as he stretched himself on him {and} embraced him, the child's flesh became warm.
2 Kin 4:35 Then he returned and walked in the house to and fro and went up again and stretched himself upon him. And the child sneezed seven times, and then opened his eyes.
2 Kin 4:36 Then [Elisha] called Gehazi and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she came, he said, Take up your son.
2 Kin 4:37 She came and fell at his feet, bowing herself to the ground. Then she took up her son and went out.
2 Kin 4:38 Elisha came back to Gilgal during a famine in the land. The sons of the prophets were sitting before him, and he said to his servant, Set on the big pot and cook pottage for the sons of the prophets.
2 Kin 4:39 Then one went into the field to gather herbs and gathered from a wild vine his lap full of wild gourds, and returned and cut them up into the pot of pottage, for they were unknown to them.
2 Kin 4:40 So they poured it out for the men to eat. But as they ate of the pottage, they cried out, O man of God, there is death in the pot! And they could not eat it.
2 Kin 4:41 But he said, Bring meal [as a symbol of God's healing power]. And he cast it into the pot and said, Pour it out for the people that they may eat. Then there was no harm in the pot.
2 Kin 4:42 [At another time] a man from Baal-shalisha came and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and fresh ears of grain [in the husk] in his sack. And Elisha said, Give to the men that they may eat.
2 Kin 4:43 His servant said, How am I to set [only] this before a hundred [hungry] men? He said, Give to the men that they may eat. For thus says the Lord: They shall be fed and have some left.
2 Kin 4:44 So he set it before them, and they ate and left some, as the Lord had said.
2 Kin 5:1 NAAMAN, COMMANDER of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, accepted [and acceptable], because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper.
2 Kin 5:2 The Syrians had gone out in bands and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid, and she waited on Naaman's wife.
2 Kin 5:3 She said to her mistress, Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy.
2 Kin 5:4 [Naaman] went in and told his king, Thus and thus said the maid from Israel.
2 Kin 5:5 And the king of Syria said, Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel. And he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, 6,000 shekels of gold, and ten changes of raiment.
2 Kin 5:6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel. It said, When this letter comes to you, I will with it have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of leprosy.
2 Kin 5:7 When the king of Israel read the letter, he rent his clothes and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends to me to heal a man of his leprosy? Just consider and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me.
2 Kin 5:8 When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, he sent to the king, asking, Why have you rent your clothes? Let Naaman come now to me and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.
2 Kin 5:9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stopped at Elisha's door.
2 Kin 5:10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.
2 Kin 5:11 But Naaman was angry and went away and said, Behold, I thought he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and heal the leper.
2 Kin 5:12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.
2 Kin 5:13 And his servants came near and said to him, My father, if the prophet had bid you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much rather, then, when he says to you, Wash and be clean?
2 Kin 5:14 Then he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, as the man of God had said, and his flesh was restored like that of a little child, and he was clean.
2 Kin 5:15 Then Naaman returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and stood before him. He said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel. So now accept a gift from your servant.
2 Kin 5:16 Elisha said, As the Lord lives, before Whom I stand, I will accept none. He urged him to take it, but Elisha

refused.
2 Kin 5:17 Naaman said, Then, I pray you, let there be given to me, your servant, two mules' burden of earth. For your servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice to other gods, but only to the Lord.
2 Kin 5:18 In this thing may the Lord pardon your servant: when my master [the king] goes into the house of [his god] Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, may the Lord pardon your servant in this thing.
2 Kin 5:19 Elisha said to him, Go in peace. So Naaman departed from him a little way.
2 Kin 5:20 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not receiving from his hands what he brought. But as the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something from him.
2 Kin 5:21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. When Naaman saw one running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him and said, Is all well?
2 Kin 5:22 And he said, All is well. My master has sent me to say, There have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets. I pray you, give them a talent of silver and two changes of garments.
2 Kin 5:23 And Naaman said, Be pleased to take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags with two changes of garments and laid them upon two of his servants, and they bore them before Gehazi.
2 Kin 5:24 When he came to the hill, he took them from their hands and put them in the house; and he sent the men away, and they left.
2 Kin 5:25 He went in and stood before his master. Elisha said, Where have you been, Gehazi? He said, Your servant went nowhere.
2 Kin 5:26 Elisha said to him, Did not my spirit go with you when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money, garments, olive orchards, vineyards, sheep, oxen, menservants, and maidservants?
2 Kin 5:27 Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cleave to you and to your offspring forever. And Gehazi went from his presence a leper as white as snow.
2 Kin 6:1 THE SONS of the prophets said to Elisha, Look now, the place where we live before you is too small for us.
2 Kin 6:2 Let us go to the Jordan, and each man get there a [house] beam; and let us make us a place there where we may dwell. And he answered, Go.
2 Kin 6:3 One said, Be pleased to go with your servants. He answered, I will go.
2 Kin 6:4 So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees.
2 Kin 6:5 But as one was felling his beam, the axhead fell into the water; and he cried, Alas, my master, for it was borrowed!
2 Kin 6:6 The man of God said, Where did it fall? When shown the place, Elisha cut off a stick and threw it in there, and the iron floated.
2 Kin 6:7 He said, Pick it up. And he put out his hand and took it.
2 Kin 6:8 When the king of Syria was warring against Israel, after counseling with his servants, he said, In such and such a place shall be my camp.
2 Kin 6:9 Then the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, Beware that you pass not such a place, for the Syrians are coming down there.
2 Kin 6:10 Then the king of Israel sent to the place of which [Elisha] told {and} warned him; and thus he protected {and} saved himself there repeatedly.
2 Kin 6:11 Therefore the mind of the king of Syria was greatly troubled by this thing. He called his servants and said, Will you show me who of us is for the king of Israel?
2 Kin 6:12 One of his servants said, None, my lord O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedchamber.
2 Kin 6:13 He said, Go and see where he is, that I may send and seize him. And it was told him, He is in Dothan.
2 Kin 6:14 So [the Syrian king] sent there horses, chariots, and a great army. They came by night and surrounded the city.
2 Kin 6:15 When the servant of the man of God rose early and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was around the city. Elisha's servant said to him, Alas, my master! What shall we do?
2 Kin 6:16 [Elisha] answered, Fear not; for those with us are more than those with them.
2 Kin 6:17 Then Elisha prayed, Lord, I pray You, open his eyes that he may see. And the Lord opened the young man's eyes, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.
2 Kin 6:18 And when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, Smite this people with blindness, I

pray You. And God smote them with blindness, as Elisha asked.
2 Kin 6:19 Elisha said to the Syrians, This is not the way or the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek. And he led them to Samaria.
2 Kin 6:20 And when they had come into Samaria, Elisha said, Lord, open the eyes of these men that they may see. And the Lord opened their eyes, and they saw. Behold, they were in the midst of Samaria!
2 Kin 6:21 When the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, My father, shall I slay them? Shall I slay them?
2 Kin 6:22 [Elisha] answered, You shall not slay them. Would you slay those you have taken captive with your sword and bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and return to their master.
2 Kin 6:23 So [the king] prepared great provision for them, and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.
2 Kin 6:24 Afterward, Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered his whole army and went up and besieged Samaria,
2 Kin 6:25 And a great famine came to Samaria. They besieged it until a donkey's head was sold for eighty shekels of silver, and a fourth of a kab of dove's dung [a wild vegetable] for five shekels of silver.
2 Kin 6:26 As the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, a woman cried to him, Help, my lord, O king!
2 Kin 6:27 He said, [For] if he does not help you [No, let the Lord help you!], from where can I get you help? Out of the threshing floor, or out of the winepress?
2 Kin 6:28 And the king said to her, What ails you? She answered, This woman said to me, Give me your son so we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.
2 Kin 6:29 So we boiled my son and ate him. The next day I said to her, Give your son so we may eat him, but she had hidden her son.
2 Kin 6:30 When the king heard the woman's words, he rent his clothes. As he went on upon the wall, the people looked, and behold, he wore sackcloth inside on his flesh.
2 Kin 6:31 Then he said, May God do so to me, and more also, if the head of Elisha son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day!
2 Kin 6:32 Now Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him. And the king sent a man from before him [to behead Elisha]. But before the messenger arrived, Elisha said to the elders, See how this son of [Jezebel] a murderer is sending to remove my head? Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door and hold it fast against him. Is not the sound of his master's feet [just] behind him?
2 Kin 6:33 And while Elisha was talking with them, behold, [the messenger] came to him [and then the king came also]. And [the relenting king] said, This evil is from the Lord! Why should I any longer wait [expecting Him to withdraw His punishment? What, Elisha, can be done now]?
2 Kin 7:1 THEN ELISHA said, Hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord: Tomorrow about this time a measure of fine flour will sell for a shekel and two measures of barley for a shekel in the gate of Samaria!
2 Kin 7:2 Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God and said, If the Lord should make windows in heaven, could this thing be? But Elisha said, You shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat of it.
2 Kin 7:3 Now four men who were lepers were at the entrance of the city's gate; and they said to one another, Why do we sit here until we die?
2 Kin 7:4 If we say, We will enter the city--then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there; and if we sit still here, we die also. So now come, let us go over to the army of the Syrians. If they spare us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.
2 Kin 7:5 So they arose in the twilight and went to the Syrian camp. But when they came to the edge of the camp, no man was there.
2 Kin 7:6 For the Lord had made the Syrian army hear a noise of chariots and horses, the noise of a great army. They had said to one another, The king of Israel has hired the Hittite and Egyptian kings to come upon us.
2 Kin 7:7 So the Syrians arose and fled in the twilight and left their tents, horses, donkeys, even the camp as it was, and fled for their lives.
2 Kin 7:8 And when these lepers came to the edge of the camp, they went into one tent and ate and drank, and carried away silver, gold, and clothing, and went and hid them [in the darkness]. Then they entered another tent and carried from there also and went and hid it.
2 Kin 7:9 Then they said one to another, We are not doing right. This is a day of [glad] good news and we are silent {and} do not speak up! If we wait until daylight, some punishment will come upon us [for not reporting at once]. So now come, let us go and tell the king's household.
2 Kin 7:10 So they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city. They told them, We came to the camp of the

Syrians, and behold, there was neither sight nor sound of man there--only the horses and donkeys tied, and the tents as they were.
2 Kin 7:11 Then the gatekeepers called out, and it was told to the king's household within.
2 Kin 7:12 And the king rose in the night and said to his servants, I will tell you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we are hungry; therefore they have gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the open country, thinking, When they come out of the city, we shall take them alive and get into the city.
2 Kin 7:13 One of his servants said, Let some men take five of the remaining horses; [if they are caught and killed] they will be no worse off than all the multitude of Israel left in the city to be consumed. Let us send and see.
2 Kin 7:14 So they took two chariot horses, and the king sent them after the Syrian army, saying, Go and see.
2 Kin 7:15 They went after them to the Jordan. All the way was strewn with clothing and equipment which the Syrians had cast away in their flight. And the messengers returned and told the king.
2 Kin 7:16 Then the people went out and plundered the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, as the Lord had spoken [through Elisha].
2 Kin 7:17 The king had appointed the captain on whose hand he leaned to have charge of the gate, and the [starving] people trampled him in the gate [as they struggled to get through for food], and he died, as the man of God had foretold when the king came down to him.
2 Kin 7:18 When the man of God had told the king, Two measures of barley shall sell for a shekel and a measure of fine flour for a shekel tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria,
2 Kin 7:19 The captain had told the man of God, If the Lord should make windows in heaven, could such a thing be? And he said, You shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat of it.
2 Kin 7:20 And so it was fulfilled to him, for the people trampled on him in the gate, and he died.
2 Kin 8:1 NOW ELISHA had said to the woman whose son he had restored to life, Arise and go with your household and sojourn wherever you can, for the Lord has called for a famine, and moreover, it will come upon the land for seven years.
2 Kin 8:2 So the woman arose and did as the man of God had said. She went with her household and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.
2 Kin 8:3 At the end of the seven years the woman returned from the land of the Philistines, and she went to appeal to the king for her house and land.
2 Kin 8:4 The king talked with Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me all the great things Elisha has done.
2 Kin 8:5 And as Gehazi was telling the king how [Elisha] had restored the dead to life, behold, the woman whose son he had restored to life appealed to the king for her house and land. And Gehazi said, My lord O king, this is the woman, and this is her son whom Elisha brought back to life.
2 Kin 8:6 When the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed to her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land even until now.
2 Kin 8:7 Elisha came to Damascus, and Ben-hadad king of Syria was sick; and he was told, The man of God has come here.
2 Kin 8:8 And the king said to Hazael, Take a present in your hand and go meet the man of God, and inquire of the Lord by him, saying, Shall I recover from this disease?
2 Kin 8:9 So Hazael went to meet Elisha and took a present with him of every good thing of Damascus, forty camel loads, and came and stood before him and said, Your son Ben-hadad king of Syria has sent me to you, asking, Shall I recover from this disease?
2 Kin 8:10 And Elisha said, Go, say to him, You shall certainly recover; but the Lord has shown me that he shall certainly die.
2 Kin 8:11 Elisha stared steadily at him until Hazael was embarrassed. And the man of God wept.
2 Kin 8:12 And Hazael said, Why do you weep, my lord? He answered, Because I know the evil that you will do to the Israelites. You will burn their strongholds, slay their young men with the sword, dash their infants in pieces, and rip up their pregnant women.
2 Kin 8:13 And Hazael said, What is your servant, only a dog, that he should do this monstrous thing? And Elisha answered, The Lord has shown me that you will be king over Syria.
2 Kin 8:14 Then [Hazael] departed from Elisha and came to his master, who said to him, What did Elisha say to you? And he answered, He told me you would surely recover.
2 Kin 8:15 But the next day Hazael took the bedspread and dipped it in water and spread it on [the Syrian king's] face, so that he died. And Hazael reigned in his stead.

2 Kin 8:16 In the fifth year of Joram son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat being then king of Judah, Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign.
2 Kin 8:17 He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.
2 Kin 8:18 He walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab, for [Athaliah] the daughter of Ahab was his wife. He did evil in the sight of the Lord.
2 Kin 8:19 Yet, for David His servant's sake, the Lord would not destroy Judah, for He promised to give him and his sons a lamp forever.
2 Kin 8:20 In his days, Edom revolted from the rule of Judah and set up a king over themselves.
2 Kin 8:21 So Jehoram [of Judah] went over to Zair with all his chariots. He and his chariot commanders rose up by night and slew the Edomites who had surrounded them; and [escaping] his army fled home.
2 Kin 8:22 So Edom revolted from the rule of Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.
2 Kin 8:23 The rest of the acts of Jehoram, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?
2 Kin 8:24 Jehoram slept with his fathers and was buried with [them] in the City of David. Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.
2 Kin 8:25 In the twelfth year of Joram son of Ahab king of Israel, Ahaziah son of Jehoram king of Judah began to reign.
2 Kin 8:26 Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah, the granddaughter of Omri king of Israel.
2 Kin 8:27 He walked in the ways of the house of Ahab and did evil in the sight of the Lord, as did the house of Ahab, for his father was son-in-law of Ahab.
2 Kin 8:28 Ahaziah went with Joram son of Ahab to war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramoth-gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram.
2 Kin 8:29 King Joram returned to Jezreel to be healed of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.
2 Kin 9:1 AND ELISHA the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets and said to him, Gird up your loins, take this flask of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead.
2 Kin 9:2 When you arrive, look there for Jehu son of Jehoshaphat son of Nimshi; and go in and have him arise from among his brethren and lead him to an inner chamber.
2 Kin 9:3 Then take the cruse of oil and pour it on his head and say, Thus says the Lord: I have anointed you king over Israel. Then open the door and flee; do not tarry.
2 Kin 9:4 So the young man, the young prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead.
2 Kin 9:5 And when he came, the captains of the army were sitting outside; and he said, I have a message for you, O captain. Jehu said, To which of us? And he said, To you, O captain.
2 Kin 9:6 And Jehu arose, and they went into the house. And the prophet poured the oil on Jehu's head and said to him, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I have anointed you king over the people of the Lord, even over Israel.
2 Kin 9:7 You shall strike down the house of Ahab your master, that I may avenge the blood of My servants the prophets and of all the servants of the Lord [who have died] at the hands of Jezebel.
2 Kin 9:8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish, and I will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel.
2 Kin 9:9 I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam son of Nebat and like the house of Baasha son of Ahijah.
2 Kin 9:10 And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and none shall bury her. And he opened the door and fled. [Fulfilled in II Kings 9:33-37.]
2 Kin 9:11 When Jehu came out to the servants of his master, one said to him, Is all well? Why did this mad fellow come to you? And he said to them, You know that class of man and what he would say.
2 Kin 9:12 And they said, That is false; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus he spoke to me, saying, Thus says the Lord: I have anointed you king over Israel.
2 Kin 9:13 Then they hastily took every man his garment and put it [for a cushion] under Jehu on the top of the [outside] stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu is king!
2 Kin 9:14 So Jehu son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, conspired against Joram [to dethrone and slay him]. Now Joram was holding Ramoth-gilead, he and all Israel, against Hazael king of Syria,
2 Kin 9:15 But King Joram had returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Jehu said, If this is your mind, let no one make his escape from the city

[Ramoth-gilead] to go and tell it in Jezreel [the capital].
2 Kin 9:16 So Jehu rode in a chariot and went to Jezreel, for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see Joram.
2 Kin 9:17 A watchman on the tower in Jezreel spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said, Send a horseman to meet them and have him ask, Do you come in peace?
2 Kin 9:18 So one on horseback went to meet him and said, Thus says the king: Is it peace? And Jehu said, What have you to do with peace? Rein in behind me. And the watchman reported, The messenger came to them, but he does not return.
2 Kin 9:19 Then Joram sent out a second man on horseback, who came to them and said, Thus says the king: Is it peace? Jehu replied, What have you to do with peace? Ride behind me.
2 Kin 9:20 And the watchman reported, He came to them, but does not return; also the driving is like the driving of Jehu son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously.
2 Kin 9:21 Joram said, Make ready. When his chariot was made ready, Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot. Thus they went out to meet Jehu and met him in the field of Naboth the Jezreelite.
2 Kin 9:22 When Joram saw Jehu, he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, How can peace exist as long as the fornications of your mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?
2 Kin 9:23 Then Joram reined about and fled, and he said to Ahaziah, Treachery, Ahaziah!
2 Kin 9:24 But Jehu drew his bow with his full strength and shot Joram between his shoulders; and the arrow went out through his heart, and he sank down in his chariot.
2 Kin 9:25 Then said Jehu to Bidkar his captain, Take [Joram] up and cast him in the plot of Naboth the Jezreelite's field; for remember how, when I and you rode together after Ahab his father, the Lord uttered this prophecy against him:
2 Kin 9:26 As surely as I saw yesterday the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons, says the Lord, I will repay you on this plot of ground, says the Lord. Now therefore, take and cast Joram into the plot of ground [of Naboth], as the word of the Lord said.
2 Kin 9:27 When Ahaziah king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. Jehu followed him and said, Smite him also in the chariot. And they did so at the ascent to Gur, which is by Ibleam. And [Ahaziah] fled to Megiddo and died there.
2 Kin 9:28 His servants took him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulcher with his fathers in the City of David.
2 Kin 9:29 In the eleventh year of Joram son of Ahab, Ahaziah's reign over Judah began.
2 Kin 9:30 Now when Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it, and she painted her eyes and beautified her head and looked out of [an upper] window.
2 Kin 9:31 And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, [Have you come in] peace, you Zimri, who slew his master?
2 Kin 9:32 Jehu lifted up his face to the window and said, Who is on my side? Who? And two or three eunuchs looked out at him.
2 Kin 9:33 And he said, Throw her down! So they threw her down, and some of her blood splattered on the wall and on the horses, and he drove over her.
2 Kin 9:34 When he came in, he ate and drank, and said, See now to this cursed woman and bury her, for she is a king's daughter.
2 Kin 9:35 They went to bury her, but they found nothing left of her except the skull, feet, and palms of her hands.
2 Kin 9:36 They came again and told Jehu. He said, This is the word of the Lord which He spoke by His servant Elijah the Tishbite, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel.
2 Kin 9:37 The corpse of Jezebel shall be like dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel, so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.
2 Kin 10:1 AHAB HAD seventy [grandsons] in Samaria. So Jehu wrote letters and sent them from Jezreel to the rulers of Samaria, to the elders, and to those who brought up Ahab's [grandsons], saying,
2 Kin 10:2 Now as soon as this letter comes to you, seeing your master [Joram's] sons are with you and also chariots and horses, a fortified city, and weapons,
2 Kin 10:3 Select the best and most fit of your master's sons and set him on his father's throne; and fight for your master's house.
2 Kin 10:4 But they were exceedingly afraid and reasoned, The two kings could not stand before [Jehu]; how then can we stand?
2 Kin 10:5 And he who was over the household, he who was over the city, the elders also, and the guardians {and}

tutors sent to Jehu, saying, We are your servants and will do all that you bid us; [but] we will not make any man king; do what is good in your eyes.
2 Kin 10:6 Then [Jehu] wrote a second letter to them, saying, If you are with me and will obey me, take the heads of your master [Joram's] sons and come to me at Jezreel by tomorrow this time. Now the [dead] king's sons, seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, who were bringing them up.
2 Kin 10:7 When the letter came to these men, they took the king's sons and slew them, seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets and sent them to Jehu at Jezreel.
2 Kin 10:8 When a messenger came and told him, They have brought the heads of the king's sons, he said, Lay them in two heaps at the entrance of the city gate until morning.
2 Kin 10:9 The next morning he went out and stood and said to all the people, You are just {and} innocent. Behold, I conspired against my master and slew him, but who smote all these?
2 Kin 10:10 Know now that nothing which the Lord spoke concerning the house of Ahab shall be unfulfilled {or} ineffective; for the Lord has done what He said through His servant Elijah.
2 Kin 10:11 So Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, his familiar friends, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.
2 Kin 10:12 And he arose and went to Samaria. And as he was at the shearing house of the shepherds on the way,
2 Kin 10:13 Jehu met the kinsmen of Ahaziah king of Judah and said, Who are you? They answered, We are the kinsmen of Ahaziah, and we came down to visit the royal princes and the sons of [Jezebel] the queen mother.
2 Kin 10:14 He said, Take them alive. And they did so and slew them at the cistern of the shearing house, forty-two men; he left none of them.
2 Kin 10:15 When Jehu left there, he met Jehonadab son of Rechab coming to meet him. He saluted him and said to him, Is your heart right, as my heart is with yours? Jehonadab answered, It is. [Jehu said] If it is, give me your hand. He gave him his hand, and Jehu took him up into the chariot.
2 Kin 10:16 And he said, Come with me and see my zeal for the Lord. So they made [the Rechabite] ride in Jehu's chariot.
2 Kin 10:17 When Jehu came to Samaria, he slew all who remained of Ahab's family in Samaria, till he had destroyed them all, according to what the Lord said to Elijah.
2 Kin 10:18 Jehu assembled all the people and said to them, Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu will serve him much.
2 Kin 10:19 So call to me all the prophets of Baal, all his worshipers, and all his priests. Let none be missing, for I have a great sacrifice to make to Baal; whoever is missing shall not live. But Jehu did it with trickery, intending to destroy the Baal worshipers.
2 Kin 10:20 Jehu said, Sanctify a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it.
2 Kin 10:21 Jehu sent through all Israel, and all the worshipers of Baal came; not a man failed to come. They went to the house {or} temple of Baal, filling it from one end to the other.
2 Kin 10:22 And he said to the man over the vestry, Bring vestments for all the worshipers of Baal. And he brought them vestments.
2 Kin 10:23 Then Jehu with Jehonadab son of Rechab went into the house of Baal and said to the worshipers of Baal, Search and see that there are here with you none of the servants of the Lord--but Baal worshipers only.
2 Kin 10:24 And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed eighty men outside and said, If any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, he who lets him go shall forfeit his own life for his life.
2 Kin 10:25 As soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, Jehu said to the guards and to the officers, Go in and slay them; let none escape. And they smote them with the sword; and the guards {or} runners [before the king] and the officers threw their bodies out and went into the inner dwelling of the house of Baal.
2 Kin 10:26 They brought out the pillars {or} obelisks of the house of Baal and burned them.
2 Kin 10:27 They broke down the pillars of Baal and the house of Baal, and made it [forever unclean] a privy to this day.
2 Kin 10:28 Thus Jehu rooted Baal out of Israel.
2 Kin 10:29 But Jehu did not give up the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, by which he made Israel to sin, that is, the golden calves at Bethel and Dan.
2 Kin 10:30 And the Lord said to Jehu, Because you have executed well what is right in My eyes and have done to the house of Ahab as I willed, your sons to the fourth generation shall sit on Israel's throne. [Fulfilled in II Kings 15:12.]
2 Kin 10:31 But Jehu paid no attention to walking in the law of the Lord, the God of Israel, with all his heart. He did not quit the sins with which Jeroboam made Israel to sin.

2 Kin 10:32 [So] in those days the Lord began to cut off parts of Israel. Hazael [of Syria] defeated them in all the [across the Jordan] territory of Israel
2 Kin 10:33 From the Jordan east, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, Reubenites, and Manassites, from Aroer which is by the Valley of the Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan.
2 Kin 10:34 The rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?
2 Kin 10:35 Jehu slept with his fathers. They buried him in Samaria. Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead.
2 Kin 10:36 The time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty-eight years.
2 Kin 11:1 WHEN ATHALIAH the mother of [King] Ahaziah [of Judah] saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal descendants.
2 Kin 11:2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram, [half] sister of Ahaziah, stole Joash son of Ahaziah from among the king's sons, who were to be slain, even him and his nurse, and hid them from Athaliah in an inner storeroom for beds; so he was not slain.
2 Kin 11:3 Joash was with his nurse hidden in the house of the Lord for six years. And Athaliah reigned over the land.
2 Kin 11:4 In the seventh year Jehoiada [the priest, Jehosheba's husband] sent for the captains over hundreds of the Carites and of the guards {or} runners and brought them to him to the house of the Lord and made a covenant with them and took an oath from them in the house of the Lord and showed them the king's [hidden] son.
2 Kin 11:5 And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing you shall do: a third of you who come in on the Sabbath shall keep watch of the king's house,
2 Kin 11:6 A third shall be at the gate Sur, and a third at the gate behind the guard. So you shall keep watch of the palace [from three places] and be a barrier.
2 Kin 11:7 And two divisions of all you who should go off duty on the Sabbath shall keep the watch of the house of the Lord to [protect] the king.
2 Kin 11:8 You shall surround the [little] king, every man with his weapons in his hand. And let anyone who breaks through the ranks be put to death. You be with the king when he goes out and when he comes in.
2 Kin 11:9 The captains over the hundreds did all that Jehoiada the priest commanded; and they took every man his men who were to come on duty on the Sabbath with those who should go off duty on the Sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.
2 Kin 11:10 To the captains over hundreds the priest gave the spears and shields that had been King David's, which were in the house of the Lord.
2 Kin 11:11 And the guards stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, from the right corner to the left corner of the temple area, along by the altar [in the court] and the temple proper.
2 Kin 11:12 And Jehoiada brought out the king's son and put the crown on him and gave him the Testimony [the Mosaic Law]; and they proclaimed him king and anointed him, and they clapped their hands and said, Long live the king!
2 Kin 11:13 When Athaliah heard the noise of the guards and the people, she went into the house of the Lord to the people.
2 Kin 11:14 When she looked, there stood the king [on the platform] by the pillar, as was customary [on such occasions], and the captains and the trumpeters beside the king, with all the people of the land rejoicing and blowing trumpets. And Athaliah rent her clothes and cried, Treason! Treason!
2 Kin 11:15 Then Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of hundreds set over the army and said to them, Take her forth outside the ranks, and him who follows her kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the house of the Lord.
2 Kin 11:16 They seized her, and she went through the horses' entrance to the king's house, and there she was slain.
2 Kin 11:17 And Jehoiada made a covenant between the Lord, the king, and the people that they would be the Lord's people--and also between the king and the people.
2 Kin 11:18 Then all the people of the land went to the house of Baal and destroyed it. His altar and his images they broke completely in pieces, and Mattan the priest of Baal they slew before the altars. And [Jehoiada] the priest appointed watchmen to guard the house of the Lord.
2 Kin 11:19 Then he took the rulers over hundreds, the captains, the guard, and all the people of the land, and they brought the king down from the house of the Lord and came by way of the guards' gate to the king's house. And [little] Joash was seated on the throne of the kings.
2 Kin 11:20 So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet after Athaliah had been slain with the sword beside the king's house.

2 Kin 11:21 Joash was seven years old when he began to reign.
2 Kin 12:1 IN THE seventh year of Jehu, Joash began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother was Zibiah of Beersheba.
2 Kin 12:2 Joash did right in the sight of the Lord all his days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him.
2 Kin 12:3 Yet the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places.
2 Kin 12:4 And Joash said to the priests, All the current money brought into the house of the Lord to provide the dedicated things, also the money [which the priests by command have] assessed on all those bound by vows, also all the money that it comes into any man's heart voluntarily to bring into the house of the Lord,
2 Kin 12:5 Let the priests solicit {and} receive such contributions, every man from his acquaintance, and let them repair the Lord's house wherever any such need may be found.
2 Kin 12:6 But in the twenty-third year of King Joash's reign the priests had not made the needed repairs on the Lord's house.
2 Kin 12:7 Then King Joash called for Jehoiada the priest and the other priests and said to them, Why are you not repairing the [Lord's] house? Do not take any more money from your acquaintances, but turn it all over for the repair of the house. [You are no longer responsible for this work. I will take it into my own hands.]
2 Kin 12:8 And the priests consented to receive no more money from the people, nor to repair the breaches of the house.
2 Kin 12:9 Then Jehoiada the priest took a chest and bored a hole in the lid of it and set it beside the altar on the right side as one entered the house of the Lord; and the priests who guarded the door put in the chest all the money that was brought into the house of the Lord.
2 Kin 12:10 And whenever they saw that there was much money in the chest, the king's scribe and the high priest came up and counted the money that was found in the house of the Lord and tied it up in bags.
2 Kin 12:11 Then they gave the money, when it was weighed, into the hands of those who were doing the work, who had the oversight of the house of the Lord; and they paid it out to the carpenters and builders who worked on the house of the Lord
2 Kin 12:12 And to the masons and stonecutters, and to buy timber and hewn stone for making the repairs on the house of the Lord, and for all that was outlay for repairing the house.
2 Kin 12:13 However, there were not made for the house of the Lord basins of silver, snuffers, bowls, trumpets, any vessels of gold or of silver, from the money that was brought into the house of the Lord.
2 Kin 12:14 But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired with it the house of the Lord.
2 Kin 12:15 Moreover, they did not require an accounting from the men into whose hands they delivered the money to be paid to the workmen, for they dealt faithfully.
2 Kin 12:16 The money from the guilt offerings and sin offerings was not brought into the house of the Lord; it was the priests'.
2 Kin 12:17 Then Hazael king of Syria went up, fought against Gath [in Philistia], and took it. And Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem.
2 Kin 12:18 And Joash king of Judah took all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat, Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his [forefathers], kings of Judah, had dedicated and his own hallowed things and all the gold that was found in the treasuries of the house of the Lord and in the king's house, and sent them to Hazael king of Syria; and Hazael went away from Jerusalem.
2 Kin 12:19 The rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?
2 Kin 12:20 His servants arose and made a conspiracy and slew Joash [in revenge] in the house of Millo, on the way that goes down to Silla.
2 Kin 12:21 It was Jozachar son of Shimeath and Jehozabad son of Shomer, his servants, who smote him so that he died. They buried [Joash] with his fathers in the City of David. Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.
2 Kin 13:1 IN THE twenty-third year of Joash son of Ahaziah king of Judah, Jehoahaz son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned seventeen years.
2 Kin 13:2 He did evil in the sight of the Lord and followed the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin, and did not depart from them.
2 Kin 13:3 The anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and He delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria and of Ben-hadad son of Hazael continually.
2 Kin 13:4 But Jehoahaz besought the Lord, and the Lord hearkened to him, for He saw the oppression of Israel, how the king of Syria burdened them.

2 Kin 13:5 Then the Lord gave Israel a savior [one to rescue and give them peace], so that they escaped from under the hand of the Syrians; and the Israelites dwelt in their tents {or} homes as before.
2 Kin 13:6 Yet they did not depart from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel sin; but the nation walked in them. And the Asherah [symbol of the goddess Asherah] remained in Samaria.
2 Kin 13:7 [Ben-hadad] of Syria did not leave to Jehoahaz of [Israel] an army of more than fifty horsemen, ten chariots, and 10,000 footmen, for the Syrian king had destroyed them and made them like dust to be trampled.
2 Kin 13:8 The rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, all that he did and his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?
2 Kin 13:9 Jehoahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. Jehoash his son reigned in his stead.
2 Kin 13:10 In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah, Jehoash son of Jehoahaz began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned sixteen years.
2 Kin 13:11 He did evil in the sight of the Lord; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, who made Israel sin; he walked in them.
2 Kin 13:12 The rest of the acts of Jehoash, all that he did, and his might with which he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?
2 Kin 13:13 Jehoash slept with his fathers, and Jeroboam [II] sat on his throne. Jehoash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.
2 Kin 13:14 Now Elisha [previously] had become ill of the illness of which he died. And Jehoash king of Israel came down to him and wept over him and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen of it!
2 Kin 13:15 And Elisha said to him, Take bow and arrows. And he took bow and arrows.
2 Kin 13:16 And he said to the king of Israel, Put your hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it, and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands.
2 Kin 13:17 And he said, Open the window to the east. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The Lord's arrow of victory, the arrow of victory over Syria. For you shall smite the Syrians in Aphek till you have destroyed them.
2 Kin 13:18 Then he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, Strike on the ground. And he struck three times and stopped.
2 Kin 13:19 And the man of God was angry with him and said, You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck down Syria until you had destroyed it. But now you shall strike Syria down only three times.
2 Kin 13:20 Elisha died, and they buried him. Bands of the Moabites invaded the land in the spring of the next year.
2 Kin 13:21 As a man was being buried [on an open bier], such a band was seen coming; and the man was cast into Elisha's grave. And when the man being let down touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.
2 Kin 13:22 Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.
2 Kin 13:23 But the Lord was gracious to them and had compassion on them and turned toward them because of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them or cast them from His presence yet.
2 Kin 13:24 Hazael king of Syria died; Ben-hadad his son reigned in his stead.
2 Kin 13:25 Jehoash son of Jehoahaz recovered from Ben-hadad son of Hazael the cities which he had taken from Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times Jehoash defeated him, and recovered the cities of Israel.
2 Kin 14:1 IN THE second year of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel, Amaziah son of Joash king of Judah reigned.
2 Kin 14:2 He was twenty-five years old when he began his twenty-nine-year reign in Jerusalem. His mother was Jehoaddin of Jerusalem.
2 Kin 14:3 He did right in the sight of the Lord, yet not like David his [forefather]. He did all things as Joash his father did.
2 Kin 14:4 But the high places were not removed; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.
2 Kin 14:5 As soon as the kingdom was established in Amaziah's hand, he slew his servants who had slain the king his father.
2 Kin 14:6 But he did not slay the children of the murderers, in compliance with what is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, in which the Lord commanded, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children for the fathers; but every man shall die for his own sin only.
2 Kin 14:7 Amaziah slew of Edom in the Valley of Salt 10,000, and took Sela (Greek {petra} [rock]) by war, and called it Joktheel, which is the name of it to this day.
2 Kin 14:8 Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face {and} test each other.

2 Kin 14:9 Jehoash king of Israel replied to Amaziah king of Judah, The thistle in Lebanon sent to the cedar in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son as wife. And a wild beast of Lebanon passed by and trampled the thistle [leaving the cedar unharmed].
2 Kin 14:10 You have indeed smitten Edom, and your heart has lifted you up. Glory in that, and stay at home; for why should you meddle to your hurt {and} provoke calamity, causing you to fall, you and Judah with you?
2 Kin 14:11 But Amaziah would not hear. So Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah measured swords at Beth-shemesh, which belongs to Judah.
2 Kin 14:12 But Judah was defeated by Israel, and every man fled home.
2 Kin 14:13 And Jehoash king of Israel captured Amaziah king of Judah, son of Joash, the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and came to Jerusalem and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate, 400 cubits.
2 Kin 14:14 He seized all the gold and silver and all the vessels found in the Lord's house and in the treasuries of the king's house, also hostages, and returned to Samaria.
2 Kin 14:15 The rest of the acts of Jehoash, his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of Israel's Kings?
2 Kin 14:16 Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with Israel's kings. Jeroboam [II] reigned in his stead.
2 Kin 14:17 Amaziah son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.
2 Kin 14:18 The rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?
2 Kin 14:19 Now a conspiracy was made against him in Jerusalem, and Amaziah fled to Lachish, but they sent after him to Lachish and slew him there.
2 Kin 14:20 They brought him on horses and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the City of David.
2 Kin 14:21 And all the people of Judah took Azariah, sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.
2 Kin 14:22 He built Elath and restored it to Judah after the king [his father] died.
2 Kin 14:23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam [II] son of Jehoash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty-one years.
2 Kin 14:24 He did evil in the sight of the Lord; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam [I] son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin.
2 Kin 14:25 Jeroboam restored Israel's border from the entrance of Hamath to the [Dead] Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the Lord, the God of Israel, which He spoke through His servant Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet from Gath-hepher.
2 Kin 14:26 For the Lord saw as very bitter the affliction of Israel; there was no one left, bond or free, nor any helper for Israel.
2 Kin 14:27 But the Lord had not said that He would blot out the name of Israel from under the heavens, so He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam [II] son of Jehoash.
2 Kin 14:28 The rest of the acts of Jeroboam [II], all that he did, his might, how he warred, and how he recovered for Israel Damascus and Hamath, which had belonged to Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?
2 Kin 14:29 Jeroboam [II] slept with his fathers, the kings of Israel. Zechariah his son reigned in his stead.
2 Kin 15:1 IN THE twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam [II] king of Israel, Azariah (Uzziah) son of Amaziah king of Judah began to reign.
2 Kin 15:2 He was sixteen years old when he began his fifty-two-year reign in Jerusalem. His mother was Jecoliah of Jerusalem.
2 Kin 15:3 He did right in the Lord's sight, in keeping with all his father Amaziah had done--
2 Kin 15:4 Except the high places were not removed; the people sacrificed and burned incense still on the high places.
2 Kin 15:5 And the Lord smote the king, so that he was a leper to his dying day, and dwelt in a separate house. Jotham the king's son was over the household, judging the people of the land.
2 Kin 15:6 The rest of Azariah's acts, all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?
2 Kin 15:7 Azariah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with them in the City of David. Jotham his son reigned in his stead.
2 Kin 15:8 In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah Zechariah son of Jeroboam [II] reigned over Israel in

Samaria six months.
2 Kin 15:9 He did evil in the sight of the Lord, as his fathers had done; he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam [I] son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin.
2 Kin 15:10 Shallum son of Jabesh conspired against Zechariah and struck and killed him before the people and reigned in his stead.
2 Kin 15:11 The rest of the acts of Zechariah, see, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.
2 Kin 15:12 This was the fulfillment of the promise to Jehu from the Lord: Your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation. And so it came to pass.
2 Kin 15:13 Shallum son of Jabesh, in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziah king of Judah, began his reign of a full month in Samaria.
2 Kin 15:14 For Menahem son of Gadi went up from Tirzah and came to Samaria, and smote and killed Shallum son of Jabesh in Samaria and reigned in his stead.
2 Kin 15:15 The rest of Shallum's acts, his conspiracy, see, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.
2 Kin 15:16 Then Menahem smote Tiphsah and all who were in it and its territory from Tirzah on; he attacked it because they did not open to him. And all the women there who were with child he ripped up.
2 Kin 15:17 In the thirty-ninth year of Azariah king of Judah, Menahem son of Gadi began his ten-year reign over Israel in Samaria.
2 Kin 15:18 He did evil in the sight of the Lord; he did not depart all his days from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he caused Israel to sin.
2 Kin 15:19 There came against the land Pul king of Assyria, and Menahem gave Pul 1,000 talents of silver, that he might help him to confirm his kingship.
2 Kin 15:20 Menahem exacted the money from Israel, from all the men of wealth, from each man fifty shekels of silver to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back and did not stay in the land.
2 Kin 15:21 The rest of Menahem's acts, all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?
2 Kin 15:22 Menahem slept with his fathers; Pekahiah his son reigned in his stead.
2 Kin 15:23 In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekahiah son of Menahem began his two-year reign over Israel in Samaria.
2 Kin 15:24 He did evil in the sight of the Lord; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam [I] son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin.
2 Kin 15:25 But Pekah son of Remaliah, his captain, conspired against [Pekahiah] and attacked him in Samaria, in the citadel of the king's house, with Argob and Arieh; [for] with [Pekah] were fifty Gileadites. And he killed him and reigned in his stead.
2 Kin 15:26 The rest of the acts of Pekahiah, all he did, see, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.
2 Kin 15:27 In the fifty-second year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekah son of Remaliah began his twenty-year reign over Israel in Samaria.
2 Kin 15:28 He did evil in the Lord's sight; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam [I] son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin.
2 Kin 15:29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria came and took Ijon, Abel-beth-maacah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried the people captive to Assyria.
2 Kin 15:30 Hoshea son of Elah conspired against Pekah son of Remaliah [of Israel]; he smote and killed him, and reigned in his stead in the twentieth year of Jotham son of Uzziah king of Judah.
2 Kin 15:31 The rest of Pekah's acts, all that he did, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of Israel's Kings.
2 Kin 15:32 In the second year of Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel, Jotham son of Uzziah king of Judah became king.
2 Kin 15:33 When he was twenty-five years old, he began his reign of sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother was Jerusha daughter of Zadok.
2 Kin 15:34 He did right in the Lord's sight, according to all his father Uzziah had done.
2 Kin 15:35 Yet the high places were not removed; the people sacrificed and burned incense still on the high places. He built the Upper Gate of the house of the Lord.

2 Kin 15:36 The rest of the acts of Jotham, all he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of Judah's Kings?
2 Kin 15:37 In those days the Lord began sending Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah against Judah.
2 Kin 15:38 Jotham slept with his fathers and was buried [with them] in the city of David his [forefather]. Ahaz his son succeeded him.
2 Kin 16:1 IN THE seventeenth year of Pekah son of Remaliah, Ahaz son of Jotham king of Judah became king.
2 Kin 16:2 Ahaz was twenty years old when he began his sixteen-year reign in Jerusalem. He did not do right in the sight of the Lord his God, like David his [forefather].
2 Kin 16:3 But he walked in the ways of Israel's kings, yes, and made his son pass through the fire [and offered him as a sacrifice], in accord with the abominable [idolatrous] practices of the [heathen] nations whom the Lord drove out before the Israelites.
2 Kin 16:4 He sacrificed and burned incense in the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree.
2 Kin 16:5 Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to wage war; they besieged Ahaz, but could not conquer him.
2 Kin 16:6 At that time, Rezin king of Syria got back Elath [in Edom] for Syria and drove the Jews from [it]. The Syrians came to Elath and dwell there to this day.
2 Kin 16:7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, I am your servant and son. Come up and save me out of the hands of the kings of Syria and of Israel, who are attacking me.
2 Kin 16:8 And Ahaz took the silver and gold in the house of the Lord and in the treasuries of the king's house and sent a present to the king of Assyria.
2 Kin 16:9 Assyria's king hearkened to him; he went up against Damascus, took it, carried its people captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.
2 Kin 16:10 King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw there their [heathen] altar. King Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest a model of the altar and an exact pattern for its construction.
2 Kin 16:11 So Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that King Ahaz had sent from Damascus, finishing it before King Ahaz returned.
2 Kin 16:12 When the king came from Damascus, he looked at the altar and offered on it.
2 Kin 16:13 King Ahaz burned his burnt offering and his cereal offering, poured his drink offering, and dashed the blood of his peace offerings upon that altar.
2 Kin 16:14 The bronze altar which was before the Lord he removed from the front of the house, from between his [new] altar and the house of the Lord, and put it on the north side of his altar.
2 Kin 16:15 And King Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest: Upon the principal (the new) altar, burn the morning burnt offering, the evening cereal offering, the king's burnt sacrifice and his cereal offering, with the burnt offering and cereal offering and drink offering of all the people of the land; and dash upon the [new] altar all the blood of the burnt offerings and the sacrifices. But the [old] bronze altar shall be kept for me to use to inquire by [of the Lord].
2 Kin 16:16 Urijah the priest did all this as King Ahaz commanded.
2 Kin 16:17 [To keep Assyria's king from getting them] King Ahaz cut off the panels of the bases [of the ten lavers] and removed the laver from each of them; and he took down the Sea from off the bronze oxen that were under it and put it upon stone supports.
2 Kin 16:18 And the covered way for the Sabbath that they had built in the temple court, and the king's outer entrance, he removed from the house of the Lord, because of the king of Assyria [who if he heard of them might seize them].
2 Kin 16:19 The rest of the acts of Ahaz, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?
2 Kin 16:20 Ahaz slept with his fathers and was buried [with them] in the City of David. Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.
2 Kin 17:1 IN THE twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, Hoshea son of Elah began his nine-year reign in Samaria over Israel.
2 Kin 17:2 He did evil in the sight of the Lord, but not as Israel's kings before him did.
2 Kin 17:3 Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria, and Hoshea became his servant and brought him tribute.
2 Kin 17:4 But the king of Assyria found treachery in Hoshea, for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt and offered no tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year; therefore the king of Assyria shut him up and bound him in prison.
2 Kin 17:5 Then the king of Assyria invaded all the land and went up to Samaria and besieged it for three years.
2 Kin 17:6 In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria and carried the Israelites away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan and in the cities of the Medes.

2 Kin 17:7 This was so because the Israelites had sinned against the Lord their God, Who had brought them out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and they had feared other gods
2 Kin 17:8 And walked in the customs of the [heathen] nations whom the Lord drove out before the Israelites, customs the kings of Israel had introduced.
2 Kin 17:9 The Israelites did secretly against the Lord their God things not right. They built for themselves high places in all their towns, from [lonely] watchtower to [populous] fortified city.
2 Kin 17:10 They set up for themselves pillars and Asherim [symbols of the goddess Asherah] on every high hill and under every green tree.
2 Kin 17:11 There they burned incense on all the high places, as did the nations whom the Lord carried away before them; and they did wicked things provoking the Lord to anger.
2 Kin 17:12 And they served idols, of which the Lord had said to them, You shall not do this thing.
2 Kin 17:13 Yet the Lord warned Israel and Judah through all the prophets and all the seers, saying, Turn from your evil ways and keep My commandments and My statutes, according to all the Law which I commanded your fathers and which I sent to you by My servants the prophets.
2 Kin 17:14 Yet they would not hear, but hardened their necks as did their fathers who did not believe (trust in, rely on, and remain steadfast to) the Lord their God.
2 Kin 17:15 They despised {and} rejected His statutes and His covenant which He made with their fathers and His warnings to them, and they followed vanity (false gods--falsehood, emptiness, and futility) and [they themselves and their prayers] became false (empty and futile). They went after the heathen round about them, of whom the Lord had charged them that they should not do as they did.
2 Kin 17:16 And they forsook all the commandments of the Lord their God and made for themselves molten images, even two calves, and made an Asherah and worshiped all the [starry] hosts of the heavens and served Baal.
2 Kin 17:17 They caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire and used divination and enchantments and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking Him to anger.
2 Kin 17:18 Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel and removed them out of His sight. None was left but the tribe of Judah.
2 Kin 17:19 Judah also did not keep the commandments of the Lord their God, but walked in the customs which Israel introduced.
2 Kin 17:20 The Lord rejected all the descendants of Israel and afflicted them and delivered them into the hands of spoilers, until He had cast them out of His sight.
2 Kin 17:21 For He tore Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam son of Nebat king. And Jeroboam drew {and} drove Israel away from following the Lord and made them sin a great sin.
2 Kin 17:22 For the Israelites walked in all the sins Jeroboam committed; they departed not from them
2 Kin 17:23 Until the Lord removed Israel from His sight, as He had foretold by all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away from their own land to Assyria to this day.
2 Kin 17:24 The king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the Israelites. They possessed Samaria and dwelt in its cities.
2 Kin 17:25 At the beginning of their dwelling there, they did not fear {and} revere the Lord. Therefore the Lord sent lions among them, which killed some of them.
2 Kin 17:26 So the king of Assyria was told: The nations you removed and placed in the cities of Samaria do not know the manner in which the God of the land requires their worship. Therefore He has sent lions among them, and behold, they are killing them, because they do not know the manner of [worship demanded by] the God of the land.
2 Kin 17:27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, Take to Samaria one of the priests you brought from there, and let him [and his helpers] go and live there and let him teach the people the law of the God of the land.
2 Kin 17:28 So one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel and taught them how they should fear {and} revere the Lord.
2 Kin 17:29 But every nationality still made gods of their own and put them in the shrines of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nationality in the city in which they dwelt.
2 Kin 17:30 The men of Babylon made [and worshiped their deity] Succoth-benoth, the men of Cuth made Nergal, the men of Hamath made Ashima,
2 Kin 17:31 The Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burned their children in the fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.
2 Kin 17:32 So they feared the Lord, yet appointed from among themselves, whether high or low, priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the shrines of the high places.

2 Kin 17:33 They feared the Lord, yet served their own gods, as did the nations from among whom they had been carried away.
2 Kin 17:34 Unto this day they do after their former custom: they do not fear the Lord [as God sees it], neither do they obey the statutes or the ordinances or the law and commandment which the Lord commanded the children of Jacob, whom He named Israel,
2 Kin 17:35 With whom the Lord had made a covenant and commanded them, You shall not fear other gods or bow yourselves to them or serve them or sacrifice to them.
2 Kin 17:36 But you shall [reverently] fear, bow yourselves to, and sacrifice to the Lord, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt with great power and an outstretched arm.
2 Kin 17:37 And the statutes, ordinances, law, and commandment which He wrote for you you shall observe and do forevermore; you shall not fear other gods.
2 Kin 17:38 And the covenant that I have made with you you shall not forget; you shall not fear other gods.
2 Kin 17:39 But the Lord your God you shall [reverently] fear; then He will deliver you out of the hands of all your enemies.
2 Kin 17:40 However, they did not listen, but they did as they had done formerly.
2 Kin 17:41 So these nations [vainly] feared the Lord and also served their graven images, as did their children and their children's children. As their fathers did, so do they to this day.
2 Kin 18:1 IN THE third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, Hezekiah son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.
2 Kin 18:2 He was twenty-five years old when he began his twenty-nine-year reign in Jerusalem. His mother was Abi daughter of Zechariah.
2 Kin 18:3 Hezekiah did right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his [forefather] had done.
2 Kin 18:4 He removed the high places, broke the images, cut down the Asherim, and broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until then the Israelites had burned incense to it; but he called it Nehushtan [a bronze trifle].
2 Kin 18:5 Hezekiah trusted in, leaned on, {and} was confident in the Lord, the God of Israel; so that neither after him nor before him was any one of all the kings of Judah like him.
2 Kin 18:6 For he clung {and} held fast to the Lord and ceased not to follow Him, but kept His commandments, as the Lord commanded Moses.
2 Kin 18:7 And the Lord was with Hezekiah; he prospered wherever he went. And he rebelled against the king of Assyria and refused to serve him.
2 Kin 18:8 He smote the Philistines, even to Gaza [the most distant city] and its borders, from the [isolated] watchtower to the [populous] fortified city.
2 Kin 18:9 In the fourth year of King Hezekiah, which was the seventh of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria and besieged it.
2 Kin 18:10 After three years it was taken; in the sixth year of Hezekiah, which was the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken.
2 Kin 18:11 The king of Assyria carried Israel away to Assyria, and put them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes,
2 Kin 18:12 Because they did not obey the voice of the Lord their God, but transgressed His covenant, even all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded, and would not hear it or do it.
2 Kin 18:13 In the fourteenth year of Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them.
2 Kin 18:14 Then Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria at Lachish, saying, I have done wrong. Depart from me; what you put on me I will bear. And the king of Assyria exacted of Hezekiah king of Judah 300 talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.
2 Kin 18:15 And Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of the Lord and in the treasuries of the king's house.
2 Kin 18:16 Then Hezekiah stripped off the gold from the doors of the temple of the Lord and from the doorposts which he as king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.
2 Kin 18:17 And the king of Assyria sent the Tartan, the Rabsaris, and the Rabshakeh [the high officials] from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem with a great army. They went up to Jerusalem, and when they arrived, they came and stood by the canal of the Upper Pool, which is on the highway to the Fuller's Field.
2 Kin 18:18 When they called for the king, there came out to them Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who was over the king's

household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah son of Asaph the recorder.
2 Kin 18:19 The Rabshakeh told them, Say to Hezekiah, Thus says the great king of Assyria: What justifies this confidence of yours?
2 Kin 18:20 You say--but they are empty words--There is counsel and strength for war. Now on whom do you rely, that you rebel against me?
2 Kin 18:21 Behold, you are relying on Egypt, that broken reed of a staff; if a man leans on it, it will pierce his hand. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust {and} rely on him.
2 Kin 18:22 But if you tell me, We trust in {and} rely on the Lord our God, is it not He Whose high places and altars Hezekiah has removed, saying to Judah and Jerusalem, You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?
2 Kin 18:23 So now, make a wager {and} give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria: I will deliver you 2,000 horses--if you can on your part put riders on them.
2 Kin 18:24 How then can you beat back one captain among the least of my master's servants, when your trust is put in Egypt for chariots and horsemen?
2 Kin 18:25 Have I come up without the Lord against this place to destroy it? The Lord said to me, Go up against this land and destroy it.
2 Kin 18:26 Then Eliakim son of Hilkiah and Shebna and Joah said to the Rabshakeh, We pray you, speak to your servants in the Aramaic (Syrian) language, for we understand it; and do not speak to us in the Jews' language in the hearing of the people on the wall.
2 Kin 18:27 But the Rabshakeh said to them, Has my master sent me to your master and you only to say these things? Has he not sent me to the men who sit on the wall [whom Hezekiah has doomed to be forced] to eat their own dung and drink their own urine along with you?
2 Kin 18:28 Then the Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, Hear the word of the great king of Assyria!
2 Kin 18:29 Thus says the king: Let not Hezekiah deceive you. For he will not be able to deliver you out of my hand.
2 Kin 18:30 Nor let Hezekiah make you trust in {and} rely on the Lord, saying, The Lord will surely deliver us, and this city will not be given into the hand of Assyria's king.
2 Kin 18:31 Hearken not to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria: Make your peace with me and come out to me, and eat every man from his own vine and fig tree and drink every man the waters of his own cistern,
2 Kin 18:32 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own, a land of grain and vintage fruit, of bread and vineyards, of olive trees and honey, that you may live and not die. Do not listen to Hezekiah when he urges you, saying, The Lord will deliver us.
2 Kin 18:33 Has any one of the gods of the nations ever delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?
2 Kin 18:34 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad [in Syria]? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah [in the Euphrates Valley]? Have they delivered Samaria [Israel's capital] out of my hand?
2 Kin 18:35 Who of all the gods of the countries has delivered his country out of my hand, that the Lord should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?
2 Kin 18:36 But the people were silent and answered him not a word, for Hezekiah had commanded, Do not answer him.
2 Kin 18:37 Then Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who was over the royal household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah son of Asaph the recorder came to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him what the Rabshakeh had said.
2 Kin 19:1 WHEN KING Hezekiah heard it, he rent his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth and went into the house of the Lord.
2 Kin 19:2 And he sent Eliakim, who was over his household, Shebna the scribe, and the older priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.
2 Kin 19:3 They said to him, Hezekiah says: This is a day of [extreme danger and] distress, of rebuke {and} chastisement, and blasphemous {and} insolent insult; for children have come to the birth, and there is no strength to bring them forth.
2 Kin 19:4 It may be that the Lord your God will hear all the words of the Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria has sent to mock, reproach, insult, {and} defy the living God, and will rebuke the words which the Lord your God has heard. So raise your prayer for the remnant [of His people] that is left.
2 Kin 19:5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.
2 Kin 19:6 Isaiah said to them, Say to your master, Thus says the Lord: Do not be afraid because of the words you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have reviled {and} blasphemed Me.
2 Kin 19:7 Behold, I will put a spirit in him so that he will hear a rumor and return to his own land, and I will cause

him to fall by the sword in his own country.
2 Kin 19:8 So the Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah [a fortified city of Judah]; for he had heard that the king had left Lachish.
2 Kin 19:9 And Sennacherib king of Assyria heard concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He has come to make war against you. And when he heard it, he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying,
2 Kin 19:10 Say this to Hezekiah king of Judah: Let not your God on Whom you rely deceive you by saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.
2 Kin 19:11 Behold, you have heard what the Assyrian kings have done to all lands, destroying them utterly. And shall you be delivered?
2 Kin 19:12 Have the gods of the nations delivered those whom my ancestors have destroyed, as Gozan, Haran [of Mesopotamia], Rezeph, and the people of Eden who were in Telassar?
2 Kin 19:13 Where are the kings of Hamath, of Arpad [of northern Syria], of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah?
2 Kin 19:14 Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it. And he went up into the house of the Lord and spread it before the Lord.
2 Kin 19:15 And Hezekiah prayed: O Lord, the God of Israel, Who [in symbol] is enthroned above the cherubim [of the ark in the temple], You are the God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made the heavens and the earth.
2 Kin 19:16 Lord, bow down Your ear and hear; Lord, open Your eyes and see; hear the words of Sennacherib which he has sent to mock, reproach, insult, {and} defy the living God.
2 Kin 19:17 It is true, Lord, that the Assyrian kings have laid waste the nations and their lands
2 Kin 19:18 And have cast the gods of those peoples into the fire, for they were not gods but the work of men's hands, wood and stone. So they [could destroy and] have destroyed them.
2 Kin 19:19 Now therefore, O Lord our God, I beseech You, save us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know {and} understand that You, O Lord, are God alone.
2 Kin 19:20 Then Isaiah son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Your prayer to Me about Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.
2 Kin 19:21 This is the word that the Lord has spoken concerning him: The Virgin Daughter of Zion has despised you and laughed you to scorn; the Daughter of Jerusalem has wagged her head behind you.
2 Kin 19:22 Whom have you mocked {and} reviled and insulted {and} blasphemed? Against Whom have you raised your voice and haughtily lifted your eyes? Against the Holy One of Israel!
2 Kin 19:23 By your messengers you have mocked, reproached, insulted, {and} defied the Lord, and have said, With my many chariots I have gone up to the heights of the mountains, to the far recesses of Lebanon. I cut down its tall cedar trees and its choicest cypress trees. I entered its most distant retreat, its densest forest.
2 Kin 19:24 I dug wells and drank foreign waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all [the defense and] the streams of Egypt.
2 Kin 19:25 [But, says the God of Israel] Have you not heard how I ordained long ago what now I have brought to pass? I planned it in olden times, that you [king of Assyria] should [be My instrument to] lay waste fortified cities, making them ruinous heaps.
2 Kin 19:26 That is why their inhabitants had little power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were like plants of the field, the green herb, the grass on the housetops, blasted before it is grown up.
2 Kin 19:27 But [O Sennacherib] I [the Lord] know your sitting down, your going out, your coming in, and your raging against Me.
2 Kin 19:28 Because your raging against Me and your arrogance {and} careless ease have come to My ears, therefore I will put My hook in your nose and My bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way you came, O king of Assyria.
2 Kin 19:29 And [Hezekiah, says the Lord] this shall be the sign [of these things] to you: you shall eat this year what grows of itself, also in the second year what springs up voluntarily. But in the third year sow and reap, plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
2 Kin 19:30 And the remnant that has survived of the house of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward.
2 Kin 19:31 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and a band of survivors out of Mount Zion. The zeal of the Lord of hosts shall perform this.
2 Kin 19:32 Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the king of Assyria: He shall not come into this city or shoot an

arrow here or come before it with shield or cast up a siege mound against it.
2 Kin 19:33 By the way that he came, by that way shall he return, and he shall not come into this city, says the Lord.
2 Kin 19:34 For I will defend this city to save it, for My own sake and for My servant David's sake.
2 Kin 19:35 And it all came to pass, for that night the Angel of the Lord went forth and slew 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when [the living] arose early in the morning, behold, all these were dead bodies.
2 Kin 19:36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and returned and dwelt at Nineveh.
2 Kin 19:37 And as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons killed him with the sword, and they escaped to the land of Armenia {or} Ararat. Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.
2 Kin 20:1 IN THOSE days Hezekiah became deadly ill. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz came and said to him, Thus says the Lord: Set your house in order, for you shall die; you shall not recover.
2 Kin 20:2 Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, saying,
2 Kin 20:3 I beseech You, O Lord, [earnestly] remember now how I have walked before You in faithfulness {and} truth and with a whole heart [entirely devoted to You] and have done what is good in Your sight. And Hezekiah wept bitterly.
2 Kin 20:4 Before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the word of the Lord came to him:
2 Kin 20:5 Turn back and tell Hezekiah, the leader of My people, Thus says the Lord, the God of David your [forefather]: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord.
2 Kin 20:6 I will add to your life fifteen years and deliver you and this city [Jerusalem] out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake and for My servant David's sake.
2 Kin 20:7 And Isaiah said, Bring a cake of figs. Let them lay it on the burning inflammation, that he may recover.
2 Kin 20:8 Hezekiah said to Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the Lord will heal me and that I shall go up into the house of the Lord on the third day?
2 Kin 20:9 And Isaiah said, This is the sign to you from the Lord that He will do the thing He has promised: shall the shadow [denoting the time of day] go forward ten steps, or go back ten steps?
2 Kin 20:10 Hezekiah answered, It is an easy matter for the shadow to go forward ten steps; so let the shadow go back ten steps.
2 Kin 20:11 So Isaiah the prophet cried to the Lord, and He brought the shadow the ten steps backward by which it had gone down on the sundial of Ahaz.
2 Kin 20:12 At that time Merodach-baladan son of Baladan king of Babylon sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he had heard of Hezekiah's illness.
2 Kin 20:13 And Hezekiah rejoiced {and} welcomed the embassy and showed them all his treasure-house--the silver, gold, spices, precious ointment, his armory, and all that was found in his treasuries. There was nothing in his house or in all his realm that Hezekiah did not show them.
2 Kin 20:14 Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and said, What did these men say? From where did they come to you? Hezekiah said, They are from a far country, from Babylon.
2 Kin 20:15 Isaiah said, What have they seen in your house? Hezekiah answered, They have seen all that is in my house. There is no treasure of mine that I have not shown them.
2 Kin 20:16 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the Lord!
2 Kin 20:17 Behold, the time is coming when all that is in your house, and that which your forefathers have stored up till this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left, says the Lord.
2 Kin 20:18 And some of your sons who shall be born to you shall be taken away, and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of Babylon's king.
2 Kin 20:19 Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, The word of the Lord you have spoken is good. For he thought, Is it not good, if [all this evil is meant for the future and] peace and security shall be in my days?
2 Kin 20:20 The rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made the pool and the canal and brought water into the city, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?
2 Kin 20:21 Hezekiah slept with his fathers. Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.
2 Kin 21:1 MANASSEH WAS twelve years old when he began his fifty-five-year [wicked] reign in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hephzibah.
2 Kin 21:2 He [Hezekiah's son] did evil in the sight of the Lord, after the [idolatrous] practices of the [heathen] nations whom the Lord cast out before the Israelites.
2 Kin 21:3 For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal and made an Asherah, as did Ahab king of Israel, and worshiped all the [starry] hosts of the heavens and served

them!
2 Kin 21:4 And he built [heathen] altars in the house of the Lord, of which the Lord said, In Jerusalem will I put My Name [and the pledge of My presence].
2 Kin 21:5 And he [good Hezekiah's son] built altars for all the hosts of the heavens in the two courts of the house of the Lord!
2 Kin 21:6 And he made his son pass through the fire {and} burned him as an offering [to Molech]; he practiced soothsaying and augury, and dealt with mediums and wizards! He did much wickedness in the sight of the Lord, provoking Him to anger.
2 Kin 21:7 He made a graven image of [the goddess] Asherah and set it in the house, of which the Lord said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, will I put My Name [and the pledge of My presence] forever;
2 Kin 21:8 And I will not cause the feet of Israel to wander any more out of the land which I gave their fathers, if only they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them and according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them.
2 Kin 21:9 But they would not listen; and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than the nations did whom the Lord destroyed before the Israelites!
2 Kin 21:10 And the Lord said through His servants the prophets:
2 Kin 21:11 Because Manasseh king of Judah has committed these abominations, and has done wickedly above all that the Amorites did who were before him, and has made Judah also to sin with his idols,
2 Kin 21:12 Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, both his ears shall tingle!
2 Kin 21:13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the measuring line of Samaria and the plummet of the house of Ahab; and I will wipe Jerusalem as one wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.
2 Kin 21:14 And I will cast off the rest of My inheritance and deliver them into the hands of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies,
2 Kin 21:15 For they have done evil in My sight and have provoked Me to anger since their fathers came out of Egypt to this day.
2 Kin 21:16 Moreover, Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, filling Jerusalem from one end to another--besides his sin in making Judah sin, by doing evil in the sight of the Lord!
2 Kin 21:17 The rest of the acts of Manasseh, all that he did, and his sin that he committed, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?
2 Kin 21:18 Manasseh slept with his fathers and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza. Amon his son reigned in his stead.
2 Kin 21:19 Amon was twenty-two years old when he began his two-year reign in Jerusalem. His mother was Meshullemeth daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.
2 Kin 21:20 [But] he also did evil in the sight of the Lord, as his father Manasseh had done.
2 Kin 21:21 He walked in all the ways of his father; and he served the idols that his father served, and worshiped them;
2 Kin 21:22 He forsook the Lord, the God of his [forefathers], and did not walk in the way of the Lord.
2 Kin 21:23 The servants of Amon conspired against him and killed the king in his own house.
2 Kin 21:24 But the people of the land killed all those who had conspired against King Amon, and made Josiah his son king in his stead.
2 Kin 21:25 The rest of the acts of Amon, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?
2 Kin 21:26 He was buried in his tomb in the garden of Uzza. Josiah his son succeeded him.
2 Kin 22:1 JOSIAH WAS eight years old when he began his thirty-one-year reign in Jerusalem. His mother was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath.
2 Kin 22:2 He did right in the sight of the Lord and walked in all the ways of David his [forefather], and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.
2 Kin 22:3 In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, he sent Shaphan son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the Lord's house, saying,
2 Kin 22:4 Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may count the money brought into the house of the Lord, which the keepers of the door have gathered from the people.
2 Kin 22:5 And let them deliver it into the hands of the workmen who have oversight of the Lord's house, to give to the laborers engaged in the repairing of the Lord's house--
2 Kin 22:6 That is, to the carpenters, builders, and masons--and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.

2 Kin 22:7 However, there was no accounting required of them for the money delivered into their hands, because they dealt faithfully.
2 Kin 22:8 Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the Lord! Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.
2 Kin 22:9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king and reported to him: Your servants have gathered the money that was found in the house and have delivered it into the hands of the workmen who have oversight of the house of the Lord.
2 Kin 22:10 Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, Hilkiah the priest has given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.
2 Kin 22:11 And when the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he rent his clothes.
2 Kin 22:12 And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Achbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah servant of the king,
2 Kin 22:13 Go, inquire of the Lord for me and for the people and for all Judah concerning the words of this book that has been found. For great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us because our fathers have not listened {and} obeyed the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us.
2 Kin 22:14 So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe--now she dwelt in Jerusalem, in the Second Quarter--and they talked with her.
2 Kin 22:15 She said to them, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Tell the man who sent you to me,
2 Kin 22:16 Thus says the Lord: Behold, I will bring evil upon this place and upon its inhabitants, according to all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read.
2 Kin 22:17 Because they have forsaken Me and have burned incense to other gods, provoking Me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore My wrath will be kindled against this place and will not be quenched.
2 Kin 22:18 But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, say this, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, regarding the words you have heard:
2 Kin 22:19 Because your heart was [tender and] penitent and you humbled yourself before the Lord when you heard what I said against this place and against its inhabitants, that they should become a desolation, [an astonishment and] a curse, and you have rent your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you, says the Lord.
2 Kin 22:20 Behold, therefore [King Josiah], I will gather you to your fathers, taken to your grave in peace, and your eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring on this place. And they brought the king word.
2 Kin 23:1 KING JOSIAH sent and gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.
2 Kin 23:2 The king went up to the house of the Lord, and with him all the men of Judah, all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests, the prophets, and all the people, both small and great. And he read in their ears all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which was found in the Lord's house.
2 Kin 23:3 The king stood [on the platform] by the pillar and made a covenant before the Lord--to walk after the Lord and to keep His commandments, His testimonies, and His statutes with all his heart and soul, to confirm the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to join in the covenant.
2 Kin 23:4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest and the priests of the second rank and the keepers of the threshold to bring out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels made for Baal, for [the goddess] Asherah, and for all the hosts of the heavens; and he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel [where Israel's idolatry began].
2 Kin 23:5 He put away the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in Judah's cities and round about Jerusalem--also those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, to the moon, to the constellations [or twelve signs of the zodiac], and to all the hosts of the heavens.
2 Kin 23:6 And Josiah brought the Asherah from the house of the Lord to outside Jerusalem to the brook Kidron and burned it there, and beat it to dust and cast its dust upon the graves of the common people [who had sacrificed to it].
2 Kin 23:7 And he broke down the houses of the male cult prostitutes, which were by the house of the Lord, where the women wove [tent] hangings for the Asherah [shrines].
2 Kin 23:8 And [Josiah] brought all the [idolatrous] priests out of the city of Judah and defiled the high places, where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba [north to south], and broke down the high places both at the entrance of the Gate of Joshua the governor of the city and that which was on one's left at the city's gate.
2 Kin 23:9 However, the priests of the high places were not allowed to sacrifice upon the Lord's altar in Jerusalem, but they ate unleavened bread among their brethren.
2 Kin 23:10 And Josiah defiled Topheth, which is in the Valley of Ben-hinnom [son of Hinnom], that no man might

ever burn there his son or his daughter as an offering to Molech.
2 Kin 23:11 And he removed the horses that the kings of Judah had devoted to the sun from the entrance of the house of the Lord, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the chamberlain, which was in the area, and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire.
2 Kin 23:12 And the altars on the roof of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the Lord, [Josiah] pulled down and beat them in pieces, and he [ran and] cast their dust into the brook Kidron.
2 Kin 23:13 And the king defiled the high places east of Jerusalem, south of the Mount of Corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abominable [goddess] of the Sidonians, for Chemosh the abominable god of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abominable [god] of the Ammonites.
2 Kin 23:14 He broke in pieces the pillars (images) and cut down the Asherim and replaced them with the bones of men [to defile the places forever].
2 Kin 23:15 Moreover, the altar at Bethel, the high place made by Jeroboam son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, that altar with the high place Josiah tore down {and} broke in pieces its stones, beating them to dust, and burned the Asherah.
2 Kin 23:16 And as Josiah turned, he saw the tombs across on the mount, and he sent and brought the bones out of the tombs and burned them upon the altar and defiled it, in fulfillment of the word of the Lord which the man of God prophesied, who predicted these things [about this altar, naming Josiah before he was born].
2 Kin 23:17 Josiah said, What is that monument I see? The men of the city told him, It is the tomb of the man of God who came from Judah and foretold these things that you have just done against the altar of Bethel.
2 Kin 23:18 He said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria.
2 Kin 23:19 Also Josiah took away all the houses of the high places in the cities of Samaria which the kings of Israel had made, provoking the Lord to anger, and he did to them all that he had done in Bethel.
2 Kin 23:20 He slew all the priests of the high places that were there upon the altars and burned men's bones upon them [to defile the places forever]. Then he returned to Jerusalem.
2 Kin 23:21 The king commanded all the people, Keep the Passover to the Lord your God, as it is written in this Book of the Covenant.
2 Kin 23:22 Surely such a Passover was not held from the days of Israel's judges, even in all the days of the kings of Israel or Judah.
2 Kin 23:23 But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah, this Passover was kept to the Lord in Jerusalem.
2 Kin 23:24 Moreover, Josiah put away the mediums, the wizards, the teraphim (household gods), the idols, and all the abominations that were seen in Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might establish the words of the law written in the book found by Hilkiah the priest in the house of the Lord.
2 Kin 23:25 There was no king like him before or after [Josiah] who turned to the Lord with all his heart and all his soul and all his might, according to all the Law of Moses.
2 Kin 23:26 Still the Lord did not turn from the fierceness of His great wrath, kindled against Judah because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked Him.
2 Kin 23:27 And the Lord said, I will remove Judah also out of My sight as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city, Jerusalem, which I have chosen, and the house, of which I said, My Name [and the pledge of My presence] shall be there.
2 Kin 23:28 The rest of the acts of Josiah, all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of Judah's Kings?
2 Kin 23:29 In his days Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates. King Josiah went out against him, but he slew Josiah at Megiddo when he saw him.
2 Kin 23:30 Josiah's servants carried him dead in a chariot from Megiddo, brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own tomb. The people of the land anointed Jehoahaz son of Josiah king in his stead.
2 Kin 23:31 Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he began his three-month reign in Jerusalem. His mother was Hamutal daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.
2 Kin 23:32 He did evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all [the evil] his forefathers had done.
2 Kin 23:33 And Pharaoh Necho put him in bonds at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem, and laid a tribute of a hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold upon the land.
2 Kin 23:34 Pharaoh Necho made Eliakim son of Josiah king in place of Josiah and changed his name to Jehoiakim. But he took Jehoahaz away to Egypt, where he died.

2 Kin 23:35 Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh, but he taxed the land to give the money as Pharaoh commanded. He exacted the silver and gold of the people of the land, from everyone according to his assessment, to give it to Pharaoh Necho.
2 Kin 23:36 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began his eleven-year reign in Jerusalem. His mother was Zebidah daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.
2 Kin 23:37 He did evil in the sight of the Lord, like all his [forefathers] had done.
2 Kin 24:1 IN HIS days, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant for three years; then he turned and rebelled against him.
2 Kin 24:2 The Lord sent against Jehoiakim bands of Chaldeans, of Syrians, of Moabites, and of Ammonites. And He sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by His servants the prophets.
2 Kin 24:3 Surely this came upon Judah at the command of the Lord, to remove them out of His sight because of the sins of Manasseh according to all he had done,
2 Kin 24:4 And also for the innocent blood that he shed. For he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and the Lord would not pardon.
2 Kin 24:5 The rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of Judah's Kings?
2 Kin 24:6 So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers. Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.
2 Kin 24:7 The king of Egypt came no more out of his land, for the king of Babylon had taken all that belonged to Egypt's king, from the River of Egypt to the river Euphrates.
2 Kin 24:8 Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began his three-month reign in Jerusalem. His mother was Nehushta daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.
2 Kin 24:9 And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, in keeping with all his father had done.
2 Kin 24:10 At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up to Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.
2 Kin 24:11 Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to the city while his servants were besieging it.
2 Kin 24:12 Jehoiachin king of Judah surrendered to the king of Babylon, he, his mother, his servants, princes, and palace officials. The king of Babylon took him prisoner in the eighth year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign.
2 Kin 24:13 He carried off all the treasures of the Lord's house and the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold in the temple of the Lord, which Solomon king of Israel had made, as the Lord had said.
2 Kin 24:14 He carried away all Jerusalem, all the princes, all the mighty men of valor, 10,000 captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths. None remained except the poorest of the land.
2 Kin 24:15 Nebuchadnezzar took captive to Babylon King Jehoiachin; his mother, his wives, his officials, and the chief {and} mighty men of the land [the prophet Ezekiel included] he took from Jerusalem to Babylon into exile.
2 Kin 24:16 And the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon all the men of valor, 7,000, and craftsmen and smiths, 1,000, all strong and fit for war.
2 Kin 24:17 And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle, king in his stead and changed his name to Zedekiah.
2 Kin 24:18 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began his eleven-year reign in Jerusalem. His mother was Hamutal daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.
2 Kin 24:19 He did evil in the sight of the Lord, in keeping with all Jehoiakim had done.
2 Kin 24:20 For because of the anger of the Lord it came to the point in Jerusalem and Judah that He cast them out of His presence. And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.
2 Kin 25:1 IN THE ninth year of Zedekiah's reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came with all his army against Jerusalem and laid siege to it, and they built siege works against it round about.
2 Kin 25:2 The city was besieged [nearly two years] until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.
2 Kin 25:3 On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine was complete in the city; there was no food for the people of the land.
2 Kin 25:4 Then the city was broken through; the king and all the warriors fled by night by way of the gate between the two walls by the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were round about the city. [The king] went by the way toward the Arabah (the plain).
2 Kin 25:5 The Chaldean army pursued the king and overtook him in the plains of Jericho. All his army was scattered from him.
2 Kin 25:6 So they captured Zedekiah and brought him to the king of Babylon at Riblah, and sentence was passed on

him.
2 Kin 25:7 And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes and put out the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him in double fetters [hands and feet] and carried him to Babylon. [Foretold in Jer. 34:3; Ezek. 12:13.]
2 Kin 25:8 On the seventh day of the fifth month of the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, Nebuzaradan, captain of the Babylonian king's guard, came to Jerusalem.
2 Kin 25:9 He burned the house of the Lord, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; every great house he burned down.
2 Kin 25:10 All the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of the [Babylonian] guard broke down the walls around Jerusalem.
2 Kin 25:11 Now the rest of the people left in the city and the deserters who fell away to the king of Babylon, along with the rest of the multitude, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried into exile.
2 Kin 25:12 But the captain of the guard left some of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and soil tillers.
2 Kin 25:13 The bronze pillars in the Lord's house and [its] bases and the bronze Sea the Chaldeans smashed and carried the bronze to Babylon.
2 Kin 25:14 And they took away the pots, shovels, snuffers, dishes for incense, all the bronze vessels used in the temple service,
2 Kin 25:15 The firepans, and bowls. Such things as were of gold the captain of the guard took away as gold, and what was of silver [he took away] as silver.
2 Kin 25:16 The two pillars, the one Sea, and the bases, which Solomon had made for the house of the Lord, the bronze of all these articles was incalculable.
2 Kin 25:17 The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and upon it was a capital of bronze. The height of the capital was three cubits; a network and pomegranates round about the capital were all of bronze. And the second pillar had the same as these, with a network.
2 Kin 25:18 The captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the threshold.
2 Kin 25:19 And out of the city he took an officer who was in command of the men of war and five men of the king's personal advisors, who were found in the city, and the scribe of the captain of the army who mustered the people of the land and sixty men of the people who were found in the city.
2 Kin 25:20 Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took these and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah.
2 Kin 25:21 The king of Babylon smote and killed them at Riblah in the land of Hamath [north of Damascus]. So Judah was taken into exile.
2 Kin 25:22 Over the people whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left in the land of Judah he appointed as governor Gedaliah son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan.
2 Kin 25:23 And when all the captains of the forces and their men heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, they came with their men to Gedaliah at Mizpah, namely, Ishmael son of Nethaniah, Johanan son of Kareah, Seraiah son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah son of the Maacathite.
2 Kin 25:24 And Gedaliah swore to them and their men, saying, Do not be afraid of the Chaldean officials. Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.
2 Kin 25:25 But in the seventh month Ishmael son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal family [so having a claim to be governor], came with ten men and smote and killed Gedaliah and the Jews and the Chaldeans who were with him at Mizpah.
2 Kin 25:26 Then all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the forces arose and went to Egypt, for they were afraid of the Chaldeans.
2 Kin 25:27 And in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, on the twenty-seventh day of the twelfth month, Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, showed favor to Jehoiachin king of Judah {and} released him from prison;
2 Kin 25:28 He spoke kindly to him and ranked him above the kings with him in Babylon.
2 Kin 25:29 Jehoiachin put off his prison garments, and he dined regularly at the king's table the remainder of his life.
2 Kin 25:30 And his allowance, a continual one, was given him by the king, every day a portion, for the rest of his life.
1 Chr 1:1 ADAM [his genealogical line], Seth, Enosh,
1 Chr 1:2 Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared,
1 Chr 1:3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech,
1 Chr 1:4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
1 Chr 1:5 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.

1 Chr 1:6 The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Diphath, and Togarmah.
1 Chr 1:7 The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim.
1 Chr 1:8 The sons of Ham: Cush, Mizraim (Egypt), Put, and Canaan.
1 Chr 1:9 The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabta, Raamah, and Sabteca. The sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan.
1 Chr 1:10 Cush was the father of Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one upon the earth.
1 Chr 1:11 Mizraim (Egypt) was the father of the Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim,
1 Chr 1:12 Pathrusim, Casluhim, from whom came the Philistines, and the Caphtorim.
1 Chr 1:13 Canaan was the father of Sidon his firstborn, and Heth,
1 Chr 1:14 The Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites,
1 Chr 1:15 Hivites, Arkites, Sinites,
1 Chr 1:16 Arvadites, Zemarites, and Hamathites.
1 Chr 1:17 The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hul, Gether, and Meshech.
1 Chr 1:18 Arpachshad was the father of Shelah, Shelah of Eber.
1 Chr 1:19 To Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg, because in his days [the population of] the earth was divided [according to its languages], and his brother's name was Joktan.
1 Chr 1:20 Joktan was the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,
1 Chr 1:21 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,
1 Chr 1:22 Ebal, Abimael, Sheba,
1 Chr 1:23 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan.
1 Chr 1:24 Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah,
1 Chr 1:25 Eber, Peleg, Reu,
1 Chr 1:26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,
1 Chr 1:27 Abram, the same as Abraham.
1 Chr 1:28 The sons of Abraham: Isaac and Ishmael.
1 Chr 1:29 These are their descendants: The firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth; Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,
1 Chr 1:30 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema,
1 Chr 1:31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael.
1 Chr 1:32 Now the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bore Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. The sons of Jokshan: Sheba and Dedan.
1 Chr 1:33 The sons of Midian: Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these are the sons [and grandsons] of Keturah.
1 Chr 1:34 Abraham was the father of Isaac. The sons of Isaac: Esau and Israel.
1 Chr 1:35 The sons of Esau: Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jalam, and Korah.
1 Chr 1:36 The sons of Eliphaz: Teman, Omar, Zephi, Gatam, Kenaz, Timna, and Amalek.
1 Chr 1:37 The sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.
1 Chr 1:38 The sons of Seir: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan.
1 Chr 1:39 The sons of Lotan: Hori and Homam; and Timna was Lotan's sister.
1 Chr 1:40 The sons of Shobal: Alian, Manahath, Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. The sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah.
1 Chr 1:41 The son of Anah: Dishon. The sons of Dishon: Hamran, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.
1 Chr 1:42 The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan, [and] Jaakan. The sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.
1 Chr 1:43 These are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the Israelites: Bela son of Beor; the name of his city was Dinhabah.
1 Chr 1:44 When Bela died, Jobab son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.
1 Chr 1:45 When Jobab died, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead.
1 Chr 1:46 When Husham died, Hadad [I of Edom] son of Bedad, who defeated Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead; his city was Avith.
1 Chr 1:47 When Hadad [I] died, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.
1 Chr 1:48 When Samlah died, Shaul of Rehoboth on the River [Euphrates] reigned in his stead.
1 Chr 1:49 When Shaul died, Baal-hanan son of Achbor reigned in his stead.
1 Chr 1:50 When Baal-hanan died, Hadad [II] reigned in his stead; his city was Pai; his wife was Mehetabel daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.
1 Chr 1:51 Hadad died also. The chiefs of Edom were: chiefs Timna, Aliah, Jetheth,
1 Chr 1:52 Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon,
1 Chr 1:53 Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar,

1 Chr 1:54 Magdiel, and Iram. These are the chiefs of Edom.
1 Chr 2:1 THESE ARE the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun,
1 Chr 2:2 Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.
1 Chr 2:3 The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, and Shelah, whom Shua's daughter the Canaanitess bore him. Er, Judah's eldest, was evil in the Lord's sight, and He slew him.
1 Chr 2:4 Tamar, Judah's daughter-in-law, bore him Pharez and Zerah. All Judah's sons were five.
1 Chr 2:5 The sons of Pharez: Hezron and Hamul.
1 Chr 2:6 The sons of Zerah: Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and Dara--five in all.
1 Chr 2:7 The son of Carmi: Achar, the troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the matter of the devoted things.
1 Chr 2:8 The son of Ethan: Azariah.
1 Chr 2:9 The sons of Hezron who were born to him: Jerahmeel, Ram, and Chelubai (that is, Caleb).
1 Chr 2:10 Ram was the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab of Nahshon, prince of the sons of Judah.
1 Chr 2:11 Nahshon was the father of Salma, Salma of Boaz,
1 Chr 2:12 Boaz of Obed, and Obed of Jesse.
1 Chr 2:13 Jesse was the father of Eliab his firstborn, Abinadab second, Shimea third,
1 Chr 2:14 Nethanel fourth, Raddai fifth,
1 Chr 2:15 Ozem sixth, David seventh.
1 Chr 2:16 Their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail. The sons of Zeruiah: Abishai, Joab, and Asahel, three.
1 Chr 2:17 Abigail bore Amasa, and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite.
1 Chr 2:18 And Caleb son of Hezron had sons by his wife Azubah and by Jerioth. [Azubah's] sons were: Jesher, Shobab, and Ardon.
1 Chr 2:19 Azubah died, and Caleb married Ephrath, who bore him Hur.
1 Chr 2:20 Hur was the father of Uri, and Uri of Bezalel [the skillful craftsman who made the furnishings of the tabernacle].
1 Chr 2:21 Later, when Hezron was sixty years old, he married the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, and she bore him Segub.
1 Chr 2:22 Segub was the father of Jair, who had twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead.
1 Chr 2:23 But Geshur and Aram took from them Havvoth-jair, with Kenath and its villages, sixty towns. All these were the descendants of Machir the father of Gilead.
1 Chr 2:24 After Hezron died in Caleb-ephrathah, Abiah, Hezron's wife, bore to him Ashhur the father of Tekoa.
1 Chr 2:25 The sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron: Ram the firstborn, Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah.
1 Chr 2:26 Jerahmeel had another wife, named Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.
1 Chr 2:27 The sons of Ram the firstborn of Jerahmeel were: Maaz, Jamin, and Eker.
1 Chr 2:28 The sons of Onam: Shammai and Jada. The sons of Shammai: Nadab and Abishur.
1 Chr 2:29 Abishur's wife was Abihail; she bore him Ahban and Molid.
1 Chr 2:30 The sons of Nadab: Seled and Appaim. Seled died childless.
1 Chr 2:31 The son of Appaim: Ishi. The son of Ishi: Sheshan. The son of Sheshan: Ahlai.
1 Chr 2:32 The sons of Jada the brother of Shammai: Jether and Jonathan. Jether died childless.
1 Chr 2:33 The sons of Jonathan: Peleth and Zaza. These were the descendants of Jerahmeel.
1 Chr 2:34 Sheshan had no sons--only daughters. But Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Jarha.
1 Chr 2:35 Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant as wife; she bore him Attai.
1 Chr 2:36 Attai was the father of Nathan, and Nathan of Zabad.
1 Chr 2:37 Zabad was the father of Ephlal, and Ephlal of Obed.
1 Chr 2:38 Obed was the father of Jehu, and Jehu of Azariah.
1 Chr 2:39 Azariah was the father of Helez, and Helez of Eleasah.
1 Chr 2:40 Eleasah was the father of Sismai, and Sismai of Shallum.
1 Chr 2:41 Shallum was the father of Jekamiah, and Jekamiah of Elishama.
1 Chr 2:42 The sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel: Mesha his firstborn was the father of Ziph; and his son Mareshah [he was] the father of Hebron.
1 Chr 2:43 The sons of Hebron: Korah, Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema.
1 Chr 2:44 Shema was the father of Raham, the father of Jorkeam. And Rekem was the father of Shammai.
1 Chr 2:45 The son of Shammai was Maon; Maon's son was Beth-zur.
1 Chr 2:46 Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, Moza, and Gazez; Haran was the father of Gazez.
1 Chr 2:47 The sons of Jahdai: Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.

1 Chr 2:48 Maacah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber and Tirhanah, and also
1 Chr 2:49 Shaaph the father of Madmannah and Sheva the father of Machbenah and of Gibea; and the daughter of Caleb was Achsah.
1 Chr 2:50 These were the descendants of Caleb. The sons of Hur the firstborn of Ephrathah: Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim,
1 Chr 2:51 Salma the father of Bethlehem, and Hareph the father of Beth-gader.
1 Chr 2:52 Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim had [other] descendants: Haroeh, half [of the inhabitants] of Menuhoth [in Judah],
1 Chr 2:53 And the families of Kiriath-jearim: the Ithrites, Puthites, Shumathites, and Mishraites. From these came the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites.
1 Chr 2:54 The descendants of Salma: Bethlehem, the Netophathites, Atroth-beth-joab, and half of the Manahathites, [and] the Zorites,
1 Chr 2:55 And the families of scribes who dwelt at Jabez: the Tirathites, Shimeathites, and Sucathites. These are the Kenites who came from Hammath, the father of the house of Rechab.
1 Chr 3:1 THESE SONS of David were born to him in Hebron: the firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; second, Daniel (Chileab), of Abigail the Carmelitess;
1 Chr 3:2 Third, Absalom the son of Maacah daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; fourth, Adonijah, of Haggith;
1 Chr 3:3 Fifth, Shephatiah, of Abital; sixth, Ithream, of his wife Eglah.
1 Chr 3:4 These six were born to David in Hebron; there he reigned seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years.
1 Chr 3:5 These were born to [David] in Jerusalem: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon--four of Bathshua (Bathsheba) daughter of Ammiel (Eliam);
1 Chr 3:6 Then Ibhar, Elishama, Eliphelet,
1 Chr 3:7 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,
1 Chr 3:8 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet--nine in all.
1 Chr 3:9 These were all the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines. And Tamar was their sister.
1 Chr 3:10 Solomon's descendants [omitting nonreigning offspring] were: his son Rehoboam. Abijah was his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son,
1 Chr 3:11 Jehoram (Joram) his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son,
1 Chr 3:12 Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son,
1 Chr 3:13 Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son,
1 Chr 3:14 Amon his son, Josiah his son.
1 Chr 3:15 The descendants of Josiah: firstborn, Johanan; second, Jehoiakim; third, Zedekiah; fourth, Shallum.
1 Chr 3:16 The descendants of Jehoiakim: Jehoiachin (Jeconiah) his son, Zedekiah his son.
1 Chr 3:17 The descendants of Jehoiachin the captive: Shealtiel his son,
1 Chr 3:18 Malchiram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.
1 Chr 3:19 The sons of Pedaiah: Zerubbabel and Shimei. The sons of Zerubbabel: Meshullam, Hananiah. And Shelomith was their sister;
1 Chr 3:20 And Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah, Hasadiah, [and] Jushab-hesed--five [the sons of Meshullam?].
1 Chr 3:21 The sons of Hananiah: Pelatiah and Jeshaiah, whose son was Rephaiah, his son Arnan, his son Obadiah, his son Shecaniah.
1 Chr 3:22 The son of Shecaniah: Shemaiah. The sons of Shemaiah: Hattush, Igal, Bariah, Neariah, and Shaphat--six in all.
1 Chr 3:23 The sons of Neariah: Elioenai, Hizkiah, and Azrikam--three in all.
1 Chr 3:24 The sons of Elioenai: Hodaviah, Eliashib, Pelaiah, Akkub, Johanan, Delaiah, and Anani--seven in all.
1 Chr 4:1 THE SONS of Judah: Perez, Hezron, Carmi, Hur, and Shobal.
1 Chr 4:2 Reaiah son of Shobal was the father of Jahath, and Jahath of Ahumai and Lahad. These were the families of the Zorathites.
1 Chr 4:3 These were the sons of [Hur] the father of Etam: Jezreel, Ishma, and Idbash. And their sister was Hazzelelponi.
1 Chr 4:4 And Penuel was the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These were the sons of Hur, the eldest of Ephrathah (Ephrath), the father of Bethlehem.
1 Chr 4:5 Ashur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah.
1 Chr 4:6 Naarah bore him Ahuzzam, Hepher, Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were Naarah's sons.

1 Chr 4:7 The sons of Helah: Zereth, Izhar, and Ethnan.
1 Chr 4:8 Koz was the father of Anub, Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel son of Harum.
1 Chr 4:9 Jabez was honorable above his brothers; but his mother named him Jabez [sorrow maker], saying, Because I bore him in pain.
1 Chr 4:10 Jabez cried to the God of Israel, saying, Oh, that You would bless me and enlarge my border, and that Your hand might be with me, and You would keep me from evil so it might not hurt me! And God granted his request.
1 Chr 4:11 Chelub the brother of Shuhah was the father of Mehir, the father of Eshton.
1 Chr 4:12 Eshton was the father of Beth-rapha, Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Ir-nahash. These are the men of Recah.
1 Chr 4:13 The sons of Kenaz: Othniel and Seraiah. The sons of Othniel: Hathath [and Meonothai].
1 Chr 4:14 Meonothai was father of Ophrah, and Seraiah of Joab the father of Ge-harashim [the Valley of Craftsmen], so named because they were craftsmen.
1 Chr 4:15 The sons of Caleb [Joshua's companion] son of Jephunneh: Iru, Elah, and Naam. The son of Elah: Kenaz.
1 Chr 4:16 The sons of Jehallelel: Ziph, Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel.
1 Chr 4:17 The sons of Ezrah: Jether, Mered, Epher, and Jalon. These are the sons of Bithiah daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered married: she bore Miriam, Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa.
1 Chr 4:18 And Mered's Jewish wife bore Jered the father of Gedor, Heber the father of Soco, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah.
1 Chr 4:19 The sons of the wife of Hodiah, the sister of Naham, were: the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maacathite.
1 Chr 4:20 The sons of Shimon: Amnon, Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. The sons of Ishi: Zoheth and Ben-zoheth.
1 Chr 4:21 The sons of Shelah son of Judah: Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of the linen workers at Beth-ashbea,
1 Chr 4:22 And Jokim, the men of Cozeba, Joash, and Saraph, who ruled in Moab, and returned to [Bethlehem]. These are ancient matters.
1 Chr 4:23 These were the potters and those who dwelt among plantations and hedges at Netaim and Gederah; there they dwelt with the king for his work.
1 Chr 4:24 The sons of Simeon: Nemuel, Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, and Shaul;
1 Chr 4:25 Shallum was his [Shaul's] son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son.
1 Chr 4:26 The sons of Mishma: Hammuel his son, Zaccur his son, Shimei his son.
1 Chr 4:27 Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters, but his brothers did not have many children; neither did all their family multiply like the children of Judah.
1 Chr 4:28 They dwelt at Beersheba, Moladah, Hazar-shual,
1 Chr 4:29 Bilhah, Ezem, Tolad,
1 Chr 4:30 Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag,
1 Chr 4:31 Beth-marcaboth, Hazar-susim, Beth-biri, and at Shaaraim. These were their towns [and villages] until the reign of David.
1 Chr 4:32 There were also Etam, Ain, Rimmon, Tochen, and Ashan--five towns--
1 Chr 4:33 And all their villages that were round about these towns, as far as Baal[-ath-beer]. These were their settlements, and they had their genealogical record.
1 Chr 4:34 Meshobab, Jamlech, Joshah son of Amaziah,
1 Chr 4:35 Joel, Jehu son of Joshibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel,
1 Chr 4:36 Also Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, Benaiah,
1 Chr 4:37 Ziza son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah.
1 Chr 4:38 These mentioned by name were princes in their families; and their fathers' houses increased greatly [so they needed more room].
1 Chr 4:39 And they journeyed to the entrance of Gedor to the east side of the valley to seek pasture for their flocks.
1 Chr 4:40 And they found rich, good pasture, and the [cleared] land was wide, quiet, and peaceful, because people of Ham had dwelt there of old [and had left it a better place for those who came after them].
1 Chr 4:41 And these registered by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah and destroyed their tents and the Meunim [foreigners] who were found there and exterminated them to this day, and they settled in their stead, because there was pasture for their flocks.
1 Chr 4:42 And some of them from the sons of Simeon, 500 men, went to Mount Seir, having for their leaders Pelatiah, and Neariah, Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi.

1 Chr 4:43 They destroyed the remnant of the Amalekites who had escaped, and they have dwelt there to this day.
1 Chr 5:1 NOW [we come to] the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel. For [Reuben] was the eldest, but because he polluted his father's couch [with Bilhah his father's concubine] his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph [favorite] son of Israel; so the genealogy is not to be reckoned according to the birthright.
1 Chr 5:2 Judah prevailed above his brethren, and from him came the prince {and} leader [and eventually the Messiah]; yet the birthright was Joseph's.
1 Chr 5:3 The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.
1 Chr 5:4 The sons of Joel: Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son,
1 Chr 5:5 Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son,
1 Chr 5:6 Beerah his son, whom Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria carried away captive; he was a prince of the Reubenites.
1 Chr 5:7 And his brethren by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned: the chief Jeiel, and Zechariah,
1 Chr 5:8 Bela son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer as far as Nebo and Baal-meon.
1 Chr 5:9 Eastward [Bela] inhabited the land as far as the entrance into the desert this [west] side of the river Euphrates, because their cattle had multiplied in the land of Gilead.
1 Chr 5:10 In the days of [King] Saul they made war with the Hagrites {or} Ishmaelites, who fell by their hands; they dwelt in their tents in all the land east of Gilead.
1 Chr 5:11 The children of Gad who dwelt opposite them in the land of Bashan, as far as Salecah:
1 Chr 5:12 Joel the chief, Shapham the next, Janai, and Shaphat in Bashan.
1 Chr 5:13 Their kinsmen of the houses of their fathers: Michael, Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai, Jacan, Zia, and Eber--seven in all.
1 Chr 5:14 These were the sons of Abihail son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz.
1 Chr 5:15 Ahi son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, was chief in their fathers' houses.
1 Chr 5:16 They dwelt in Gilead, in Bashan and in its towns, and in all the suburbs {and} pasturelands of Sharon to their limits.
1 Chr 5:17 All these were enrolled by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah and in the days of Jeroboam [II] king of Israel.
1 Chr 5:18 The sons of Reuben, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh--valiant men able to bear buckler and sword and to shoot with bow and skillful in war--were 44,760 able {and} ready to go forth to war.
1 Chr 5:19 And [these Israelites, on the east side of the Jordan River] made war with the Hagrites [a tribe of northern Arabia], Jetur, Naphish, and Nodab.
1 Chr 5:20 They were given help against them, and the Hagrites {or} Ishmaelites were delivered into their hands, and all who were allied with them, for they cried to God in the battle; and He granted their entreaty, because they relied on, clung to, {and} trusted in Him.
1 Chr 5:21 And [these Israelites] took away their adversaries' herds: of their camels 50,000, and of sheep 250,000, and of donkeys 2,000, and of the lives of men 100,000.
1 Chr 5:22 For a great number fell mortally wounded, because the battle was God's. And [these Israelites] dwelt in their territory until the captivity [by Assyria more than five centuries later].
1 Chr 5:23 And the people of the half-tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the land; their settlements spread from Bashan to Baal-hermon, Senir, and Mount Hermon.
1 Chr 5:24 And these were the heads of their fathers' houses: Epher, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of strength of mind {and} spirit [enabling them to encounter danger with firmness and personal bravery], famous men, and heads of the houses of their fathers.
1 Chr 5:25 They transgressed against the God of their fathers and played the harlot [by unfaithfulness to their own God and running] after the gods of the native peoples, whom God had destroyed before them.
1 Chr 5:26 So the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, [that is,] the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, the Reubenites, Gadites, and half-tribe of Manasseh and brought them to Halah, Habor, Hara, and the river Gozan, to this day.
1 Chr 6:1 THE SONS of Levi: Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.
1 Chr 6:2 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.
1 Chr 6:3 The children of Amram: Aaron, Moses, and Miriam. The sons also of Aaron: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

1 Chr 6:4 Eleazar was the father of Phinehas, Phinehas of Abishua.
1 Chr 6:5 Abishua was the father of Bukki, and Bukki of Uzzi,
1 Chr 6:6 Uzzi of Zerahiah, and Zerahiah of Meraioth,
1 Chr 6:7 Meraioth of Amariah, and Amariah of Ahitub,
1 Chr 6:8 Ahitub of Zadok, and Zadok of Ahimaaz,
1 Chr 6:9 Ahimaaz of Azariah, and Azariah of Johanan,
1 Chr 6:10 Johanan of Azariah, who was priest in the temple Solomon built in Jerusalem,
1 Chr 6:11 Azariah of Amariah, and Amariah of Ahitub,
1 Chr 6:12 Ahitub of Zadok, and Zadok of Shallum,
1 Chr 6:13 Shallum of Hilkiah, and Hilkiah of Azariah,
1 Chr 6:14 Azariah of Seraiah, and Seraiah of Jehozadak;
1 Chr 6:15 Jehozadak went into captivity when the Lord sent Judah and Jerusalem into exile by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.
1 Chr 6:16 The sons of Levi: Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.
1 Chr 6:17 These are the names of the sons of Gershom: Libni and Shimei.
1 Chr 6:18 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.
1 Chr 6:19 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their fathers:
1 Chr 6:20 Of Gershom: Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son,
1 Chr 6:21 Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeatherai his son.
1 Chr 6:22 The sons of Kohath: Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son,
1 Chr 6:23 Elkanah his son, Ebiasaph his son, Assir his son,
1 Chr 6:24 Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziah his son, and Shaul his son.
1 Chr 6:25 And the sons of Elkanah: Amasai, Ahimoth,
1 Chr 6:26 Elkanah his son, Zophai his son, Nahath his son,
1 Chr 6:27 Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah [Samuel's father] his son.
1 Chr 6:28 The sons of Samuel: the firstborn [Joel] and Abijah.
1 Chr 6:29 The sons of Merari: Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzza his son,
1 Chr 6:30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son.
1 Chr 6:31 These David put over the service of song in the house of the Lord after the ark of the covenant rested there [after being taken by the Philistines and later placed in the house of Abinadab, where it remained for nearly 100 years during the rest of Samuel's judgeship and Saul's entire reign and into David's reign].
1 Chr 6:32 They ministered before the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting with singing until Solomon had built the Lord's house in Jerusalem, performing their service in due order.
1 Chr 6:33 These and their sons served of the Kohathites: Heman, the singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel [the great prophet and judge],
1 Chr 6:34 The son of Elkanah [III], the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah,
1 Chr 6:35 The son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah [II], the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,
1 Chr 6:36 The son of Elkanah [I], the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,
1 Chr 6:37 The son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,
1 Chr 6:38 The son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel (Jacob).
1 Chr 6:39 Heman's [tribal] brother Asaph stood at his right hand: Asaph son of Berechiah, the son of Shimea,
1 Chr 6:40 The son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchijah,
1 Chr 6:41 The son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah,
1 Chr 6:42 The son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei,
1 Chr 6:43 The son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi.
1 Chr 6:44 Their kinsmen the sons of Merari stood at the left hand: Ethan son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch,
1 Chr 6:45 The son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah,
1 Chr 6:46 The son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shemer,
1 Chr 6:47 The son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.
1 Chr 6:48 And their brethren the Levites [who were not descended from Aaron] were appointed for all other kinds of service of the tabernacle of the house of God.
1 Chr 6:49 But [the line of] Aaron and his sons offered upon the altar of burnt offering and the altar of incense, ministering for all the work of the Holy of Holies, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses, God's

servant, had commanded.
1 Chr 6:50 The sons of Aaron: Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son,
1 Chr 6:51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son,
1 Chr 6:52 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son,
1 Chr 6:53 Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son.
1 Chr 6:54 Their dwelling places are according to their settlements within their borders: to the sons of Aaron of the families of the Kohathites, for theirs was the [first] lot--
1 Chr 6:55 To them they gave Hebron in the land of Judah and its surrounding suburbs.
1 Chr 6:56 But the fields of the city and its villages they gave to Caleb son of Jephunneh.
1 Chr 6:57 To the sons of Aaron they gave the city of refuge, Hebron; also Libnah with its pasturelands, Jattir, Eshtemoa with its pasturelands,
1 Chr 6:58 Hilen with its pasturelands, Debir with its pasturelands,
1 Chr 6:59 Ashan with its pasturelands, and Beth-shemesh with its pasturelands.
1 Chr 6:60 And out of the tribe of Benjamin: Geba, Alemeth, and Anathoth, with their pasturelands. All their cities according to their families were thirteen.
1 Chr 6:61 And to the rest of the Kohathites ten cities were given by lot out of the family of the tribe [of Ephraim and of Dan and], of the half-tribe, the half of Manasseh.
1 Chr 6:62 To the Gershomites, according to their families, [were allotted] thirteen cities out of the tribes of Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, and Manasseh in Bashan.
1 Chr 6:63 To the Merarites were given by lot, according to their families, twelve cities out of the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Zebulun.
1 Chr 6:64 And the Israelites gave to the Levites these cities with their pasturelands.
1 Chr 6:65 They gave by lot out of the tribes of Judah, Simeon, and Benjamin these cities whose names are mentioned.
1 Chr 6:66 Some of the families of the Kohathites had cities in the allotted territory out of the tribe of Ephraim.
1 Chr 6:67 And [the Ephraimites] gave to [the Levites] the city of refuge, Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim; also Gezer, [both] with their suburbs {and} pasturelands;
1 Chr 6:68 Jokmeam, Beth-horon,
1 Chr 6:69 Aijalon, and Gath-rimmon, with their suburbs {and} pasturelands;
1 Chr 6:70 And out of the half-tribe of Manasseh [these cities], with their suburbs {and} pasturelands: Aner and Bileam, for the rest of the families of the sons of Kohath.
1 Chr 6:71 To the Gershomites were given out of the half-tribe of Manasseh: Golan in Bashan and Ashtaroth, with their suburbs {and} pasturelands;
1 Chr 6:72 Out of the tribe of Issachar, with their suburbs {and} pasturelands: Kedesh, Daberath,
1 Chr 6:73 Ramoth, and Anem;
1 Chr 6:74 Out of the tribe of Asher, with their suburbs {and} pasturelands: Mashal, Abdon,
1 Chr 6:75 Hukok, and Rehob;
1 Chr 6:76 And out of the tribe of Naphtali, with their suburbs {and} pasturelands: Kedesh in Galilee, Hammon, and Kiriathaim.
1 Chr 6:77 To the rest of the Merarites were given from the tribe of Zebulun: Rimmono and Tabor, with their suburbs {and} pasturelands;
1 Chr 6:78 On the other side of the Jordan, on the east side by Jericho, the Levites were given out of the tribe of Reuben [these cities], with their suburbs {and} pasturelands: Bezer in the wilderness, Jahzah,
1 Chr 6:79 Kedemoth, and Mephaath;
1 Chr 6:80 Out of the tribe of Gad [these cities], with their suburbs {and} pasturelands: Ramoth in Gilead, Mahanaim,
1 Chr 6:81 Heshbon, and Jazer.
1 Chr 7:1 THE SONS of Issachar were: Tola, Puah, Jashub, and Shimron--four in all.
1 Chr 7:2 The sons of Tola: Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Jahmai, Ibsam, Shemuel (Samuel)--heads of their fathers' houses, descendants of Tola. They were mighty men of valor in their generations; their number in David's days was 22,600.
1 Chr 7:3 The son of Uzzi: Izrahiah. The sons of Izrahiah: Michael, Obadiah, Joel, Isshiah--five, all of them chief men.
1 Chr 7:4 And with them by their generations according to their fathers' houses were units of the army for war, 36,000, for they had many wives and children [with them].
1 Chr 7:5 Their kinsmen from all the families of Issachar, mighty men of valor, registered by genealogies, were in all 87,000.
1 Chr 7:6 The sons of Benjamin: Bela, Becher, and Jediael--three in all.

1 Chr 7:7 The sons of Bela: Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri--five, heads of the houses of their fathers, mighty men of valor. By their genealogies they numbered 22,034.
1 Chr 7:8 The sons of Becher: Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri, Jeremoth, Abijah, Anathoth, and Alemeth, all sons of Becher.
1 Chr 7:9 The number of them by their genealogies by generations, as heads of their fathers' houses, mighty warriors, was 20,200.
1 Chr 7:10 The son of Jediael: Bilhan. The sons of Bilhan: Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Chenaanah, Zethan, Tarshish, and Ahishahar.
1 Chr 7:11 All these were the sons of Jediael, according to the heads of their fathers' houses, mighty men of valor, 17,200, able {and} fit for service in war.
1 Chr 7:12 Shuppim and Huppim were the sons of Ir, and Hushim the son of Aher.
1 Chr 7:13 The sons of Naphtali: Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, and Shallum, whose [grandmother] was Bilhah.
1 Chr 7:14 The sons of Manasseh: Ashriel, whom his concubine the Aramitess bore; she bore Machir the father of Gilead.
1 Chr 7:15 And Machir took as wife the sister of Huppim and Shuppim; her name was Maacah. The name of a second [and later descendant, the first being Gilead], was Zelophehad; and Zelophehad had daughters [only].
1 Chr 7:16 Maacah the wife of Machir bore a son; she called his name Peresh. The name of his brother was Sheresh; his sons were Ulam and Rakem.
1 Chr 7:17 The son of Ulam: Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead son of Machir, the son of Manasseh.
1 Chr 7:18 His sister Hammolecheth bore Ishbod, Abiezer, and Mahlah.
1 Chr 7:19 The sons of Shemida were: Ahian, Shechem, Likhi, and Aniam.
1 Chr 7:20 The sons of Ephraim: Shuthelah, Bered his son, Tahath [I] his son, Eleadah his son, Tahath [II] his son,
1 Chr 7:21 Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son. [During Ephraim's lifetime, his sons] Ezer and Elead were slain by men of Gath born in the land, who had come down to steal the cattle [of the Ephraimites, probably before the Israelites left Egypt].
1 Chr 7:22 And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him.
1 Chr 7:23 Then his wife conceived and bore a son, and he called his name Beriah [in evil], because calamity had befallen his house.
1 Chr 7:24 [Beriah's] daughter was Sheerah, who built both Lower and Upper Beth-horon, and also Uzzen-sheerah.
1 Chr 7:25 Rephah was his son, and Resheph [his son]; Resheph's son was Telah, Tahan his son,
1 Chr 7:26 Ladan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son,
1 Chr 7:27 Nun his son, Joshua [Moses' successor] his son.
1 Chr 7:28 And their possessions and settlements were Bethel and its towns, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer, and Shechem, and as far as Azzah (Gaza) with all their towns,
1 Chr 7:29 And along the borders of the Manassites, Beth-shean, Taanach, Megiddo, Dor, with all their towns. In these dwelt the sons of Joseph son of Israel.
1 Chr 7:30 The sons of Asher: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah; and Serah their sister.
1 Chr 7:31 The sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel, who was the father of Birzaith.
1 Chr 7:32 Heber was the father of Japhlet, Shomer, Hotham, and Shua their sister.
1 Chr 7:33 The sons of Japhlet: Pasach, Bimhal, and Ashvath. These were the sons of Japhlet.
1 Chr 7:34 The sons of Shemer (Shomer) his brother: Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.
1 Chr 7:35 The sons of his brother Helem (Hotham): Zophah, Imna, Shelesh, and Amal.
1 Chr 7:36 The sons of Zophah: Suah, Harnepher, Shual, Beri, Imrah,
1 Chr 7:37 Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, Ithran, and Beera.
1 Chr 7:38 The sons of Jether: Jephunneh, Pispa, and Ara.
1 Chr 7:39 The sons of Ulla: Arah, Hanniel, and Rizia.
1 Chr 7:40 All these were offspring of Asher, heads of their fathers' houses, approved men, mighty warriors, chief of the princes. Their number enrolled by genealogies for service in war, was 26,000 men.
1 Chr 8:1 BENJAMIN WAS the father of Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, Aharah the third,
1 Chr 8:2 Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.
1 Chr 8:3 Bela's sons were: Addar, Gera, Abihud,
1 Chr 8:4 Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah,
1 Chr 8:5 Gera, Shephuphan, and Huram.
1 Chr 8:6 The sons of Ehud: These are the heads of the fathers' houses of the inhabitants of Geba; they were exiled to

Manahath:
1 Chr 8:7 Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera, that is, Heglam, who was the father of Uzza and Ahihud.
1 Chr 8:8 Shaharaim had sons in the country of Moab after he had [divorced and] sent away Hushim and Baara his wives.
1 Chr 8:9 And by Hodesh his [Moabitish] wife he was the father of Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcam,
1 Chr 8:10 Jeuz, Sachia, and Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of fathers' houses.
1 Chr 8:11 By Hushim [divorced] he had had sons: Abitub and Elpaal.
1 Chr 8:12 The sons of Elpaal: Eber, Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono and Lod with its towns,
1 Chr 8:13 And Beriah and Shema, who were heads of fathers' houses of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who put to flight the inhabitants of Gath,
1 Chr 8:14 And Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth.
1 Chr 8:15 The sons of Beriah: Zebadiah, Arad, Eder,
1 Chr 8:16 Michael, Ishpah, and Joha.
1 Chr 8:17 Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber,
1 Chr 8:18 Ishmerai, Izliah, and Jobab were the sons of Elpaal.
1 Chr 8:19 Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi,
1 Chr 8:20 Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel,
1 Chr 8:21 Adaiah, Beraiah, and Shimrath were the sons of Shimei.
1 Chr 8:22 Ishpan, Eber, Eliel,
1 Chr 8:23 Abdon, Zichri, Hanan,
1 Chr 8:24 Hananiah, Elam, Anthothijah,
1 Chr 8:25 Iphdeiah, and Penuel were the sons of Shashak.
1 Chr 8:26 Shamsherai, Shehariah, Athaliah,
1 Chr 8:27 Jaareshiah, Elijah, and Zichri were the sons of Jeroham.
1 Chr 8:28 These were heads of the fathers' houses, according to their generations, chief men. These dwelt in Jerusalem.
1 Chr 8:29 At Gibeon dwelt [Jeiel] the father of Gibeon, whose wife's name was Maacah.
1 Chr 8:30 His firstborn son was Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab,
1 Chr 8:31 Gedor, Ahio, Zecher,
1 Chr 8:32 And Mikloth the father of Shimeah. These dwelt together opposite their kinsmen in Jerusalem.
1 Chr 8:33 Ner was the father of Kish, and Kish of [King] Saul the father of Jonathan, Malchi-shua, Abinadab, and Esh-baal (Ish-bosheth).
1 Chr 8:34 The son of Jonathan was Merib-baal (Mephibosheth) the father of Micah.
1 Chr 8:35 The sons of Micah: Pithon, Melech, Tarea, and Ahaz.
1 Chr 8:36 Ahaz was the father of Jehoaddah, and Jehoaddah of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; Zimri was the father of Moza.
1 Chr 8:37 Moza was the father of Binea; Raphah was his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.
1 Chr 8:38 Azel had six sons: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were the sons of Azel.
1 Chr 8:39 The sons of Eshek his brother: Ulam his firstborn, Jehush the second, Eliphelet the third.
1 Chr 8:40 The sons of Ulam were mighty warriors, archers, with many sons and grandsons--150 in all. All these were Benjamites.
1 Chr 9:1 SO ALL Israel was enrolled by genealogies; and they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel. And Judah was carried away captive to Babylon for their unfaithfulness to God.
1 Chr 9:2 Now the first [of the returned exiles] to dwell again in their possessions in the cities of Israel were the priests, Levites, and the Nethinim [the temple servants].
1 Chr 9:3 In Jerusalem dwelt some of the people of Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasseh:
1 Chr 9:4 Uthai son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the sons of Pharez son of Judah.
1 Chr 9:5 Of the Shilonites: Asaiah the firstborn and his sons.
1 Chr 9:6 Of the sons of Zerah: Jeuel and their kinsmen, 690.
1 Chr 9:7 Of the Benjamites: Sallu son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hassenuah;
1 Chr 9:8 Ibneiah son of Jeroham; Elah son of Uzzi, the son of Michri; and Meshullam son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah;

1 Chr 9:9 And their kinsmen, according to their generations, 956. All these were heads of fathers' houses according to their fathers' houses.
1 Chr 9:10 Of the priests: Jedaiah; Jehoiarib; Jachin;
1 Chr 9:11 Azariah son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the chief officer of God's house;
1 Chr 9:12 And Adaiah son of Jeroham, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah; Massai son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer;
1 Chr 9:13 And their kinsmen, heads of their fathers' houses, 1,760--very able men for the work of the service of the house of God.
1 Chr 9:14 Of the Levites: Shemaiah son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari;
1 Chr 9:15 And Bakbakkar, Heresh, Galal, and Mattaniah son of Mica, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph;
1 Chr 9:16 Obadiah son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun; and Berechiah son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, who dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites [near Jerusalem].
1 Chr 9:17 The gatekeepers were: Shallum, Akkub, Talmon, Ahiman, and their kinsmen, Shallum being the chief
1 Chr 9:18 Who hitherto was assigned to the king's east side gate. They were the gatekeepers of the camp of the Levites.
1 Chr 9:19 Shallum son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his kinsmen of his father's house, the Korahites, were in charge of the work of the service, keepers of the thresholds of the Tent, as their fathers had been in charge of the camp of the Lord, keepers of the entrance.
1 Chr 9:20 Phinehas son of Eleazar was ruler over them in times past, and the Lord was with him.
1 Chr 9:21 Zechariah son of Meshelemiah was gatekeeper at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.
1 Chr 9:22 All these chosen to be keepers at the thresholds were 212. These were enrolled by their genealogies in their villages [around Jerusalem], these men [whose grandfathers] David and Samuel the seer had established to their office of trust.
1 Chr 9:23 So they and their sons had oversight of the gates of the Lord's house, that is, the house of the tabernacle, by wards.
1 Chr 9:24 The gatekeepers were stationed on the four sides [of the house of the Lord]--on the east, west, north, and south.
1 Chr 9:25 Their brethren in their villages were to come in every seven days to be with them.
1 Chr 9:26 But these Levites, the four chief gatekeepers, were in charge of the chambers and treasuries of the house of God.
1 Chr 9:27 They lodged round about God's house, for the duty [of watching] was theirs, as well as the opening of the house every morning.
1 Chr 9:28 Some of them had charge of the serving utensils, being required to count them when they brought them in or took them out.
1 Chr 9:29 Some of them also were appointed over the furniture and over all the sacred utensils, as well as over the fine flour, wine, oil, frankincense, and spices.
1 Chr 9:30 Other sons of the priests prepared the ointment of spices.
1 Chr 9:31 Mattithiah, one of the Levites, the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, was responsible for the things baked in pans.
1 Chr 9:32 Of their Kohathite kinsmen, some were to prepare the showbread every Sabbath.
1 Chr 9:33 These are the singers, heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites, dwelling in the temple chambers, free from other service because they were on duty day and night.
1 Chr 9:34 These were heads of fathers' houses of the Levites, according to their generations, chief men, who lived in Jerusalem.
1 Chr 9:35 In Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jeiel, whose wife's name was Maacah,
1 Chr 9:36 His firstborn son Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab,
1 Chr 9:37 Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth.
1 Chr 9:38 Mikloth was the father of Shimeam. They also dwelt beside their brethren, opposite their kinsmen in Jerusalem.
1 Chr 9:39 Ner was the father of Kish, Kish of [King] Saul, Saul of Jonathan, Malchi-shua, Abinadab, and Esh-baal.
1 Chr 9:40 The son of Jonathan was Merib-baal (Mephibosheth); Merib-baal was the father of Micah.
1 Chr 9:41 The sons of Micah: Pithon, Melech, Tahrea, and Ahaz.
1 Chr 9:42 Ahaz was the father of Jarah, and Jarah of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; Zimri was the father of Moza,

1 Chr 9:43 Moza of Binea; Rephaiah was his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.
1 Chr 9:44 Azel had six sons: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. These were the sons of Azel.
1 Chr 10:1 NOW THE Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before them and fell slain on Mount Gilboa.
1 Chr 10:2 And the Philistines followed close after Saul and his sons {and} overtook them, and the Philistines slew Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul.
1 Chr 10:3 And the battle raged about Saul, and the archers found and wounded him.
1 Chr 10:4 Then Saul said to his armor-bearer, Draw your sword and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and abuse {and} make sport of me. But his armor-bearer would not, for he was terrified. So Saul took his own sword and fell on it.
1 Chr 10:5 When his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword and died.
1 Chr 10:6 So Saul died; he and his three sons and all his house died together.
1 Chr 10:7 And when all the men of Israel who were in the valley saw that the army had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook their cities and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.
1 Chr 10:8 The next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, they found Saul and his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.
1 Chr 10:9 They stripped [Saul] and took his head and his armor, and sent [them] round about in Philistia to carry the news to their idols and to the people.
1 Chr 10:10 And they put [Saul's] armor in the house of their gods and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon.
1 Chr 10:11 When all Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul,
1 Chr 10:12 All the brave men arose, took away the bodies of Saul and his sons, brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh; then they fasted seven days.
1 Chr 10:13 So Saul died for his trespass against the Lord [in sparing Amalek], for his unfaithfulness in not keeping God's word, and also for consulting [a medium with] a spirit of the dead to inquire pleadingly of it,
1 Chr 10:14 And inquired not so of the Lord [in earnest penitence]. Therefore the Lord slew him and turned the kingdom over to David son of Jesse.
1 Chr 11:1 THEN [after the death of Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, who ruled over eleven tribes of Israel for two troubled years after Saul's death] all Israel gathered at Hebron and said to David, Behold, we are your bone and your flesh.
1 Chr 11:2 In times past, even when Saul was king, it was you who led out and brought in Israel; and the Lord your God said to you, You shall be shepherd of My people Israel, and you shall be prince {and} leader over [them].
1 Chr 11:3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them there before the Lord, and they anointed [him] king over Israel, according to the word of the Lord through Samuel.
1 Chr 11:4 And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, that is Jebus, where the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were.
1 Chr 11:5 Then the Jebusites said to David, You shall not come in here! But David took the stronghold of Zion, that is, the City of David.
1 Chr 11:6 And David said, Whoever smites the Jebusites first shall be chief and commander. Joab son of Zeruiah [David's half sister] went up first, and so he was made chief.
1 Chr 11:7 David dwelt in the stronghold; so it was called the City of David.
1 Chr 11:8 He built the city from the Millo [a fortification] on around; and Joab repaired {and} revived the rest of the [old Jebusite] city.
1 Chr 11:9 And David became greater and greater, for the Lord of hosts was with him.
1 Chr 11:10 Now these are the chiefs of David's mighty men, who strongly supported him in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the Lord concerning Israel.
1 Chr 11:11 And this is the number [thirty, and list] of David's mighty men: Jashobeam, a Hachmonite, the chief of the Thirty [captains]. He lifted up his spear against 300, whom he slew at one time.
1 Chr 11:12 Next to him in rank was Eleazar son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men.
1 Chr 11:13 He was with David at Pas-dammim [where David had long before slain Goliath], and there the Philistines were gathered for battle, where there was a plot of ground full of barley {or} lentils; and the men [of Israel] fled before the Philistines.
1 Chr 11:14 And Eleazar [one of the Three] stood in the midst of that plot and defended it and slew the Philistines [until his hand was weary, and his hand cleaved to the sword], and the Lord saved by a great victory {and} deliverance.

1 Chr 11:15 Three of the thirty chief men went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam, and the army of the Philistines was encamped in the Valley of Rephaim.
1 Chr 11:16 David was then in the stronghold, and the Philistines' garrison was in Bethlehem.
1 Chr 11:17 And David longingly said, Oh, that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate!
1 Chr 11:18 Then the Three [mighty men] broke through the camp of the Philistines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem which was by the gate and brought it to David. But David would not drink it; he poured it out to the Lord,
1 Chr 11:19 And said, My God forbid that I should do this thing. Shall I drink the blood of these men who have put their lives in jeopardy? For at the risk of their lives they brought it. So he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.
1 Chr 11:20 Abishai the brother of Joab was chief of the Three. For he lifted up his spear against 300 and slew them, and was named among the Three.
1 Chr 11:21 Of the Three [in the second rank] he was more renowned than the two, and became their captain; however, he attained not to the first three.
1 Chr 11:22 Benaiah son of Jehoiada, whose father was a valiant man of Kabzeel, had done mighty deeds. He slew the two sons of Ariel of Moab. Also he went down and slew a lion in a pit in time of snow.
1 Chr 11:23 He slew an Egyptian also, a man of great stature, five cubits tall. The Egyptian held a spear like a weaver's beam, and [Benaiah] went to him with a staff and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand and slew him with the man's own spear.
1 Chr 11:24 These things did Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and won a name beside the three mighty men.
1 Chr 11:25 He was renowned among the Thirty, but he did not attain to the rank of the first three. David put him over his guard {and} council.
1 Chr 11:26 Also the mighty men of the armies were: Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan son of Dodo of Bethlehem,
1 Chr 11:27 Shammoth of Harod, Helez the Pelonite,
1 Chr 11:28 Ira son of Ikkesh of Tekoa, Abiezer of Anathoth,
1 Chr 11:29 Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite,
1 Chr 11:30 Maharai of Netophah, Heled son of Baanah of Netophah,
1 Chr 11:31 Ithai son of Ribai of Gibeah of the Benjamites, Benaiah of Pirathon,
1 Chr 11:32 Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite,
1 Chr 11:33 Azmaveth of Baharum, Eliahba of Shaalbon,
1 Chr 11:34 The sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan son of Shagee the Hararite,
1 Chr 11:35 Ahiam son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal son of Ur,
1 Chr 11:36 Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,
1 Chr 11:37 Hezro of Carmel, Naarai son of Ezbai,
1 Chr 11:38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar son of Hagri,
1 Chr 11:39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armor-bearer of Joab son of Zeruiah [David's half sister],
1 Chr 11:40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,
1 Chr 11:41 Uriah the Hittite [Bathsheba's husband], Zabad son of Ahlai,
1 Chr 11:42 Adina son of Shiza, a leader of the Reubenites, and thirty heroes with him,
1 Chr 11:43 Hanan son of Maacah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite,
1 Chr 11:44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite,
1 Chr 11:45 Jediael son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite,
1 Chr 11:46 Eliel the Mahavite, Jeribai and Joshaviah sons of Elnaam, Ithmah the Moabite,
1 Chr 11:47 Eliel, Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaite.
1 Chr 12:1 THESE ARE the ones who came to David at Ziklag, while he yet concealed himself because of Saul son of Kish; they were among the mighty men, his helpers in war.
1 Chr 12:2 They were bowmen and could use the right hand or the left to sling stones or shoot arrows from the bow; they were of Saul's kinsmen of Benjamin.
1 Chr 12:3 The chief was Ahiezer and then Joash the sons of Shemaah of Gibeah; Jeziel and Pelet the sons of Azmaveth; Beracah, and Jehu of Anathoth,
1 Chr 12:4 Ishmaiah of Gibeon, a mighty man among the Thirty and a [leader] over them; Jeremiah, Jahaziel, Johanan, Jozabad of Gederah,
1 Chr 12:5 Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah, Shemariah, Shephatiah the Haruphite;
1 Chr 12:6 Elkanah, Isshiah, Azarel, Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites;

1 Chr 12:7 Joelah and Zebadiah the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.
1 Chr 12:8 Of the Gadites there went over to David to the stronghold in the wilderness men of might, men trained for war who could handle shield and spear, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and who were swift as gazelles on the mountains:
1 Chr 12:9 Ezer the chief, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third,
1 Chr 12:10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,
1 Chr 12:11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,
1 Chr 12:12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,
1 Chr 12:13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbannai the eleventh.
1 Chr 12:14 These Gadites were officers of the army. The lesser was equal to {and} over a hundred, and the greater equal to {and} over a thousand.
1 Chr 12:15 These are the men who went over the Jordan in the first month when it had overflowed all its banks, and put to flight all those in the valleys, east and west.
1 Chr 12:16 There came some of the men of Benjamin and Judah to the stronghold to David.
1 Chr 12:17 David went out to meet them and said to them, If you have come peaceably to me to help me, my heart shall be knit to you; but if you have come to betray me to my adversaries, although there is no violence {or} wrong in my hands, may the God of our fathers look upon and rebuke you.
1 Chr 12:18 Then the Spirit came upon Amasai, who was chief of the captains, and he said, Yours we are, David, and on your side, you son of Jesse! Peace, peace be to you, and peace be to your helpers, for your God helps you. Then David received them and made them officers of his troops.
1 Chr 12:19 Some of the men of Manasseh deserted to David when he came with the Philistines for the battle against Saul. But [David's] men did not actually fight with them, for the lords of the Philistines, upon advisement, sent him away, saying, He will desert to his master Saul at the risk of our heads.
1 Chr 12:20 As David went to Ziklag, there deserted to him of Manasseh: Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael, Jozabad, Elihu, and Zillethai, chiefs of thousands in Manasseh.
1 Chr 12:21 They helped David against the band of raiders, for they were all mighty men of courage, and [all seven] became commanders in [his] army.
1 Chr 12:22 For at that time day by day men kept coming to David to help him, until there was a great army, like the army of God.
1 Chr 12:23 These are the numbers of the armed divisions who came to David at Hebron to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the Lord:
1 Chr 12:24 Those of Judah, who bore shield and spear, were 6,800 armed for war;
1 Chr 12:25 Those of Simeon, mighty and brave warriors, 7,100;
1 Chr 12:26 Those of Levi, 4,600--
1 Chr 12:27 Jehoiada was the leader of the Aaronite [priests], and with him were 3,700,
1 Chr 12:28 And Zadok, a young man mighty in valor, and twenty-two captains from his own father's house;
1 Chr 12:29 Of the Benjamites, the kindred of [King] Saul, 3,000--hitherto the majority of them had kept their allegiance [to Saul] {and} the charge of the house of Saul;
1 Chr 12:30 Of the Ephraimites, 20,800, mighty in valor, famous in their fathers' houses;
1 Chr 12:31 Of the half-tribe of Manasseh, 18,000, who were mentioned by name to come and make David king;
1 Chr 12:32 And of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do, 200 chiefs; and all their kinsmen were under their command;
1 Chr 12:33 Of Zebulun, 50,000 experienced troops, fitted out with all kinds of weapons {and} instruments of war that could order and set the battle in array, men not of double purpose {but} stable and trustworthy.
1 Chr 12:34 Of Naphtali, 1,000 captains, and with them 37,000 [of the rank and file armed] with shield and spear;
1 Chr 12:35 Of Dan, 28,600, men who could set the battle in array;
1 Chr 12:36 Of Asher, men able to go forth to battle, fit for active service, 40,000;
1 Chr 12:37 On the other [the east] side of the Jordan River, of Reuben and Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh, 120,000 men, armed with all the weapons {and} instruments of war.
1 Chr 12:38 All these, being men of war arrayed in battle order, came with a perfect {and} sincere heart to Hebron to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest also of Israel were of one mind to make David king.
1 Chr 12:39 And they were there with David for three days, eating and drinking, for their brethren had prepared for them.
1 Chr 12:40 Also those who were near them from as far as Issachar, Zebulun, and Naphtali brought food on donkeys,

camels, mules, and oxen, abundant supplies of meal, cakes of figs, bunches of raisins, wine, oil, oxen, and sheep, for there was joy in Israel.
1 Chr 13:1 DAVID CONSULTED the captains of thousands and hundreds, even with every leader.
1 Chr 13:2 And David said to all the assembly of Israel, If it seems good to you and if it is of the Lord our God, let us send abroad everywhere to our brethren who are left in all the land of Israel, and with them to the priests and Levites in their cities that have suburbs {and} pasturelands, that they may gather together with us.
1 Chr 13:3 And let us bring again the ark of our God to us, for we did not seek it during the days of Saul.
1 Chr 13:4 And all the assembly agreed to do so, for the thing seemed right in the eyes of all the people.
1 Chr 13:5 So David gathered all Israel together, from the Shihor, the brook of Egypt [that marked the southeast border of Palestine], to the entrance of Hemath, to bring the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim.
1 Chr 13:6 And David and all Israel went up to Baalah, that is, to Kiriath-jearim which belonged to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God the Lord, which is called by the name of Him Who sits [enthroned] above the cherubim.
1 Chr 13:7 And they carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, and Uzza and Ahio [his brother] drove the cart.
1 Chr 13:8 And David and all Israel merrily celebrated before God with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and cymbals and trumpets.
1 Chr 13:9 And when they came to the threshing floor of Chidon, Uzza put out his hand to steady the ark, for the oxen [that were drawing the cart] stumbled {and} were restive.
1 Chr 13:10 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzza, and He smote him because he touched the ark; and there he died before God.
1 Chr 13:11 And David was offended because the Lord had broken forth upon Uzza; that place to this day is called Perez-uzza [the breaking forth upon Uzza].
1 Chr 13:12 And David was afraid of God that day, and he said, How can I bring the ark of God home to me?
1 Chr 13:13 So David did not bring the ark home to the City of David, but carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite [a Levitical porter born in Gath-rimmon].
1 Chr 13:14 And the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house three months. And the Lord blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that he had.
1 Chr 14:1 AND HIRAM king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar timbers, with masons and carpenters, to build him a house.
1 Chr 14:2 And David perceived that the Lord had established {and} confirmed him as king over Israel, for his kingdom was exalted highly for His people Israel's sake.
1 Chr 14:3 And David took more wives to Jerusalem, and [he] became the father of more sons and daughters.
1 Chr 14:4 Now these are the names of the children whom he had in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,
1 Chr 14:5 Ibhar, Elishua, Elpelet,
1 Chr 14:6 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,
1 Chr 14:7 Elishama, Beeliada, and Eliphelet.
1 Chr 14:8 And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, [they] all went up to seek David. And [he] heard of it and went out before them.
1 Chr 14:9 Now the Philistines had come and made a raid in the Valley of Rephaim.
1 Chr 14:10 David asked God, Shall I go up against the Philistines? And will You deliver them into my hand? And the Lord said, Go up, and I will deliver them into your hand.
1 Chr 14:11 So [Israel] came up to Baal-perazim, and David smote [the Philistines] there. Then David said, God has broken my enemies by my hand, like the bursting forth of waters. Therefore they called the name of that place Baal-perazim [Lord of breaking through].
1 Chr 14:12 [The Philistines] left their gods there; David commanded and they were burned.
1 Chr 14:13 And the Philistines again made a raid in the valley.
1 Chr 14:14 And David inquired again of God, and God said to him, Do not go up after them; turn away from them and come [around] upon them over opposite the mulberry trees.
1 Chr 14:15 And when you hear a sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry {or} balsam trees, then go out to battle, for God has gone out before you to smite the Philistine host.
1 Chr 14:16 So David did as God commanded him, and they smote the army of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gezer.
1 Chr 14:17 And the fame of David went out into all lands, and the Lord brought the fear of him upon all nations.
1 Chr 15:1 DAVID MADE for himself houses in the City of David, and he prepared a place for the ark of God and

pitched a tent for it.
1 Chr 15:2 Then David said, None should carry the ark of God but the Levites, for the Lord chose them to carry the ark of God and to minister to Him forever.
1 Chr 15:3 And David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem to bring up the ark of the Lord to its place, which he had prepared for it.
1 Chr 15:4 And David gathered together the sons of Aaron and the Levites:
1 Chr 15:5 Of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, with 120 kinsmen;
1 Chr 15:6 Of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, with 220 kinsmen;
1 Chr 15:7 Of the sons of Gershom, Joel the chief, with 130 kinsmen;
1 Chr 15:8 Of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, with 200 kinsmen;
1 Chr 15:9 Of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, with 80 kinsmen;
1 Chr 15:10 Of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, with 112 kinsmen.
1 Chr 15:11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites--Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab,
1 Chr 15:12 And said to them, You are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, both you and your brethren, that you may bring up the ark of the Lord, the God of Israel, to the place that I have prepared for it.
1 Chr 15:13 For because you bore it not [as God directed] at the first, the Lord our God broke forth upon us--because we did not seek Him in the way He ordained.
1 Chr 15:14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the Lord, the God of Israel.
1 Chr 15:15 The Levites carried the ark of God on their shoulders with the poles, as Moses commanded by the word of the Lord.
1 Chr 15:16 David told the chief Levites to appoint their brethren the singers with instruments of music--harps, lyres, and cymbals--to play loudly and lift up their voices with joy.
1 Chr 15:17 So the Levites appointed Heman son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, Ethan son of Kushaiah;
1 Chr 15:18 And with them their brethren of the second class: Zechariah, Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and also the gatekeepers, Obed-edom and Jeiel.
1 Chr 15:19 So the singers Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were appointed to sound bronze cymbals;
1 Chr 15:20 Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah were to play harps [resembling guitars] set to Alamoth [probably the treble voice];
1 Chr 15:21 Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah were to lead with lyres set to Sheminith [the bass voice].
1 Chr 15:22 Chenaniah, leader of the Levites in singing, was put in charge of carrying the ark {and} lifting up song. He instructed about these matters because he was skilled {and} able.
1 Chr 15:23 Berechiah and Elkanah were gatekeepers for the ark.
1 Chr 15:24 Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer the priests were to blow the trumpets before the ark of God. And Obed-edom and Jehiah (Jeiel) were also gatekeepers for the ark.
1 Chr 15:25 So David, the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the house of Obed-edom with joy.
1 Chr 15:26 And when God helped the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord [with a safe start], they offered seven bulls and seven rams.
1 Chr 15:27 David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as were the Levites who bore the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah, director of the music of the singers. David also wore an ephod [a priestly upper garment] of linen.
1 Chr 15:28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouting, sound of the cornet, trumpets, and cymbals, sounding aloud with harps and lyres.
1 Chr 15:29 As the ark of the covenant of the Lord came to the City of David, Michal [David's wife] daughter of Saul, looking from a window, saw King David leaping as in sport, and she despised him in her heart.
1 Chr 16:1 SO THEY brought the ark of God and set it in the midst of the tent which David had pitched for it, and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God.
1 Chr 16:2 And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord.
1 Chr 16:3 And he distributed to everyone of Israel, both man and woman, to everyone a loaf of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins.
1 Chr 16:4 He appointed Levites to minister before the ark of the Lord and to celebrate [by calling to mind], thanking

and praising the Lord, the God of Israel:
1 Chr 16:5 Asaph was the chief, next to him Zechariah, Jeiel (Jaaziel), Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, and Benaiah, Obed-edom and Jeiel, who were to play harps and lyres; Asaph was to sound the cymbals;
1 Chr 16:6 Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests were to blow trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.
1 Chr 16:7 Then on that day David first entrusted to Asaph and his brethren the singing of thanks to the Lord [as their chief task]:
1 Chr 16:8 O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known His doings among the peoples!
1 Chr 16:9 Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; meditate on {and} talk of all His wondrous works {and} devoutly praise them!
1 Chr 16:10 Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!
1 Chr 16:11 Seek the Lord and His strength; yearn for {and} seek His face {and} to be in His presence continually!
1 Chr 16:12 [Earnestly] remember the marvelous deeds which He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered [as in Egypt],
1 Chr 16:13 O you offspring of [Abraham and] of Israel His servants, you children of Jacob, His chosen ones!
1 Chr 16:14 He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth.
1 Chr 16:15 Be mindful of His covenant forever, the promise which He commanded {and} established to a thousand generations,
1 Chr 16:16 The covenant which He made with Abraham, and His sworn promise to Isaac.
1 Chr 16:17 He confirmed it as a statute to Jacob, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant,
1 Chr 16:18 Saying, To you I will give the land of Canaan, the measured portion of your possession {and} inheritance.
1 Chr 16:19 When they were but few, even a very few, and only temporary residents {and} strangers in it,
1 Chr 16:20 When they went from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another people,
1 Chr 16:21 He allowed no man to do them wrong; yes, He reproved kings for their sakes,
1 Chr 16:22 Saying, Touch not My anointed, and do My prophets no harm.
1 Chr 16:23 Sing to the Lord, all the earth; show forth from day to day His salvation.
1 Chr 16:24 Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all peoples.
1 Chr 16:25 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; He also is to be [reverently] feared above all so-called gods.
1 Chr 16:26 For all the gods of the people are [lifeless] idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
1 Chr 16:27 Honor and majesty are [found] in His presence; strength and joy are [found] in His sanctuary.
1 Chr 16:28 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength,
1 Chr 16:29 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name. Bring an offering and come before Him; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness {and} in holy array.
1 Chr 16:30 Tremble {and} reverently fear before Him, all the earth's peoples; the world also shall be established, so it cannot be moved.
1 Chr 16:31 Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice; and let men say among the nations, The Lord reigns!
1 Chr 16:32 Let the sea roar, and all the things that fill it; let the fields rejoice, and all that is in them.
1 Chr 16:33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing out for joy before the Lord, for He comes to judge {and} govern the earth.
1 Chr 16:34 O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever!
1 Chr 16:35 And say, Save us, O God of our salvation; gather us together and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise.
1 Chr 16:36 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, forever and ever! And all the people said Amen! and praised the Lord.
1 Chr 16:37 So David left Asaph and his brethren before the ark of the covenant of the Lord to minister before the ark continually, as each day's work required,
1 Chr 16:38 And Obed-edom with [his] sixty-eight kinsmen. Also Obed-edom son of Jeduthun, and Hosah, were to be gatekeepers.
1 Chr 16:39 And David left Zadok the priest and his brethren the priests before the tabernacle of the Lord in the high place that was at Gibeon
1 Chr 16:40 To offer burnt offerings to the Lord upon the altar of burnt offering continually, morning and evening, and to do all that is written in the Law of the Lord which He commanded Israel.
1 Chr 16:41 With them were Heman and Jeduthun and the rest who were chosen and expressly named to give thanks to the Lord, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever.

1 Chr 16:42 With them were Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those who should sound aloud, and instruments for accompanying the songs of God. And the sons of Jeduthun were to be at the gate.
1 Chr 16:43 Then all the people departed, each man to his house, and David returned home to bless his household.
1 Chr 17:1 AS DAVID sat in his house, he said to Nathan the prophet, Behold, I dwell in a house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the Lord remains under tent curtains.
1 Chr 17:2 Then Nathan said to David, Do all that is in your heart, for God is with you.
1 Chr 17:3 And that same night the word of God came to Nathan, saying,
1 Chr 17:4 Go and tell David My servant, Thus says the Lord: You shall not build Me a house to dwell in,
1 Chr 17:5 For I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up Israel from Egypt until this day; but I have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another.
1 Chr 17:6 Wherever I have walked with all Israel, did I say a word to any of the judges of Israel whom I commanded to feed My people, saying, Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?
1 Chr 17:7 Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over My people Israel.
1 Chr 17:8 And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you, and I will make your name like the name of the great ones of the earth.
1 Chr 17:9 Also I will appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place and be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the first,
1 Chr 17:10 Since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel. Moreover, I will subdue all your enemies. Furthermore, I foretell to you that the Lord will build you a house (a blessed posterity).
1 Chr 17:11 And it shall come to pass that when your days are fulfilled to go to be with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom.
1 Chr 17:12 He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever.
1 Chr 17:13 I will be his father, and he shall be My son; and I will not take My mercy {and} steadfast love away from him, as I took it from him [King Saul] who was before you.
1 Chr 17:14 But I will settle him (Him) in My house and in My kingdom forever; and his (His) throne shall be established forevermore.
1 Chr 17:15 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.
1 Chr 17:16 And David the king went in and sat before the Lord and said, Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house {and} family, that You have brought me up to this?
1 Chr 17:17 And yet this was a small thing in Your eyes, O God; for You have spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come, and have regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O Lord God!
1 Chr 17:18 What more can David say to You for thus honoring Your servant? For You know Your servant.
1 Chr 17:19 O Lord, for Your servant's sake and in accord with Your own heart, You have wrought all this greatness, to make known all these great things.
1 Chr 17:20 O Lord, there is none like You, nor is there any God beside You, according to all that our ears have heard.
1 Chr 17:21 And what nation on the earth is like Your people Israel, whom God went to redeem to Himself as a people, making Yourself a name by great and terrible things, by driving out nations from before Your people, whom You redeemed out of Egypt?
1 Chr 17:22 You made Your people Israel Your own forever, and You, Lord, became their God.
1 Chr 17:23 Therefore now, Lord, let the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and his house be established forever, and do as You have said.
1 Chr 17:24 Let it be established and let Your name [and the character that name denotes] be magnified forever, saying, The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, is Israel's God; and the house of David Your servant will be established before You.
1 Chr 17:25 For You, O my God, have told Your servant that You will build for him a house (a blessed posterity); therefore Your servant has found courage {and} confidence to pray before You.
1 Chr 17:26 And now, Lord, You are God, and have promised this good thing to Your servant.
1 Chr 17:27 Therefore may it please You to bless the house (posterity) of Your servant, that it may continue before You forever; for what You bless, O Lord, is blessed forever.
1 Chr 18:1 AFTER THIS, David smote and subdued the Philistines, and took Gath and its villages out of the hand of the Philistines.
1 Chr 18:2 He smote Moab, and the Moabites became David's servants and brought tribute.
1 Chr 18:3 Also David defeated Hadadezer king of Zobah toward Hamath, as he went to establish his dominion by the

river Euphrates.
1 Chr 18:4 David took from him 1,000 chariots, 7,000 horsemen, and 20,000 foot soldiers. David also hamstrung all the chariot horses, but reserved enough for 100 chariots.
1 Chr 18:5 When the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians 22,000 men.
1 Chr 18:6 Then David put garrisons in Syria, [whose capital was] Damascus; the Syrians became David's servants and brought tribute. Thus the Lord preserved {and} gave victory to David wherever he went.
1 Chr 18:7 David took the shields of gold that were carried by the servants of Hadadezer and brought them to Jerusalem.
1 Chr 18:8 Likewise from Tibhath and from Cun, cities of Hadadezer, David brought very much bronze, with which Solomon later made the bronze laver, the pillars, and the vessels of bronze.
1 Chr 18:9 When Tou king of Hamath heard how David had defeated all the hosts of Hadadezer king of Zobah,
1 Chr 18:10 He sent Hadoram his son to King David to salute him and to congratulate him because he had fought and defeated Hadadezer, for Hadadezer had had wars with Tou. And Hadoram brought with him all manner of vessels of gold, silver, and bronze.
1 Chr 18:11 King David dedicated them also to the Lord, with the silver and the gold he brought from all these nations: Edom, Moab, the Ammonites, the Philistines, and the Amalekites.
1 Chr 18:12 Also Abishai son of Zeruiah slew 18,000 of the Edomites in the Valley of Salt.
1 Chr 18:13 He put garrisons in Edom, and all the Edomites became David's servants. Thus the Lord preserved {and} gave victory to David wherever he went.
1 Chr 18:14 So David reigned over all Israel and executed judgment and justice among all his people.
1 Chr 18:15 Joab son of Zeruiah [David's half sister] was over the army; and Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was the recorder;
1 Chr 18:16 Zadok son of Ahitub and Abimelech son of Abiathar were the priests; and Shavsha was secretary [of state];
1 Chr 18:17 Benaiah son of Jehoiada was over [David's bodyguards] the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chiefs next to the king.
1 Chr 19:1 AFTER THIS, Nahash king of the Ammonites died, and his son reigned in his stead.
1 Chr 19:2 David said, I will show kindness to Hanun son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father's death. So the servants of David came into the land of the Ammonites to comfort Hanun.
1 Chr 19:3 But the princes of the Ammonites said to Hanun, Do you think that David has sent comforters to you because he honors your father? Have his servants not come to you to search, to overthrow, and to spy out the land?
1 Chr 19:4 Therefore Hanun took David's servants, shaved them, cut off their garments in the middle near their buttocks, and sent them away.
1 Chr 19:5 When David was told how the men were served, he sent to meet them, for [they] were greatly shamed {and} embarrassed. The king said, Stay in Jericho until your beards are grown, and then return.
1 Chr 19:6 When the Ammonites saw that they had made themselves hateful to David, Hanun and [his people] sent 1,000 talents of silver to hire chariots and horsemen from Mesopotamia and Aram-maacah and Zobah.
1 Chr 19:7 So they hired 32,000 chariots, and the king of Maacah and his troops, who came and pitched before Medeba. And the Ammonites gathered from their cities and came to battle.
1 Chr 19:8 When David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army of mighty men.
1 Chr 19:9 And the Ammonites came out and lined up in battle array before the entrance of the city [Medeba], and the kings who had come were by themselves in the open country.
1 Chr 19:10 When Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose from all the choice men of Israel and put them in array against the Syrians.
1 Chr 19:11 The rest of the soldiers he delivered to Abishai his brother, and they were arrayed against the Ammonites.
1 Chr 19:12 And he said, If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you help me; but if the Ammonites are too strong for you, I will help you.
1 Chr 19:13 Be of good courage and let us behave ourselves courageously for our people and for the cities of our God; and may the Lord do what is good in His sight.
1 Chr 19:14 So Joab and the people who were with him drew near before the Syrians for battle, and they fled before him.
1 Chr 19:15 And when the Ammonites saw that the Syrians fled, they likewise fled before Abishai, Joab's brother, and

entered into the city [Medeba]. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.
1 Chr 19:16 When the Syrians saw that they were defeated by Israel, they sent messengers and drew forth the Syrians who were beyond the Euphrates River, with Shophach the commander of the army of Hadadezer at their head.
1 Chr 19:17 It was told to David, and he gathered all Israel and crossed the Jordan and drew up his army against them. So when David set the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him.
1 Chr 19:18 But the Syrians fled before Israel, and David slew of the Syrians 7,000 men in chariots and 40,000 foot soldiers, and killed Shophach the commander of the army.
1 Chr 19:19 When the servants of Hadadezer saw that they were defeated before Israel, they made peace with David and became subject to him; nor would the Syrians any longer help the Ammonites.
1 Chr 20:1 AFTER THE end of the year, when kings go out to battle, Joab led forth the army and devastated the land of the Ammonites, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. Joab smote Rabbah and overthrew it.
1 Chr 20:2 David took their king's crown from off his head and found that it weighed a talent of gold and that precious stones were in it. It was set upon David's head. He brought also very much spoil out of the city of Rabbah.
1 Chr 20:3 He brought out the people who were in it and set them at cutting with saws, iron wedges, and axes. So David dealt with all the Ammonite cities. And David and all the army returned to Jerusalem.
1 Chr 20:4 After this, there arose war at Gezer with the Philistines; then Sibbecai the Hushathite slew Sippai, of the sons of the giant, and they were subdued.
1 Chr 20:5 There was war again with the Philistines, and Elhanan son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.
1 Chr 20:6 And again there was war at Gath, where was a man of great stature who had twenty-four fingers and toes, six on each hand and each foot. He also was born to the giant.
1 Chr 20:7 And when he reproached {and} defied Israel, Jonathan son of Shimea, David's brother, slew him.
1 Chr 20:8 These were born to the giant [clan] in Gath, and they fell by the hands of David and his servants.
1 Chr 21:1 SATAN [an adversary] stood up against Israel and stirred up David to number Israel.
1 Chr 21:2 David said to Joab and the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beersheba to Dan, and bring me the total, that I may know it.
1 Chr 21:3 And Joab answered, May the Lord multiply His people a hundred times! But, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? Why then does my lord require this? Why will he bring guilt upon Israel?
1 Chr 21:4 But the king's word prevailed against Joab. So Joab departed and went throughout all Israel and came to Jerusalem.
1 Chr 21:5 Joab gave the total number of the people to David. And all of Israel were 1,100,000 who drew the sword, and of Judah 470,000 who drew the sword.
1 Chr 21:6 But Levi and Benjamin he did not include among them, for the king's order was detestable to Joab.
1 Chr 21:7 And God was displeased with this [reliance on human resources], and He smote Israel.
1 Chr 21:8 And David said to God, I have sinned greatly because I have done this thing. But now, I beseech You, take away the hateful wickedness of Your servant; for I have done very foolishly.
1 Chr 21:9 And the Lord said to Gad, David's seer,
1 Chr 21:10 Go and tell David, Thus says the Lord: I offer you three things; choose one of them, that I may do it to you.
1 Chr 21:11 So Gad came to David and said to him, Thus says the Lord: Take which one you will:
1 Chr 21:12 Either three years of famine, or three months of devastation before your foes, while the sword of your enemies overtakes you, or else three days of the sword of the Lord and pestilence in the land, and the angel of the Lord destroying throughout all the borders of Israel. Now therefore, consider what answer I shall return to Him Who sent me.
1 Chr 21:13 And David said to Gad, I am in great {and} distressing perplexity; let me fall, I pray you, into the hands of the Lord, for very great {and} many are His mercies; but let me not fall into the hands of man.
1 Chr 21:14 So the Lord sent a pestilence upon Israel, and there fell of Israel 70,000 men.
1 Chr 21:15 God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it, and as he was destroying, the Lord beheld, and He regretted {and} relented of the evil and said to the destroying angel, It is enough; now stay your hand. And the angel of the Lord stood by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.
1 Chr 21:16 David lifted up his eyes and saw the angel of the Lord standing between earth and the heavens, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.

1 Chr 21:17 And David said to God, Is it not I who commanded the people to be numbered? It is I who has sinned and done evil indeed; but as for these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray You, O Lord my God, be on me and on my father's house, but not on Your people, that they should be plagued.
1 Chr 21:18 Then the angel of the Lord commanded Gad to say to David that David should go up and set up an altar to the Lord in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.
1 Chr 21:19 So David went up at Gad's word, which he spoke in the name of the Lord.
1 Chr 21:20 Now Ornan was threshing wheat, and he turned back and saw the angel; and his four sons hid themselves.
1 Chr 21:21 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw him, and went out from the threshing floor and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground.
1 Chr 21:22 Then David said to Ornan, Grant me the site of this threshing floor, that I may build an altar on it to the Lord. You shall charge me the full price for it, that the plague may be averted from the people.
1 Chr 21:23 Ornan said to David, Take it; and let my lord the king do what is good in his eyes. I give you the oxen also for burnt offerings and the threshing sledges for wood and the wheat for the meal offering. I give it all.
1 Chr 21:24 And King David said to Ornan, No, but I will pay the full price. I will not take what is yours for the Lord, nor offer burnt offerings which cost me nothing.
1 Chr 21:25 So David gave to Ornan for the site 600 shekels of gold by weight.
1 Chr 21:26 And David built there an altar to the Lord and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings and called upon the Lord; and He answered him by fire from heaven upon the altar of burnt offering.
1 Chr 21:27 Then the Lord commanded the [avenging] angel, and he put his sword back into its sheath.
1 Chr 21:28 When David saw that the Lord had answered him at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he sacrificed there.
1 Chr 21:29 For the tabernacle of the Lord, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering were at that time in the high place at Gibeon.
1 Chr 21:30 But David could not go before it to inquire of God, for he was afraid of the sword of the angel of the Lord.
1 Chr 22:1 THEN DAVID said, Here shall be the house of the Lord God, and here the altar of the burnt offering for Israel.
1 Chr 22:2 David commanded to gather together the strangers who were in the land of Israel, and he set stonecutters to hew out stones to build the house of God.
1 Chr 22:3 David prepared iron in abundance for nails for the doors of the gates and for the couplings, and bronze in abundance without weighing,
1 Chr 22:4 Also cedar trees without number, for the Sidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar timber to David.
1 Chr 22:5 David said, Solomon my son is young and inexperienced, and the house that is to be built for the Lord must be exceedingly magnificent, of fame and glory throughout all lands. I will therefore make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.
1 Chr 22:6 Then he called for Solomon his son and charged him to build a house for the Lord, the God of Israel.
1 Chr 22:7 David said to Solomon, My son, it was in my heart to build a house to the Name {and} [for the symbol of] the Presence of the Lord my God.
1 Chr 22:8 But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, You have shed much blood and have waged great wars; you shall not build a house to My Name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in My sight.
1 Chr 22:9 Behold, a son shall be born to you who shall be a man of peace. I will give him rest from all his enemies round about; for his name shall be Solomon [peaceable], and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days.
1 Chr 22:10 He shall build a house for My Name {and} [the symbol of My] Presence. He shall be My son, and I will be his father; and I will establish his royal throne over Israel forever.
1 Chr 22:11 Now, my son, the Lord be with and prosper you in building the house of the Lord your God, as He has spoken concerning you.
1 Chr 22:12 Only may the Lord give you wisdom and understanding as you are put in charge of Israel, that you may keep the law of the Lord your God.
1 Chr 22:13 Then you will prosper if you are careful to keep {and} fulfill the statutes and ordinances with which the Lord charged Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and of good courage. Dread not {and} fear not; be not dismayed.
1 Chr 22:14 In my affliction {and} trouble I have provided for the house of the Lord 100,000 talents of gold, 1,000,000 talents of silver, and bronze and iron without weighing. I have also provided timber and stone; you must add to them.
1 Chr 22:15 You have workmen in abundance: hewers, workers of stone and timber, and all kinds of craftsmen without

number, skillful in doing every kind of work
1 Chr 22:16 With gold, silver, bronze, and iron. So arise and be doing, and the Lord be with you!
1 Chr 22:17 David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying,
1 Chr 22:18 Is not the Lord your God with you? And has He not given you peace on every side? For He has given the inhabitants of the land into my hand, and the land is subdued before the Lord and His people.
1 Chr 22:19 Now set your mind and heart to seek (inquire of and require as your vital necessity) the Lord your God. Arise and build the sanctuary of the Lord God, so that the ark of the covenant of the Lord and the holy vessels of God may be brought into the house built to the Name {and} renown of the Lord.
1 Chr 23:1 WHEN DAVID was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son king over Israel.
1 Chr 23:2 David assembled all the leaders of Israel, with the priests and Levites.
1 Chr 23:3 The Levites thirty years old and upward numbered, man by man, 38,000,
1 Chr 23:4 Of whom 24,000 were to oversee the work of the house of the Lord and 6,000 were to be officers and judges.
1 Chr 23:5 And, said David, 4,000 shall be gatekeepers and 4,000 are to praise the Lord with the instruments which I made for praise.
1 Chr 23:6 And David organized them in sections according to the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
1 Chr 23:7 Of the Gershonites: Ladan (Libni) and Shimei.
1 Chr 23:8 The sons of Ladan: Jehiel the chief, Zetham, and Joel--three in all.
1 Chr 23:9 The sons of Shimei: Shelomoth, Haziel, and Haran--three in all. These were the heads of the fathers' houses of Ladan.
1 Chr 23:10 And the sons of Shimei: Jahath, Zina (Zizah), Jeush, and Beriah. Of these four sons of Shimei,
1 Chr 23:11 Jahath was chief and Zizah the second, but Jeush and Beriah had not many sons [not enough for a father's house or clan]; so they were counted together as one father's house.
1 Chr 23:12 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel--four in all.
1 Chr 23:13 The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses. Aaron was set apart to sanctify him as most holy {and} to consecrate the most holy things, that he and his sons forever might burn incense before the Lord, minister to Him, and bless in His name [and the character which that name denotes] forever.
1 Chr 23:14 But the sons of Moses the man of God were named among the tribe of Levi.
1 Chr 23:15 The sons of Moses: Gershom and Eliezer.
1 Chr 23:16 The son of Gershom: Shebuel the chief.
1 Chr 23:17 The son of Eliezer: Rehabiah the chief. Eliezer had no other sons, but Rehabiah's sons were very many.
1 Chr 23:18 The sons of Izhar: Shelomith was the chief.
1 Chr 23:19 The sons of Hebron: Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.
1 Chr 23:20 The sons of Uzziel: Micah the first and Isshiah the second.
1 Chr 23:21 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli: Eleazar and Kish.
1 Chr 23:22 Eleazar died and had no sons, but daughters only, and their kinsmen, sons of Kish, took them as wives.
1 Chr 23:23 The sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and Jeremoth--three in all.
1 Chr 23:24 These were the Levites by their fathers' houses, the heads of the fathers' houses of those registered, according to the number of names of the individuals who were the servants of the house of the Lord, from twenty years old and upward.
1 Chr 23:25 For David said, The Lord, the God of Israel has given peace {and} rest to His people, and He dwells in Jerusalem forever.
1 Chr 23:26 So the Levites no more have need to carry the tabernacle and all its vessels for its service.
1 Chr 23:27 For by the last words {and} acts of David, these were the number of the Levites from twenty years old and above.
1 Chr 23:28 But their duty should be to wait on [the priests] the sons of Aaron in the service of the house of the Lord, caring for the courts, the chambers, the cleansing of all holy things, and any work of the service of God's house,
1 Chr 23:29 For the showbread also, and for the fine flour for a cereal offering, whether of unleavened wafers or of what is baked on the griddle or soaked [in oil], and for all measuring of amount and size [as the Law of Moses required].
1 Chr 23:30 They are also to stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord, and likewise at evening,
1 Chr 23:31 And to assist in offering all burnt sacrifices to the Lord on Sabbaths, New Moon festivals, and set feast days by number according to the ordinance concerning them, continually before the Lord.
1 Chr 23:32 So they shall keep charge of the Tent of Meeting and the Holy Place and shall attend to the sons of Aaron

their kinsmen, for the service of the house of the Lord.
1 Chr 24:1 THE COURSES {or} divisions of the priests, the sons of Aaron, were these: The sons of Aaron: Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
1 Chr 24:2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father and had no children; therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest's office.
1 Chr 24:3 And David, with Zadok of the sons of Eleazar and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided {and} distributed them according to their assigned duties.
1 Chr 24:4 Since there were more chief men found among the sons of Eleazar [because of the misfortunes of Eli, and Saul's slaughter of the priests at Nob] than among the sons of Ithamar, they were divided thus: sixteen heads of fathers' houses of the sons of Eleazar and eight of the sons of Ithamar according to their fathers' houses.
1 Chr 24:5 Thus were they divided by lot, one group with the other, for there were chiefs of the sanctuary and chiefs of God [high priests] drawn both from the sons of Eleazar and from the sons of Ithamar.
1 Chr 24:6 Shemaiah the scribe, son of Nethanel, a Levite, recorded them in the presence of the king, the princes, Zadok the priest, Ahimelech son of Abiathar [the priest who escaped being killed at Nob by Saul and fled to David], and the heads of the fathers' houses of the priests and Levites--one father's house being taken alternately for Eleazar and one for Ithamar.
1 Chr 24:7 The lots fell, the first one to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah,
1 Chr 24:8 The third to Harim, the fourth to Se-orim,
1 Chr 24:9 The fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,
1 Chr 24:10 The seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah,
1 Chr 24:11 The ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah,
1 Chr 24:12 The eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,
1 Chr 24:13 The thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebe-ab,
1 Chr 24:14 The fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,
1 Chr 24:15 The seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Happizzez,
1 Chr 24:16 The nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel,
1 Chr 24:17 The twenty-first to Jachin, the twenty-second to Gamul,
1 Chr 24:18 The twenty-third to Delaiah, the twenty-fourth to Maaziah.
1 Chr 24:19 This was their order for coming on duty to serve in the house of the Lord, according to the procedure ordered for them by their [forefather] Aaron, as the Lord, the God of Israel, had commanded him.
1 Chr 24:20 As for the rest of the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram: Shubael; of the sons of Shubael: Jehdeiah.
1 Chr 24:21 Of Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah: Isshiah the chief.
1 Chr 24:22 Of the Izharites: Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth: Jahath.
1 Chr 24:23 The sons of Hebron: Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.
1 Chr 24:24 The son of Uzziel: Micah; of the sons of Micah: Shamir.
1 Chr 24:25 The brother of Micah: Isshiah; of the sons of Isshiah: Zechariah.
1 Chr 24:26 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The son of Jaaziah: Beno.
1 Chr 24:27 The sons of Merari: by Jaaziah: Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri.
1 Chr 24:28 Of Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons.
1 Chr 24:29 Of Kish: the son of Kish: Jerahmeel.
1 Chr 24:30 The sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites, according to their fathers' houses.
1 Chr 24:31 These likewise cast lots, as did their kinsmen the sons of Aaron, in the presence of David the king, Zadok, Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the priests and Levites--the head of each father's house and his younger brother alike.
1 Chr 25:1 ALSO DAVID and the chiefs of the host [of the Lord] separated to the [temple] service some of the sons of Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun, who should prophesy [being inspired] with lyres, harps, and cymbals. The list of the musicians according to their service was:
1 Chr 25:2 Of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asharelah, the sons of Asaph under the direction of Asaph, who prophesied (witnessed and testified under divine inspiration) in keeping with the king's order.
1 Chr 25:3 Of the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiah, Shimei, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six in all, under the direction of their father Jeduthun, who witnessed {and} prophesied under divine inspiration with the lyre in thanksgiving and praise to the Lord.
1 Chr 25:4 Of Heman: the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah,

Giddalti, Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth.
1 Chr 25:5 All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer [his mediator] in the words {and} things of God to exalt Him; for God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters,
1 Chr 25:6 All of whom were [in the choir] under the direction of their father for song in the house of the Lord, with cymbals, harps, and lyres, for the service of the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman were under the order of the king.
1 Chr 25:7 So the number of them [who led the remainder of the 4,000], with their kinsmen who were specially trained in songs for the Lord, all who were talented singers, was 288.
1 Chr 25:8 [The musicians] cast lots for their duties, small and great, teacher and scholar alike.
1 Chr 25:9 The first lot fell for Asaph to Joseph; the second to Gedaliah, to him, his brethren and his sons, twelve;
1 Chr 25:10 The third to Zaccur, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:11 The fourth to Izri, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:12 The fifth to Nethaniah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:13 The sixth to Bukkiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:14 The seventh to Jesharelah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:15 The eighth to Jeshaiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:16 The ninth to Mattaniah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:17 The tenth to Shimei, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:18 The eleventh to Azarel, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:19 The twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:20 The thirteenth to Shubael, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:21 The fourteenth to Mattithiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:22 The fifteenth to Jeremoth, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:23 The sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:24 The seventeenth of Joshbekashah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:25 The eighteenth to Hanani, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:26 The nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:27 The twentieth to Eliathah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:28 The twenty-first to Hothir, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:29 The twenty-second to Giddalti, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:30 The twenty-third to Mahazioth, his sons and his brethren, twelve;
1 Chr 25:31 The twenty-fourth to Romamti-ezer, his sons and his brethren, twelve.
1 Chr 26:1 FOR THE divisions of the gatekeepers: Of the Korahites was: Meshelemiah son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph.
1 Chr 26:2 And Meshelemiah had sons: Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,
1 Chr 26:3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh.
1 Chr 26:4 Obed-edom had sons: Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, Sacar the fourth, Nethanel the fifth,
1 Chr 26:5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peullethai the eighth; for God blessed him.
1 Chr 26:6 Also to Shemaiah his son were sons born, who were rulers in their fathers' houses, for they were mighty men of ability {and} courage.
1 Chr 26:7 The sons of Shemaiah: Othni, Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad, whose brethren were strong {and} able men, Elihu and Semachiah.
1 Chr 26:8 All these were sons of Obed-edom [in whose house the ark was kept], with their sons and brethren, strong {and} able men for the service--sixty-two in all.
1 Chr 26:9 Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, strong {and} able men--eighteen in all.
1 Chr 26:10 Also Hosah, of the sons of Merari, had sons: Shimri the chief (he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him chief),
1 Chr 26:11 Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth; all the sons and brethren of Hosah were thirteen in all.
1 Chr 26:12 Of these were the divisions of the gatekeepers, even of the chief men, having duties, as did their brethren, to minister in the house of the Lord.
1 Chr 26:13 And they cast lots by fathers' houses, small and great alike, for every gate.

1 Chr 26:14 The lot for the east fell to Shelemiah. They cast lots also for Zechariah his son, a wise counselor, and his lot came out for the north.
1 Chr 26:15 To Obed-edom it came out for the south, and to his sons the storehouse was allotted.
1 Chr 26:16 To Shuppim and Hosah the lot fell for the west, by the refuse gate that goes into the ascending highway, post opposite post.
1 Chr 26:17 On the east were six Levites, on the north four a day, on the south four a day, and two by two at the storehouse.
1 Chr 26:18 At the colonnade on the west side [of the outer court of the temple], there were four at the road and two at the colonnade.
1 Chr 26:19 These were the divisions of the gatekeepers among the Korahites and the sons of Merari.
1 Chr 26:20 Of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasuries of the house of God and the treasuries of the dedicated gifts.
1 Chr 26:21 The sons of Ladan, the descendants of Gershon through Ladan, the heads of families of Ladan the Gershonite: Jehieli,
1 Chr 26:22 The sons of Jehieli, Zetham and Joel his brother, who were over the treasuries of the house of the Lord.
1 Chr 26:23 Of the Amramites, Izharites, Hebronites, and Uzzielites:
1 Chr 26:24 Shebuel son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was ruler over the treasuries.
1 Chr 26:25 His brethren from Eliezer were his son Rehabiah, his son Jeshaiah, his son Joram, his son Zichri, and his son Shelomoth.
1 Chr 26:26 This Shelomoth and his brethren were over all the treasuries of the dedicated gifts, which King David, the heads of the fathers' houses, the officers over thousands and hundreds, and the commanders of the army had dedicated.
1 Chr 26:27 From spoil won in battles they dedicated gifts to maintain the house of the Lord.
1 Chr 26:28 Also all that Samuel the seer, Saul son of Kish, Abner son of Ner, and Joab son of Zeruiah had dedicated, and whatever anyone had dedicated, it was in the charge of Shelomoth and his brethren.
1 Chr 26:29 Of the Izharites: Chenaniah and his sons were appointed to outside duties for Israel, as officers and judges.
1 Chr 26:30 Of the Hebronites: Hashabiah and his brethren, men of courage {and} ability, 1,700 in all, were officers over Israel on the west side of the Jordan in all the Lord's business and the king's service.
1 Chr 26:31 Of the Hebronites: Jerijah was the chief, according to their generations by fathers' houses. In the fortieth year of David's reign a search was made, and men of great courage {and} ability were found among them at Jazer in Gilead.
1 Chr 26:32 Jerijah's kinsmen, men of courage {and} ability, were 2,700 heads of fathers' houses; King David made them overseers of the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, for everything pertaining to God and for the affairs of the king.
1 Chr 27:1 THIS IS the list of the Israelites, the heads of fathers' houses, the commanders of thousands and hundreds, and their officers who served the king in all matters of the divisions that came and went, month by month throughout the year, each division numbering 24,000.
1 Chr 27:2 Over the first division for the first month was Jashobeam son of Zabdiel. In his division were 24,000.
1 Chr 27:3 He was descended from Perez and was chief of all the commanders of the army for the first month.
1 Chr 27:4 Over the division for the second month was Dodai the Ahohite; and of his division Mikloth was the chief officer. In his division were 24,000.
1 Chr 27:5 The third commander of the army for the third month was Benaiah son of Jehoiada the priest, as chief. In his division were 24,000.
1 Chr 27:6 This is the Benaiah who was a mighty man of the Thirty and over the Thirty; and in his division was Ammizabad his son.
1 Chr 27:7 The fourth, for the fourth month, Asahel brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him. In his division were 24,000.
1 Chr 27:8 The fifth, for the fifth month, Shamhuth the Izrahite. In his division were 24,000.
1 Chr 27:9 The sixth, for the sixth month, Ira son of Ikkesh the Tekoite. In his division were 24,000.
1 Chr 27:10 The seventh, for the seventh month, Helez the Pelonite, of the Ephraimites. In his division were 24,000.
1 Chr 27:11 The eighth, for the eighth month, Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarahites. In his division were 24,000.
1 Chr 27:12 The ninth, for the ninth month, Abiezer of Anathoth, a Benjamite. In his division were 24,000.
1 Chr 27:13 The tenth, for the tenth month, Maharai from Netophah, of the Zerahites. In his division were 24,000.
1 Chr 27:14 The eleventh, for the eleventh month, Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the sons of Ephraim. In his division

were 24,000.
1 Chr 27:15 The twelfth, for the twelfth month, Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel. In his division were 24,000.
1 Chr 27:16 Also over the tribes of Israel: of the Reubenites: Eliezer son of Zichri was chief officer; of the Simeonites: Shephatiah son of Maachah;
1 Chr 27:17 Of Levi: Hashabiah son of Kemuel; of Aaron: Zadok;
1 Chr 27:18 Of Judah: Elihu, one of David's brothers; of Issachar: Omri son of Michael;
1 Chr 27:19 Of Zebulun: Ishmaiah son of Obadiah; of Naphtali: Jerimoth son of Azriel;
1 Chr 27:20 Of the Ephraimites: Hoshea son of Azaziah; of the half-tribe of Manasseh: Joel son of Pedaiah;
1 Chr 27:21 Of the half-tribe of Manasseh in Gilead: Iddo son of Zechariah; of Benjamin: Jaasiel son of Abner;
1 Chr 27:22 Of Dan: Azarel son of Jeroham. These were the leaders of the tribes of Israel.
1 Chr 27:23 But David did not number those under twenty years of age, for the Lord had promised to make Israel as the stars of the heavens.
1 Chr 27:24 Joab son of Zeruiah began a census but did not finish, because the census brought wrath upon Israel, and the number was not recorded in the chronicles of King David.
1 Chr 27:25 Over the king's treasuries was Azmaveth son of Adiel; and over the treasuries in the country, cities, villages, and towers {or} forts was Jonathan son of Uzziah;
1 Chr 27:26 Over those who did the work of the field of tilling the soil was Ezri son of Chelub;
1 Chr 27:27 Over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite; over the produce of the vineyards for the wine cellars, Zabdi the Shiphmite;
1 Chr 27:28 Over the olive and sycamore trees in the low plains, Baal-hanan the Gederite; over the stores of oil, Joash;
1 Chr 27:29 Over the herds pasturing in Sharon, Shitrai the Sharonite; over the herds in the valleys, Shaphat son of Adlai;
1 Chr 27:30 Over the camels, Obil the Ishmaelite; over the she-donkeys, Jehdeiah the Meronothite;
1 Chr 27:31 And over the flocks, Jaziz the Hagrite. All these were stewards of King David's property.
1 Chr 27:32 Also Jonathan, David's uncle, was a counselor, a wise man and a scribe; he and Jehiel son of Hachmoni attended the king's sons [as tutors].
1 Chr 27:33 Ahithophel was the king's counselor; Hushai the Archite was the king's companion {and} friend.
1 Chr 27:34 Ahithophel was succeeded by Jehoiada son of Benaiah and by Abiathar. Joab was the commander of the king's army.
1 Chr 28:1 DAVID ASSEMBLED at Jerusalem all the leaders of Israel and of the tribes, the officers of the divisions that served the king in courses, and those over thousands and hundreds, and the stewards over all the property and livestock of the king and his sons, with the palace officers, the mighty men, and all the mighty warriors.
1 Chr 28:2 Then David the king rose to his feet and said, Hear me, my brethren and my people. I myself intended to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, as a footstool for our God, and I prepared materials for the building.
1 Chr 28:3 But God said to me, You shall not build a house for My Name [and Presence], because you have been a man of war and have shed blood.
1 Chr 28:4 However, the Lord, the God of Israel, chose me before all my father's house to be king over Israel forever. For He chose Judah to be the ruler; and of the house of Judah he chose the house of my father; and among the sons of my father He was pleased to make me king over all Israel;
1 Chr 28:5 And of all my sons, for the Lord has given me many sons, He has chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Israel.
1 Chr 28:6 And He said to me, Solomon your son shall build My house and My courts, for I have chosen him to be My son, and I will be his father.
1 Chr 28:7 I will establish his kingdom forever if he loyally {and} continuously obeys My commandments and My ordinances, as he does today.
1 Chr 28:8 Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the Lord, and in the hearing of our God, keep and seek [to be familiar with] all the commandments of the Lord your God, that you may possess this good land and leave it as an inheritance for your children after you forever.
1 Chr 28:9 And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father [have personal knowledge of Him, be acquainted with, and understand Him; appreciate, heed, and cherish Him] and serve Him with a blameless heart and a willing mind. For the Lord searches all hearts {and} minds and understands all the wanderings of the thoughts. If you seek Him [inquiring for and of Him and requiring Him as your first and vital necessity] you will find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever!

1 Chr 28:10 Take heed now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary. Be strong and do it!
1 Chr 28:11 Then David gave Solomon his son the plan of the vestibule of the temple, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner rooms, and of the place for the [ark and its] mercy seat;
1 Chr 28:12 And the plan of all that he had in mind [by the Spirit] for the courts of the house of the Lord, all the surrounding chambers, the treasuries of the house of God, and the treasuries for the dedicated gifts;
1 Chr 28:13 The plan for the divisions of the priests and the Levites, for all the work of the service in the house of the Lord; for all the vessels for service in the house of the Lord:
1 Chr 28:14 The weight of gold and silver for all the gold and silver articles of every kind of service--
1 Chr 28:15 The weight of the golden lampstands and their lamps, the weight of gold or silver for each lampstand and its lamps, according to the use of each lampstand;
1 Chr 28:16 The gold by weight for each table of showbread, and the silver for the tables of silver;
1 Chr 28:17 Also pure gold for the forks, basins, and cups; for the golden bowls by weight of each; for the silver bowls by weight of each;
1 Chr 28:18 For the incense altar refined gold by weight, and gold for the plan of the chariot of the cherubim that spread their wings and covered the ark of the Lord's covenant.
1 Chr 28:19 All this the Lord made me understand by the writing by His hand upon me, all the work to be done according to the plan.
1 Chr 28:20 Also David told Solomon his son, Be strong and courageous, and do it. Fear not, be not dismayed, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail or forsake you until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord.
1 Chr 28:21 And see, [you have] the divisions of the priests and Levites for all the service of God's house, and with you in all the kinds of work will be every willing, skillful man for any kind of service. Also the officers and all the people will be wholly at your command.
1 Chr 29:1 AND KING David said to all the assembly, Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is yet young, tender, {and} inexperienced; and the work is great, for the palace is not to be for man but for the Lord God.
1 Chr 29:2 So I have provided with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be of gold, silver for things of silver, bronze for things of bronze, iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood, as well as onyx {or} beryl stones, stones to be set, stones of antimony, stones of various colors, and all sorts of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.
1 Chr 29:3 Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, in addition to all I have prepared for the holy house, I have a private treasure of gold and silver which I give for the house of my God:
1 Chr 29:4 It is 3,000 talents of gold, gold of Ophir, 7,000 talents of refined silver for overlaying the walls of the house,
1 Chr 29:5 Gold for the uses of gold, silver for the uses of silver, and for every work to be done by craftsmen. Now who will offer willingly to fill his hand [and consecrate it] today to the Lord [like one consecrating himself to the priesthood]?
1 Chr 29:6 Then the chiefs of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly
1 Chr 29:7 And gave for the service of the house of God--of gold 5,000 talents and 10,000 darics, of silver 10,000 talents, of bronze 18,000 talents, and 100,000 talents of iron.
1 Chr 29:8 And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the Lord in the care of Jehiel the Gershonite.
1 Chr 29:9 Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with a whole {and} blameless heart they had offered freely to the Lord. King David also rejoiced greatly.
1 Chr 29:10 Therefore David blessed the Lord before all the assembly and said, Be praised, adored, {and} thanked, O Lord, the God of Israel our [forefather], forever and ever.
1 Chr 29:11 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and the earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and Yours it is to be exalted as Head over all.
1 Chr 29:12 Both riches and honor come from You, and You reign over all. In Your hands are power and might; in Your hands it is to make great and to give strength to all.
1 Chr 29:13 Now therefore, our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name {and} those attributes which that name denotes.
1 Chr 29:14 But who am I, and what are my people, that we should retain strength {and} be able to offer thus so willingly? For all things come from You, and out of Your own [hand] we have given You.

1 Chr 29:15 For we are strangers before You, and sojourners, as all our fathers were; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope {or} expectation of remaining.
1 Chr 29:16 O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy Name {and} the token of Your presence comes from Your hand, and is all Your own.
1 Chr 29:17 I know also, my God, that You try the heart and delight in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things. And now I have seen with joy Your people who are present here offer voluntarily {and} freely to You.
1 Chr 29:18 O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes {and} thoughts in the minds of Your people, and direct {and} establish their hearts toward You.
1 Chr 29:19 And give to Solomon my son a blameless heart to keep Your commandments, testimonies, and statutes, and to do all that is necessary to build the palace [for You] for which I have made provision.
1 Chr 29:20 And David said to all the assembly, Now adore (praise and thank) the Lord your God! And all the assembly blessed the Lord, the God of their fathers, and bowed down and did obeisance to the Lord and to the king [as His earthly representative].
1 Chr 29:21 The next day they offered sacrifices and burnt offerings to the Lord: 1,000 bulls, 1,000 rams, and 1,000 lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel.
1 Chr 29:22 They ate and drank before the Lord on that day with great rejoicing. They made Solomon son of David king a second time, and anointed him as prince for the Lord and Zadok to be high priest.
1 Chr 29:23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the Lord as king instead of David his father; and he prospered, and all Israel obeyed him.
1 Chr 29:24 All the leaders and mighty men, and also all the sons of King David, pledged allegiance to King Solomon.
1 Chr 29:25 And the Lord magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.
1 Chr 29:26 Thus David son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.
1 Chr 29:27 The time he reigned over Israel was forty years--he reigned seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.
1 Chr 29:28 He died in a good old age [his seventy-first year], full {and} satisfied with days, riches, and honor. Solomon his son reigned in his stead.
1 Chr 29:29 Now the acts of King David, from first to last, are written in the recorded words of Samuel the seer, Nathan the prophet, and Gad the seer,
1 Chr 29:30 With accounts of all his reign and his might, and the times through which he and Israel passed, as did all the kingdoms of the countries.
2 Chr 1:1 SOLOMON SON of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the Lord his God was with him and made him exceedingly great.
2 Chr 1:2 Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every prince in all Israel, the heads of the fathers' houses.
2 Chr 1:3 And Solomon and all the assembly [a united nation] with him went to the high place that was at Gibeon, for the Tent of Meeting of God, which Moses the servant of the Lord had made in the wilderness, was there [where the Canaanites had habitually worshiped].
2 Chr 1:4 But David had brought up the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim to the place which David had prepared for it, for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.
2 Chr 1:5 Moreover, the bronze altar that Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made was there before the tabernacle of the Lord, and Solomon and the assembly sought [the Lord].
2 Chr 1:6 Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before the Lord at the Tent of Meeting and offered 1,000 burnt offerings on it.
2 Chr 1:7 That night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, Ask what I shall give you.
2 Chr 1:8 And Solomon said to God, You have shown great mercy {and} loving-kindness to David my father and have made me king in his place.
2 Chr 1:9 Now, O Lord God, let Your promise to David my father be fulfilled, for you have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.
2 Chr 1:10 Give me now wisdom and knowledge to go out and come in before this people, for who can rule this Your people who are so great?
2 Chr 1:11 God replied to Solomon, Because this was in your heart and you have not asked for riches, possessions, honor, {and} glory, or the life of your foes, or even for long life, but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself,

that you may rule {and} judge My people over whom I have made you king,
2 Chr 1:12 Wisdom and knowledge are granted you. And I will give you riches, possessions, honor, {and} glory, such as none of the kings had before you, and none after you shall have their equal.
2 Chr 1:13 Then Solomon came from the high place at Gibeon, from before the Tent of Meeting, to Jerusalem. And he reigned over Israel.
2 Chr 1:14 Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; he had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen, which he placed in the cities [suited for the use] of chariots and with the king at Jerusalem.
2 Chr 1:15 And the king made silver and gold in Jerusalem as common as stones, and he made cedar as plentiful as the sycamores of the lowland.
2 Chr 1:16 Solomon's horses were brought out of Egypt; the king's merchants received them in droves, each drove at a price.
2 Chr 1:17 They imported from Egypt a chariot for 600 shekels of silver, and a horse for 150; so they brought out horses for all the Hittite and Syrian kings as export agents.
2 Chr 2:1 SOLOMON DETERMINED to build a temple for the Name of the Lord and a royal capitol.
2 Chr 2:2 And Solomon counted out 70,000 men to bear burdens, 80,000 to be stonecutters in the hill country, and 3,600 overseers.
2 Chr 2:3 And Solomon sent to Hiram king of Tyre, saying, As you dealt with David my father and sent him cedars to build himself a house in which to dwell, even so deal with me.
2 Chr 2:4 Behold, I am about to build a house for the Name of the Lord my God, dedicated to Him for the burning of incense of sweet spices before Him, for the continual showbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the Sabbaths, New Moons, and on the solemn feasts of the Lord our God, as ordained forever for Israel.
2 Chr 2:5 The house which I am to build is great, for our God is greater than all gods.
2 Chr 2:6 But who is able to build Him a house, since heaven, even highest heaven, cannot contain Him? Who am I to build Him a house, except as a place to burn incense in worship before Him?
2 Chr 2:7 Now therefore, send a man skilled to work in gold, silver, bronze, and iron, and in purple, crimson, and blue colors, who is a trained engraver, to work with the skilled men who are with me in Judah and Jerusalem, whom David my father provided.
2 Chr 2:8 Send me also from Lebanon cedar, cypress, and algum timber, for I know your servants can skillfully cut timber in Lebanon; and my servants will be with your servants,
2 Chr 2:9 To prepare for me timber in abundance, for the house I am about to build shall be great and wonderful.
2 Chr 2:10 And I will give to your servants who cut timber 20,000 measures of crushed wheat and also of barley, and 20,000 baths of wine and also of oil.
2 Chr 2:11 Then Hiram king of Tyre replied in writing sent to Solomon, Because the Lord loves His people, He has made you king over them.
2 Chr 2:12 Hiram said also, Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, Who made heaven and earth, Who has given to David the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, who should build a house for the Lord and a royal palace as his capitol.
2 Chr 2:13 Now I have sent a skilled man, endued with understanding, even Huram-abi, my trusted counselor,
2 Chr 2:14 The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan; his father was a man of Tyre. He is a trained worker in gold, silver, bronze, iron, stone, and wood; in purple, blue, and crimson colors, and in fine linen; and also to engrave any type of engraving and to carry out any design given him, with your skilled men and those of my lord, David your father.
2 Chr 2:15 Now therefore, the wheat, barley, oil, and wine of which my lord has spoken, let him send them to his servants,
2 Chr 2:16 And we will cut whatever timber you need from Lebanon and bring it to you in rafts by sea to Joppa, so you may take it up to Jerusalem.
2 Chr 2:17 Then Solomon took a census of all the aliens in the land of Israel, like the census of them which his father David had taken. They were found to be 153,600.
2 Chr 2:18 And he assigned 70,000 of them to be burden bearers, 80,000 to work in the mountain quarries, and 3,600 as overseers to direct the people's work.
2 Chr 3:1 THEN SOLOMON began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the Lord appeared to David his father, in the place that David had appointed, on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.
2 Chr 3:2 And Solomon began to build on the second day of the second month in the fourth year of his reign.
2 Chr 3:3 Now these are the measurements for the foundations which Solomon laid for the house of God. The length in

cubits by the former measure was sixty cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits.
2 Chr 3:4 The porch {or} vestibule across the front of the house was the same length as the house's breadth, twenty cubits, and the height 120 cubits. He overlaid it inside with pure gold.
2 Chr 3:5 And the greater house (the Holy Place) he lined with cypress and overlaid it with fine gold and made palm trees and chains on it.
2 Chr 3:6 And he adorned the house with precious stones for beauty; and the gold was gold of Parvaim.
2 Chr 3:7 He lined the house (the Holy Place), its beams, thresholds, walls, and doors with gold, and engraved cherubim on the walls.
2 Chr 3:8 He made the Most Holy Place, its length equaling the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and its breadth twenty cubits; he overlaid it with 600 talents of fine gold.
2 Chr 3:9 The weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. And he lined the upper chambers with gold.
2 Chr 3:10 And in the Most Holy Place he made two cherubim of image work, and they were overlaid with gold.
2 Chr 3:11 And the wings of the cherubim [combined] extended twenty cubits: one wing of one cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house, and its other wing of five cubits touched the other cherub's wing.
2 Chr 3:12 And of the other cherub one wing of five cubits touched the wall of the house, and the other wing, also five cubits, joined the wing of the first cherub.
2 Chr 3:13 The wings of these cherubim extended twenty cubits; the cherubim stood on their feet, their faces toward the Holy Place.
2 Chr 3:14 And he made the veil [between the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place] of blue, purple, and crimson colors, and fine linen, and embroidered cherubim on it.
2 Chr 3:15 Before the house he made two pillars, 35 cubits high, with a capital on the top of each which was five cubits.
2 Chr 3:16 He made chains like a necklace and put them on the heads of the pillars, and he made 100 pomegranates and put them on the chains.
2 Chr 3:17 He erected the pillars before the temple, one on the right, the other on the left, and called the one on the right Jachin [he shall establish] and the one on the left Boaz [in it is strength].
2 Chr 4:1 ALSO SOLOMON made an altar of bronze, its top twenty by twenty cubits and its height ten cubits.
2 Chr 4:2 Also he made a round Sea of molten metal, ten cubits from brim to brim and five cubits high, and a line of thirty cubits measured around it.
2 Chr 4:3 Under it were figures of oxen encircling it, ten to a cubit. The oxen were in two rows, cast in one piece with it.
2 Chr 4:4 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking north, three west, three south, three east; and the Sea rested upon them, and all their hind parts were inward.
2 Chr 4:5 Its thickness was a handbreadth; its brim was like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily; it held 3,000 baths (measures).
2 Chr 4:6 He made also ten lavers in which to wash and put five on the right (south) side and five on the left (north). Such things as they offered for the burnt offering they washed in them, but the Sea was for the priests to wash in.
2 Chr 4:7 And he made ten golden lampstands as directed and set them in the temple, five on the right side and five on the left.
2 Chr 4:8 He made also ten tables and placed them in the temple, five each on the right and left sides, and 100 basins of gold.
2 Chr 4:9 Moreover, he made the priests' court, and the great court and doors for the court, and overlaid their doors with bronze.
2 Chr 4:10 And he set the Sea at the southeast corner of the house.
2 Chr 4:11 And Huram made the pots, shovels, and basins. So Huram finished the work of God's house that he did for King Solomon:
2 Chr 4:12 The two pillars; the bowls; the capitals on top of the two pillars; and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals on top of the pillars;
2 Chr 4:13 And 400 pomegranates for the two networks, two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals upon the pillars.
2 Chr 4:14 He made also bases {or} stands and lavers upon the bases;
2 Chr 4:15 One Sea and the twelve oxen under it;
2 Chr 4:16 The pots, shovels, and fleshhooks, and all their equipment Huram his trusted counselor made of burnished bronze for King Solomon for the house of the Lord.

2 Chr 4:17 In the plain of the Jordan the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredah.
2 Chr 4:18 Solomon made all these things in such great numbers that the weight of the bronze was not computed.
2 Chr 4:19 And Solomon made all the vessels for the house of God: the golden altar also; and the tables for the showbread (the bread of the Presence);
2 Chr 4:20 And the lampstands with their lamps of pure gold, to burn before the inner sanctuary (the Holy of Holies) as directed;
2 Chr 4:21 The flowers, lamps, and tongs, of purest gold;
2 Chr 4:22 The snuffers, basins, dishes for incense, and firepans, of pure gold; and for the temple entry, the inner doors for the Most Holy Place and the doors of the Holy Place were of gold.
2 Chr 5:1 THUS ALL the work that Solomon did for the house of the Lord was finished. He brought in all the things that David his father had dedicated, and the silver, the gold, and all the vessels he put in the treasuries of the house of God.
2 Chr 5:2 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the chiefs of the fathers' houses of the Israelites, to Jerusalem to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the City of David, which is Zion.
2 Chr 5:3 All the men of Israel gathered to the king at the feast in the seventh month.
2 Chr 5:4 And all the elders of Israel came, and the Levites took up the ark.
2 Chr 5:5 And the priests and Levites brought up the ark, the Tent of Meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent.
2 Chr 5:6 Also King Solomon and all the assembly of Israel who were gathered to him before the ark sacrificed sheep and oxen so numerous that they could not be counted or reported.
2 Chr 5:7 And the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, to the sanctuary of the house, into the Holy of Holies, under the wings of the cherubim;
2 Chr 5:8 For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, making a covering above the ark and its poles.
2 Chr 5:9 And they drew out the poles of the ark, so that the ends of the poles protruding from the ark were visible from the front of the Holy of Holies, but were not visible from without. It is there to this day.
2 Chr 5:10 There was nothing in the ark except the two tables [the Ten Commandments] which Moses put in it at Mount Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites when they came out of Egypt.
2 Chr 5:11 And when the priests had come out of the Holy Place--for all the priests present had sanctified themselves, separating themselves from everything that defiles, without regard to their divisions;
2 Chr 5:12 And all the Levites who were singers--all of those of Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun, with their sons and kinsmen, arrayed in fine linen, having cymbals, harps, and lyres--stood at the east end of the altar, and with them 120 priests blowing trumpets;
2 Chr 5:13 And when the trumpeters and singers were joined in unison, making one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and other instruments for song and praised the Lord, saying, For He is good, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever, then the house of the Lord was filled with a cloud,
2 Chr 5:14 So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.
2 Chr 6:1 THEN SOLOMON said, The Lord has said that He would dwell in the thick darkness;
2 Chr 6:2 I have built You a house, [in which the dark Holy of Holies seems] a [fitting] abode for You, a place for You to dwell in forever.
2 Chr 6:3 And the king turned his face and blessed all the assembly of Israel, and they all stood.
2 Chr 6:4 And he said, Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, Who has fulfilled with His hands what He promised with His mouth to David my father, saying,
2 Chr 6:5 Since the day that I brought My people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build a house in, that My Name might be there, neither chose I any man to be a ruler over My people Israel;
2 Chr 6:6 But I have chosen Jerusalem, that My Name [and the symbol of My presence] might be there, and I have chosen David to be over My people Israel.
2 Chr 6:7 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the Name {and} renown of the Lord, the God of Israel.
2 Chr 6:8 But the Lord said to David my father, Since it was in your heart to build a house for My Name {and} renown, you did well that it was in your heart.
2 Chr 6:9 Yet you shall not build the house, but your son, who shall be born to you--he shall build the house for My

Name.
2 Chr 6:10 The Lord therefore has performed His word that He has spoken, for I have risen up in the place of David my father and sit on the throne of Israel, as the Lord promised, and have built the house for the Name of the Lord, the God of Israel.
2 Chr 6:11 In it have I put the ark [the symbol of His presence], in which is the covenant of the Lord [the Ten Commandments] which He made with the people of Israel.
2 Chr 6:12 And Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread forth his hands.
2 Chr 6:13 For he had made a bronze scaffold, five cubits square and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; upon it he stood, and he knelt upon his knees before all the assembly of Israel and spread forth his hands toward heaven,
2 Chr 6:14 And said, O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like You in the heavens or in the earth, keeping covenant and showing mercy {and} loving-kindness to Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts,
2 Chr 6:15 You Who have kept Your promises to my father David and fulfilled with Your hand what You spoke with Your mouth, as it is today.
2 Chr 6:16 Now therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep with Your servant David my father that which You promised him, saying, There shall not fail a man in My sight to sit on the throne of Israel, provided your children are careful to walk in My law as you, David, have walked before Me.
2 Chr 6:17 Now then, O Lord, God of Israel, let Your word to Your servant David be verified.
2 Chr 6:18 But will God actually dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You; how much less this house which I have built!
2 Chr 6:19 Yet have respect for the prayer of Your servant and for his supplication, O Lord my God, to listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant prays before You,
2 Chr 6:20 That Your eyes may be open upon this house day and night, toward the place in which You have said You would put Your Name [and the symbol of your presence], to listen to {and} heed the prayer which Your servant prays facing this place.
2 Chr 6:21 So listen to {and} heed the requests of Your servant and Your people Israel which they shall make facing this place. Hear from Your dwelling place, heaven; and when You hear, forgive.
2 Chr 6:22 If a man sins against his neighbor, and he is required to take an oath, and the oath comes before Your altar in this house,
2 Chr 6:23 Then hear from heaven and do; and judge Your servants, requiting the wicked by bringing his conduct upon his own head, and justifying the [uncompromisingly] righteous by giving him according to his righteousness (his uprightness and right standing with God).
2 Chr 6:24 If Your people Israel have been defeated before the enemy because they have sinned against You, and shall return, confess Your name [and You Yourself], and pray and make supplication before You in this house,
2 Chr 6:25 Then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of Your people Israel and bring them again to the land which You gave to them and their fathers.
2 Chr 6:26 When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because Your people have sinned against You, yet if they pray toward this place, confess your name [and You Yourself], and turn from their sin when You afflict them,
2 Chr 6:27 Then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of Your servants, [all of] Your people Israel, when You have taught them the good way in which they should walk. And send rain upon Your land which You have given to Your people for an inheritance.
2 Chr 6:28 If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, blight, mildew, locusts, or caterpillars, if their enemies besiege them in any of their cities, whatever plague or sickness there may be,
2 Chr 6:29 Then whatever prayer or supplication any man or all of Your people Israel shall make--each knowing his own affliction and his own sorrow and stretching out his hands toward this house--
2 Chr 6:30 Then hear from heaven, Your dwelling place, and forgive, and render to every man according to all his ways, whose heart You know; for You, You only, know men's hearts,
2 Chr 6:31 That they may fear You and walk in Your ways as long as they live in the land which You gave to our fathers.
2 Chr 6:32 Also concerning the stranger who is not of Your people Israel but has come from a far country for Your great name's sake and Your mighty power and Your outstretched arm--if he comes and prays toward this house,
2 Chr 6:33 Hear from heaven, from Your dwelling place, and do all for which the stranger calls to You, that all peoples of the earth may know Your name and fear You [reverently and worshipfully], as do Your people Israel, and may

know that this house which I have built is called by Your Name.
2 Chr 6:34 If Your people go out to war against their enemies by the way that You send them, and they pray to You facing this city [Jerusalem] which You have chosen and the house which I have built for Your Name,
2 Chr 6:35 Then hear from heaven their prayer and supplication, and maintain their cause.
2 Chr 6:36 If they sin against You--for there is no man who does not sin--and You are angry with them and give them to enemies who take them captive to a land far or near;
2 Chr 6:37 Yet if they repent in the land to which they have been carried captive, and turn and pray there, saying, We have sinned, we have done wrong, and have dealt wickedly;
2 Chr 6:38 If they return to You with all their heart and soul in the land of their captivity, and pray facing their land which You gave to their fathers and toward the city which You have chosen and the house which I have built for Your Name;
2 Chr 6:39 Then hear from heaven, Your dwelling place, their prayer and supplications, and maintain their cause; and forgive Your people, who have sinned against You.
2 Chr 6:40 Now, O my God, I beseech You, let Your eyes be open and Your ears attentive to the prayer offered in this temple.
2 Chr 6:41 So now arise, O Lord God, and come into Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength {and} power. Let Your priests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and let Your saints (Your zealous ones) rejoice in good {and} in Your goodness.
2 Chr 6:42 O Lord God, turn not away the face of [me] Your anointed one; [earnestly] remember Your good deeds, mercy, {and} steadfast love for David Your servant.
2 Chr 7:1 WHEN SOLOMON had finished praying, the fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the house.
2 Chr 7:2 The priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house.
2 Chr 7:3 And when all the people of Israel saw how the fire came down and the glory of the Lord upon the house, they bowed with their faces upon the pavement and worshiped and praised the Lord, saying, For He is good, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever.
2 Chr 7:4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the Lord.
2 Chr 7:5 King Solomon offered a sacrifice of 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated God's house.
2 Chr 7:6 The priests stood at their posts, and the Levites also, with instruments of music to the Lord, which King David had made to praise {and} give thanks to the Lord--for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever--whenever David praised through their ministry; the priests blew trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.
2 Chr 7:7 Moreover, Solomon consecrated the middle of the court that was before the house of the Lord, for there he offered burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar which [he] had made was not sufficient to receive the burnt offerings, the cereal offerings, and the fat.
2 Chr 7:8 At that time Solomon held the feast for seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, from the entrance of Hamath to the Brook of Egypt.
2 Chr 7:9 The eighth day they made a solemn assembly, for they had kept the dedication of the altar and the feast, each for seven days.
2 Chr 7:10 And on the twenty-third day of the seventh month he sent the people away to their homes, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the Lord had shown to David, to Solomon, and to Israel His people.
2 Chr 7:11 Thus Solomon finished the Lord's house and the king's house; all that [he] had planned to do in the Lord's house and his own house he accomplished successfully.
2 Chr 7:12 And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night and said to him: I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice.
2 Chr 7:13 If I shut up heaven so no rain falls, or if I command locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people,
2 Chr 7:14 If My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves, pray, seek, crave, {and} require of necessity My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.
2 Chr 7:15 Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer offered in this place.
2 Chr 7:16 For I have chosen and sanctified (set apart for holy use) this house, that My Name may be here forever, and My eyes and My heart will be here perpetually.
2 Chr 7:17 As for you [Solomon], if you will walk before me as David your father walked, and do all I have commanded you, and observe My statutes and My ordinances,

2 Chr 7:18 Then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, as I covenanted with David your father, saying, There shall not fail you a man to be ruler in Israel.
2 Chr 7:19 But if you [people] turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you and go and serve other gods and worship them,
2 Chr 7:20 Then will I pluck [Israel] up by the roots out of My land which I have given [them]; and this house which I have hallowed for My Name will I cast out of My sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations.
2 Chr 7:21 And this house, which was so high, shall be an astonishment to everyone passing it, and they will say, Why has the Lord done thus to this land and to this house?
2 Chr 7:22 Then men will say, Because they forsook the Lord, the God of their fathers, Who brought them out of Egypt, and they laid hold of other gods and worshiped and served them; therefore has He brought all this evil upon them.
2 Chr 8:1 AT THE end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built the house of the Lord and his own house,
2 Chr 8:2 The cities which Huram had given to [him] Solomon rebuilt {and} fortified, and caused the Israelites to dwell there.
2 Chr 8:3 And Solomon took Hamath-zobah.
2 Chr 8:4 He built Tadmor in the wilderness and all his store cities in Hamath.
2 Chr 8:5 Also he built Upper Beth-horon and Lower Beth-horon, fortified cities with walls, gates, and bars,
2 Chr 8:6 And Baalath and all the store cities [he] had, and all the cities for his chariots and the cities for his horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all his dominion.
2 Chr 8:7 All the people who were left of the Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, who were not of Israel,
2 Chr 8:8 But descendants of those who were left in the land, whom the Israelites had not destroyed--of them Solomon made a levy for forced labor to this day.
2 Chr 8:9 But of the Israelites Solomon made no slaves for his work; but they were men of war, chiefs of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen.
2 Chr 8:10 These were the chiefs of King Solomon's officers, 250 in authority over the people.
2 Chr 8:11 Solomon brought the daughter of Pharaoh out of the City of David into the house he had built for her, for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places are holy to which the ark of the Lord has come.
2 Chr 8:12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to the Lord on the Lord's altar which he had built before the [temple] porch {or} vestibule,
2 Chr 8:13 A certain number every day, offering as Moses commanded for the Sabbaths, the New Moons, and the solemn feast days three times in the year--the Feasts of Unleavened Bread, of Weeks, and of Tabernacles.
2 Chr 8:14 And he appointed, as ordered by David his father, the divisions of the priests for their service, and the Levites to their offices to praise and to serve before the priests as the duty of every day required, and the gatekeepers also by their divisions at every gate; for so had David the man of God commanded.
2 Chr 8:15 And they did not turn from the command of the king to the priests and Levites in any respect or concerning the treasuries.
2 Chr 8:16 Thus all the work of Solomon was prepared from the day the foundation of the Lord's house was laid until it was finished. So the house of the Lord was completed.
2 Chr 8:17 Then Solomon went to Ezion-geber and to Eloth on the shore of the [Red] Sea in the land of Edom.
2 Chr 8:18 And Huram sent him by his servants ships and servants familiar with the sea; and they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir and took from there 450 talents of gold and brought them to King Solomon.
2 Chr 9:1 WHEN THE queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to Jerusalem to test him with hard questions, accompanied by very many attendants and camels bearing spices, much gold, and precious stones. And when she came to Solomon, she talked with him of all that was on her mind.
2 Chr 9:2 And Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from [him] which he was unable to make clear to her.
2 Chr 9:3 And when the queen of Sheba had seen Solomon's wisdom, the house he had built,
2 Chr 9:4 The food of his table, the seating of his officials, the [standing at] attention of his servants, their apparel, his cupbearers also and their apparel, and his burnt offerings which he offered at the house of the Lord, there was no more spirit in her.
2 Chr 9:5 She said to the king, The report which I heard in my own land of your acts {and} sayings and of your

wisdom was true,
2 Chr 9:6 But I did not believe their words until I came and my eyes had seen it. Behold, the half of the greatness of your wisdom was not told me; you surpass the fame that I heard of you.
2 Chr 9:7 Happy are your wives {and} men, and happy are these your servants who stand continually before you and hear your wisdom!
2 Chr 9:8 Blessed be the Lord your God, Who delighted in you and set you on His throne to be king for the Lord your God! Because your God loved Israel and would establish them forever, He made you king over them, to do justice and righteousness.
2 Chr 9:9 She gave the king 120 talents of gold, a very large quantity of spices, and precious stones; such spice was not anywhere as that which the queen of Sheba gave King Solomon.
2 Chr 9:10 The servants of Huram and [those] of Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir, also brought algum trees and precious stones.
2 Chr 9:11 The king made of the algum trees terraces {or} walks to the house of the Lord and to the king's palace, and lyres and harps for the singers; none such had ever been seen before in the land of Judah.
2 Chr 9:12 And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, besides what she had brought to the king. So she with her servants returned to her own land.
2 Chr 9:13 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was 666 talents,
2 Chr 9:14 Besides what traders and merchants brought; and all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.
2 Chr 9:15 And King Solomon made 200 large shields {or} bucklers of beaten gold; 600 shekels of beaten gold went into each shield.
2 Chr 9:16 And he made 300 shields of beaten gold, with 300 shekels of gold spread on each shield. And the king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.
2 Chr 9:17 Moreover, [he] made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with pure gold.
2 Chr 9:18 There were six steps to the throne and a gold footstool attached to the throne, and arms on each side of the seat, with two lions standing beside the arms.
2 Chr 9:19 And twelve lions stood there one on either end of each of the six steps. The like of it was never made in any kingdom before.
2 Chr 9:20 King Solomon's drinking vessels were all of gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; silver was not counted as anything in the days of Solomon.
2 Chr 9:21 For the king's ships went to Tarshish with Huram's servants; once every three years the ships of Tarshish came bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and peacocks.
2 Chr 9:22 King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.
2 Chr 9:23 And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom which God had put into his mind.
2 Chr 9:24 And every man brought his tribute: silver and gold articles, robes, armor, spices, horses, and mules, so much year by year.
2 Chr 9:25 Solomon had 4,000 stalls for horses and chariots, and 12,000 horsemen, stationed in chariot cities or at Jerusalem with the king.
2 Chr 9:26 And he ruled over all the kings from the [Euphrates] River to the land of Philistia and to the frontier of Egypt.
2 Chr 9:27 The king made silver in Jerusalem as common as stones, and cedar wood as plentiful as sycamore trees in the lowlands.
2 Chr 9:28 And they imported horses for Solomon from Egypt and from all lands.
2 Chr 9:29 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, from first to last, are they not written in the history of Nathan the prophet and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite and in the visions of Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat?
2 Chr 9:30 Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.
2 Chr 9:31 Then Solomon slept with his fathers; he was buried in the city of David his father. Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.
2 Chr 10:1 REHOBOAM WENT to Shechem, for all Israel had gone to Shechem to make him king.
2 Chr 10:2 Jeroboam the son of Nebat was in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of King Solomon, when he heard about the new king; so Jeroboam returned from Egypt.
2 Chr 10:3 And the people sent for him. So Jeroboam and all Israel came to Rehoboam, saying,

2 Chr 10:4 Your father [King Solomon] made our yoke grievous. So now make lighter the grievous service of your father and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve you.
2 Chr 10:5 Rehoboam replied, Come again to me after three days. And the people departed.
2 Chr 10:6 King Rehoboam took counsel with the old men who stood before Solomon his father while he was alive, saying, What counsel do you give me in reply to the people?
2 Chr 10:7 And they answered him, If you are kind to [these] people and please them and speak good words to them, they will be your servants forever.
2 Chr 10:8 But the king forsook the counsel which the old men gave him and took counsel with the young men who were brought up with him and stood before him.
2 Chr 10:9 And he said to them, What answer do you advise that we give to the demand of [these] people, Make the yoke your father put upon us lighter?
2 Chr 10:10 The young men who were brought up with him said to him, Tell the people who said to you, Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make it lighter: My little finger is thicker than my father's loins.
2 Chr 10:11 For whereas my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will add to your yoke. My father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.
2 Chr 10:12 The third day Jeroboam and all the people returned to Rehoboam as he had said.
2 Chr 10:13 And the king answered them harshly, forsaking the counsel of the old men,
2 Chr 10:14 And answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to it; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.
2 Chr 10:15 So the king did not heed the people, for it was brought about of God, that the Lord might perform His word which He spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam son of Nebat.
2 Chr 10:16 And when all Israel saw that the king would not listen to {and} heed them, they answered [him], What portion have we in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. Every man to your tents, O Israel! Now, David [tribe of Judah], see to your own house [under your tyrant King Rehoboam]! So all Israel went to their homes.
2 Chr 10:17 But as for the Israelites who dwelt in Judah's cities, Rehoboam ruled over them.
2 Chr 10:18 Then King Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who was over the forced labor, and the Israelites stoned him and he died. But King Rehoboam hastened to get up to his royal chariot to flee to Jerusalem.
2 Chr 10:19 And Israel has rebelled against the house of David to this day.
2 Chr 11:1 AND WHEN Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, he assembled of the house of Judah and Benjamin 180,000 chosen warriors to fight against [the ten rebellious tribes of] Israel to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam.
2 Chr 11:2 But the word of the Lord came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,
2 Chr 11:3 Say to Rehoboam son of Solomon king of Judah and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin,
2 Chr 11:4 Thus says the Lord: You shall not go up or fight against your brethren. Return every man to his house, for this thing is from Me. And they obeyed the Lord and returned from going against Jeroboam.
2 Chr 11:5 Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem and built cities for defense in Judah.
2 Chr 11:6 He built Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa,
2 Chr 11:7 Beth-zur, Soco, Adullam,
2 Chr 11:8 Gath, Mareshah, Ziph,
2 Chr 11:9 Adoraim, Lachish, Azekah,
2 Chr 11:10 Zorah, Aijalon, and Hebron, which are fortified cities in Judah and Benjamin.
2 Chr 11:11 He fortified the strongholds and put captains in them, with stores of food, oil, and vintage fruits.
2 Chr 11:12 And in each city he put shields and spears, and made them very strong. So he held Judah and Benjamin.
2 Chr 11:13 And the priests and the Levites who were in all Israel came over to Rehoboam from wherever they lived.
2 Chr 11:14 For the Levites left their suburbs and their possessions and came to Judah and Jerusalem, for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them out from executing the priest's office to the Lord.
2 Chr 11:15 And he appointed his own priests for the high places and for the [idols of demon] he-goats, and calves he had made.
2 Chr 11:16 And after them out of all the tribes of Israel there came to Jerusalem those who set their hearts to seek {and} inquire of the Lord, the God of Israel, to sacrifice to the Lord, the God of their fathers.
2 Chr 11:17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah and upheld Rehoboam son of Solomon for three years; for they walked in the ways of David and Solomon for three years.
2 Chr 11:18 Rehoboam took as wife Mahalath, whose father was Jerimoth son of David; her mother was Abihail daughter of Eliab son of Jesse.
2 Chr 11:19 She bore him sons: Jeush, Shamariah, and Zaham.

2 Chr 11:20 And after her he took Maacah daughter [granddaughter] of Absalom, who bore him Abijah, Attai, Ziza, and Shelomith.
2 Chr 11:21 And Rehoboam loved Maacah daughter [granddaughter] of Absalom more than all his wives and concubines--for he took eighteen wives and sixty concubines, and he had twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters.
2 Chr 11:22 And Rehoboam made Abijah son of Maacah the chief prince among his brethren, for he intended to make him king.
2 Chr 11:23 And he dealt understandingly and dispersed his children throughout all Judah and Benjamin to every fortified city. He gave them abundant supplies, and he sought many wives for them.
2 Chr 12:1 WHEN REHOBOAM had established the kingdom and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the Lord, and all Israel with him.
2 Chr 12:2 And in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, because they had transgressed {and} been unfaithful to the Lord, Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem
2 Chr 12:3 With 1,200 chariots and 60,000 horsemen, and the people were without number who came with him from Egypt--the Libyans, Sukkiim, and Ethiopians.
2 Chr 12:4 And he took the fortified cities of Judah and came on to Jerusalem.
2 Chr 12:5 Then Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and the princes of Judah who had gathered at Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them, Thus says the Lord: You have forsaken Me, so I have abandoned you into the hands of Shishak.
2 Chr 12:6 Then the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves and said, The Lord is righteous.
2 Chr 12:7 And when the Lord saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the Lord came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves, so I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance; and My wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.
2 Chr 12:8 Nevertheless, they shall be his servants, that they may know [the difference between] My service and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.
2 Chr 12:9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem; he took away the treasures of the house of the Lord and of the king's house. He took everything. He took away also the shields of gold Solomon had made.
2 Chr 12:10 Instead of them King Rehoboam made shields of bronze and committed them to the hands of the officers of the guard who kept the door of the king's house.
2 Chr 12:11 And whenever the king entered the Lord's house, the guards came and got the shields of bronze and brought them again into the guard chamber.
2 Chr 12:12 When Rehoboam humbled himself, the wrath of the Lord turned from him, so as not to destroy him entirely; also in Judah conditions were good.
2 Chr 12:13 So King Rehoboam established {and} strengthened himself in Jerusalem and reigned. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city in which the Lord had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel to put His Name [and the symbol of His presence]. His mother was Naamah an Ammonitess.
2 Chr 12:14 And he did evil because he did not set his heart to seek (inquire of, yearn for) the Lord with all his desire.
2 Chr 12:15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, from first to last, are they not written in the histories of Shemaiah the prophet and of Iddo the seer regarding genealogies? There were wars between Rehoboam of Judah and Jeroboam of Israel continually.
2 Chr 12:16 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers and was buried in the City of David; and Abijah his son reigned in his stead.
2 Chr 13:1 IN THE eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, Abijah began to reign over Judah.
2 Chr 13:2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother was Micaiah daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam of Israel.
2 Chr 13:3 And Abijah prepared for battle with an army of valiant men of war, 400,000 chosen men. Jeroboam set the battle in array against him with 800,000 chosen men, mighty men of valor.
2 Chr 13:4 And Abijah stood on Mount Zemaraim, in the hill country of Ephraim, and said, Hear me, O Jeroboam and all Israel!
2 Chr 13:5 Ought you not to know that the Lord, the God of Israel, gave the kingship over Israel to David forever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?
2 Chr 13:6 Yet Jeroboam son of Nebat, a servant of Solomon son of David, rose up and rebelled against his lord [the king].
2 Chr 13:7 And there gathered to him worthless men, base fellows, who strengthened themselves against Rehoboam

son of Solomon when Rehoboam was young [as king], irresolute, {and} inexperienced and did not withstand them with firmness and strength.
2 Chr 13:8 And now you think to withstand the kingdom of the Lord which is in the hands of the sons of David, because you are a great multitude and you have with you the golden calves which Jeroboam made for you for gods.
2 Chr 13:9 Have you not driven out the priests of the Lord, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and made priests for yourselves like the peoples of other lands? So whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bull and seven rams may be a priest of idols that are not gods.
2 Chr 13:10 But as for us, the Lord is our God, and we have not forsaken Him. We have priests ministering to the Lord who are sons of Aaron, and Levites for their service.
2 Chr 13:11 They offer to the Lord every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and incense of sweet spices; they set in order the showbread on the table of pure gold and attend to the golden lampstand, that its lamps may be lighted every evening. For we keep the charge of the Lord our God, but you have forsaken Him.
2 Chr 13:12 Behold, God Himself is with us at our head, and His priests with their battle trumpets to sound an alarm against you. O Israelites, fight not against the Lord, the God of your fathers, for you cannot prosper.
2 Chr 13:13 But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come around them from behind, so his troops were before Judah and the ambush behind.
2 Chr 13:14 When Judah looked, behold, the battle was before and behind; and they cried to the Lord, and the priests blew the trumpets.
2 Chr 13:15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout; and as they shouted, God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.
2 Chr 13:16 And the Israelites fled before Judah, and God delivered them into their hands.
2 Chr 13:17 And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter, so there fell of Israel 500,000 chosen men.
2 Chr 13:18 Thus the Israelites were brought low at that time, and the people of Judah prevailed because they relied upon the Lord, the God of their fathers.
2 Chr 13:19 And Abijah pursued Jeroboam and took some cities from him, Bethel, Jeshanah, and Ephraim (Ephron), with their towns.
2 Chr 13:20 Jeroboam did not recover strength again in the days of Abijah. And the Lord smote him and he died.
2 Chr 13:21 But Abijah became mighty. He married fourteen wives and had twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters.
2 Chr 13:22 And the rest of the acts of Abijah, his ways and his sayings, are written in the story of the prophet Iddo.
2 Chr 14:1 SO ABIJAH slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David; and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was at rest for ten years.
2 Chr 14:2 And Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God.
2 Chr 14:3 He took away the foreign altars and high places and broke down the idol pillars {or} obelisks and cut down the Asherim [symbols of the goddess Asherah]
2 Chr 14:4 And commanded Judah to seek the Lord, the God of their fathers [to inquire of and for Him and crave Him as a vital necessity], and to obey the law and the commandment.
2 Chr 14:5 Also Asa took out of all the cities of Judah the idolatrous high places and the incense altars. And the kingdom had rest under his reign.
2 Chr 14:6 And he built fortified cities in Judah, for the land had rest. He had no war in those years, for the Lord gave him peace.
2 Chr 14:7 Therefore he said to Judah, Let us build these cities and surround them with walls, towers, gates, and bars. The land is still ours, because we sought the Lord our God; we have sought Him [yearning for Him with all our desire] and He has given us rest {and} peace on every side. So they built and prospered.
2 Chr 14:8 Asa had an army of 300,000 men out of Judah, who bore bucklers and spears, and 280,000 out of Benjamin, who bore shields and drew bows, all mighty men of courage.
2 Chr 14:9 There came out against Judah Zerah the Ethiopian with a host of a million [that is, too many to be numbered] and 300 chariots, and came as far as Mareshah.
2 Chr 14:10 Then Asa went out against him, and they set up their lines of battle in the Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.
2 Chr 14:11 Asa cried to the Lord his God, O Lord, there is none besides You to help, and it makes no difference to You whether the one You help is mighty or powerless. Help us, O Lord our God! For we rely on You, and we go against this multitude in Your name. O Lord, You are our God; let no man prevail against You!
2 Chr 14:12 So the Lord smote the Ethiopians before Asa and Judah, and the Ethiopians fled.
2 Chr 14:13 Asa and the people with him pursued them to Gerar; and the Ethiopians were overthrown, so that none

remained alive; for they were destroyed before the Lord and His host, who carried away very much booty.
2 Chr 14:14 And they smote all the cities round about Gerar, for the fear of the Lord came upon them. They plundered all the cities, for there was much plunder in them.
2 Chr 14:15 They smote also the cattle encampments and carried away sheep in abundance and camels; and they returned to Jerusalem.
2 Chr 15:1 THE SPIRIT of God came upon Azariah son of Oded.
2 Chr 15:2 And he went out to meet Asa and said to him, Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: the Lord is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him [inquiring for and of Him, craving Him as your soul's first necessity], He will be found by you; but if you [become indifferent and] forsake Him, He will forsake you.
2 Chr 15:3 Now for a long time Israel was without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law.
2 Chr 15:4 But when they in their trouble turned to the Lord, the God of Israel, and [in desperation earnestly] sought Him, He was found by them.
2 Chr 15:5 And in those times there was no peace to him who went out nor to him who came in, but great {and} vexing afflictions {and} disturbances were upon all the inhabitants of the countries.
2 Chr 15:6 Nation was broke in pieces against nation, and city against city, for God vexed {and} troubled them with all sorts of adversity.
2 Chr 15:7 Be strong, therefore, and let not your hands be weak {and} slack, for your work shall be rewarded.
2 Chr 15:8 And when Asa heard these words, the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage and put away the abominable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities which he had taken in the hill country of Ephraim; and he repaired the altar [of burnt offering] of the Lord which was in front of the porch {or} vestibule [of the house] of the Lord.
2 Chr 15:9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin and the strangers with them out of Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon, for they came over to Asa out of Israel in large numbers when they saw that the Lord his God was with him.
2 Chr 15:10 So they gathered at Jerusalem in the third month of the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.
2 Chr 15:11 And they sacrificed to the Lord on that day from the spoil which they had brought--700 oxen and 7,000 sheep.
2 Chr 15:12 And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord, the God of their fathers, {and} to yearn for Him with all their heart's desire and with all their soul;
2 Chr 15:13 And that whoever would not seek the Lord, the God of Israel, should be put to death, whether young or old, man or woman.
2 Chr 15:14 They took an oath to the Lord with a loud voice, with shouting, with trumpets, and with cornets.
2 Chr 15:15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and sought Him [yearning for Him] with their whole desire, and He was found by them. And the Lord gave them rest {and} peace round about.
2 Chr 15:16 Also Maacah, King Asa's mother, he removed from being queen mother, because she had made an abominable image for [the goddess] Asherah. Asa cut down her idol, crushed it, and burned it at the brook Kidron.
2 Chr 15:17 But the high places were not taken out of Israel. Nevertheless, the heart of Asa was blameless all his days.
2 Chr 15:18 And he brought into the house of God the things that his father [Abijah] had dedicated and those he himself had dedicated--silver and gold and vessels.
2 Chr 15:19 And there was no more war until the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Asa.
2 Chr 16:1 IN THE thirty-sixth year of Asa's reign, Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built (fortified) Ramah intending to intercept anyone going out or coming in to Asa king of Judah.
2 Chr 16:2 Then Asa brought silver and gold out of the treasuries of the house of the Lord and of the king's house and sent them to Ben-hadad king of Syria, who dwelt at Damascus, saying,
2 Chr 16:3 Let there be a league between me and you, as was between my father and your father. Behold, I am sending you silver and gold; go, break your league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may withdraw from me.
2 Chr 16:4 And Ben-hadad hearkened to King Asa and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, Dan, Abel-maim, and all the store cities of Naphtali.
2 Chr 16:5 And when Baasha heard it, he stopped building Ramah and let his work cease.
2 Chr 16:6 Then King Asa took all Judah, and they carried away the stones of Ramah and its timber with which Baasha had been building, and with them he built Geba and Mizpah.
2 Chr 16:7 At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said to him, Because you relied on the king of Syria and not on the Lord your God, the army of the king of Syria has escaped you.
2 Chr 16:8 Were not the Ethiopians and Libyans a huge host with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet because you relied then on the Lord, He gave them into your hand.

2 Chr 16:9 For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts are blameless toward Him. You have done foolishly in this; therefore, from now on you shall have wars.
2 Chr 16:10 Then Asa was angry with the seer and put him in prison [in the stocks], for he was enraged with him because of this. Asa oppressed some of the people at the same time.
2 Chr 16:11 The acts of Asa, from first to last, are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.
2 Chr 16:12 In the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa was diseased in his feet--until his disease became very severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the Lord, but relied on the physicians.
2 Chr 16:13 And Asa slept with his fathers, dying in the forty-first year of his reign.
2 Chr 16:14 And they buried him in his own tomb which he had hewn out for himself in the City of David, and they laid him on a bier which was filled with sweet odors and various kinds [of spices] prepared by the perfumers' art; and they made a very great burning [of spices] in his honor.
2 Chr 17:1 JEHOSHAPHAT HIS son reigned in Asa's stead and strengthened himself against Israel.
2 Chr 17:2 And he placed forces in all the fortified cities of Judah and set garrisons in the land of Judah and in the cities of Ephraim which Asa his father had taken.
2 Chr 17:3 The Lord was with Jehoshaphat because he walked in the first ways of his father [David]. He did not seek the Baals
2 Chr 17:4 But sought {and} yearned with all his desire for the Lord, the God of his father, and walked in His commandments and not after the ways of Israel.
2 Chr 17:5 Therefore the Lord established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought tribute to Jehoshaphat, and he had great riches and honor.
2 Chr 17:6 His heart was cheered {and} his courage was high in the ways of the Lord; moreover, he took away the high places and the Asherim out of Judah.
2 Chr 17:7 Also in the third year of his reign he sent his princes Ben-hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Micaiah to teach in the cities of Judah;
2 Chr 17:8 And with them were the Levites--Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah; and with these Levites were the priests Elishama and Jehoram.
2 Chr 17:9 And they taught in Judah, and had the Book of the Law of the Lord with them; they went about throughout all the cities of Judah and taught among the people.
2 Chr 17:10 And a terror from the Lord fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.
2 Chr 17:11 And some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat gifts and tribute silver, and the Arabs brought him flocks: 7,700 each of rams and of he-goats.
2 Chr 17:12 And Jehoshaphat became very great. He built in Judah fortresses and store cities,
2 Chr 17:13 And he had many works in the cities of Judah, and soldiers, mighty men of courage, in Jerusalem.
2 Chr 17:14 This was the number of them by their fathers' houses: Of Judah, the captains of thousands: Adnah the chief, with 300,000 mighty men of valor;
2 Chr 17:15 Next to him was Jehohanan the captain, with 280,000;
2 Chr 17:16 And next to him Amasiah son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself to the Lord, with 200,000 mighty men of valor.
2 Chr 17:17 Of Benjamin: Eliada, a mighty man of valor, with 200,000 men armed with bow and shield;
2 Chr 17:18 Next to him was Jehozabad with 180,000 armed for war.
2 Chr 17:19 These were in the king's service, besides those [he] had placed in fortified cities throughout all Judah.
2 Chr 18:1 NOW JEHOSHAPHAT had great riches and honor, but was allied [by marriage] with Ahab.
2 Chr 18:2 After some years he went down to Ahab in Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance and for the people with him and persuaded him to go up with him against Ramoth-gilead.
2 Chr 18:3 Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Will you go with me to Ramoth-gilead? He answered, I am as you are, and my people as your people; we will be with you in the war.
2 Chr 18:4 And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, Inquire first, I pray you, for the word of the Lord today.
2 Chr 18:5 So King [Ahab] of Israel gathered together the prophets, 400 men, and said to them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up, for God will deliver it into the king's hand.
2 Chr 18:6 But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not another prophet of the Lord here by whom we may inquire?
2 Chr 18:7 King [Ahab] of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, There is another man, Micaiah son of Imla, by whom we may inquire of the Lord, but I hate him, for he never has prophesied good for me, but always evil. And Jehoshaphat said,

Let not the king say so.
2 Chr 18:8 And King [Ahab] of Israel called for one of his officers and said, Bring quickly Micaiah son of Imla.
2 Chr 18:9 The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat each on his throne, arrayed in their robes; they were sitting in an open place [at the threshing floor] at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; all the prophets were prophesying before them.
2 Chr 18:10 And Zedekiah son of Chenaanah had made himself horns of iron, and said, Thus says the Lord: With these you shall push the Syrians until they are destroyed.
2 Chr 18:11 All the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead and prosper; the Lord will deliver it into the king's hand.
2 Chr 18:12 The messenger who went to call Micaiah said to him, Behold, the words of the prophets foretell good to the king with one accord. So let your word be like one of them, and speak favorably.
2 Chr 18:13 But Micaiah said, As the Lord lives, what my God says, that will I speak.
2 Chr 18:14 And when he had come to the king, King [Ahab] said to him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go up and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand.
2 Chr 18:15 And the king said to him, How many times shall I warn you to tell nothing but the truth to me in the name of the Lord?
2 Chr 18:16 Then Micaiah said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains as sheep that have no shepherd, and the Lord said, These have no master. Let each return to his house in peace.
2 Chr 18:17 And King [Ahab] of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good to me, but evil?
2 Chr 18:18 [Micaiah] said, Therefore hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing at His right hand and His left.
2 Chr 18:19 And the Lord said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said this thing, and another that.
2 Chr 18:20 Then there came a spirit and stood before the Lord and said, I will entice him. The Lord said to him, By what means?
2 Chr 18:21 And he said, I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouths of all his prophets. And the Lord said, You shall entice him and also succeed. Go forth and do so.
2 Chr 18:22 Now, you see, the Lord put a lying spirit in the mouths of your prophets; and the Lord has spoken evil concerning you.
2 Chr 18:23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near and smote Micaiah upon the cheek and said, Which way went the Spirit of the Lord from me to speak to you?
2 Chr 18:24 And Micaiah said, Behold, you shall see on that day when you shall go into an inner chamber to hide yourself.
2 Chr 18:25 Then King [Ahab] of Israel said, Take Micaiah back to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king's son,
2 Chr 18:26 And say, Thus says the king: Put this fellow in prison and feed him with bread and water of affliction until I return in peace.
2 Chr 18:27 Micaiah said, If you return at all in peace, the Lord has not spoken by me. And he [added], Hear it, you people, all of you!
2 Chr 18:28 So Ahab king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead.
2 Chr 18:29 And [Ahab] king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself and will go to the battle, but you put on your royal robes. So King Ahab of Israel disguised himself, and they went into the battle.
2 Chr 18:30 Now Syria's king had commanded his chariot captains, Fight not with small or great, but only with the king of Israel.
2 Chr 18:31 And when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat [of Judah], they said, It is the king of Israel. So they turned to fight against him, but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the Lord helped him; and God moved them to depart from him.
2 Chr 18:32 For when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back from pursuing him.
2 Chr 18:33 A certain man drew his bow at a venture and smote King [Ahab] of Israel between the lower armor and the breastplate. So Ahab said to his chariot driver, Turn, carry me out of the battle, for I am wounded.
2 Chr 18:34 And the battle increased that day; however, King [Ahab] of Israel propped himself up in his chariot opposite the Syrians until evening, and about sunset he died.

2 Chr 19:1 JEHOSHAPHAT THE king of Judah returned safely to his house in Jerusalem.
2 Chr 19:2 Jehu son of Hanani, the seer, went out to meet him and said to Jehoshaphat, Should you help the ungodly and love those who hate the Lord? Because of this, wrath has gone out against you from the Lord.
2 Chr 19:3 But there are good things found in you, for you have destroyed the Asherim out of the land and have set your heart to seek God [with all your soul's desire].
2 Chr 19:4 Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem, and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the hill country of Ephraim and brought them back to the Lord, the God of their fathers.
2 Chr 19:5 He appointed judges throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city,
2 Chr 19:6 And said to the judges, Be careful what you do, for you judge not for man but for the Lord, and He is with you in the matter of judgment.
2 Chr 19:7 So now let the reverence {and} fear of the Lord be upon you; take heed what you do, for there is no injustice with the Lord our God, or partiality or taking of bribes.
2 Chr 19:8 Also in Jerusalem, Jehoshaphat set certain Levites, priests, and heads of families of Israel to give judgment for the Lord and decide controversies. When they [of the commission] returned to Jerusalem,
2 Chr 19:9 The king charged them, Do this in the fear of the Lord, faithfully, with integrity {and} a blameless heart.
2 Chr 19:10 Whenever any controversy shall come to you from your brethren who dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, you shall warn {and} instruct them that they may not be guilty before the Lord; otherwise wrath will come upon you and your brethren. Do this and you will not be guilty.
2 Chr 19:11 And behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the Lord, and Zebadiah son of Ishmael, the governor of the house of Judah, in all the king's matters; also the Levites will serve you as officers. Deal courageously [be strong and do], and may the Lord be with the good!
2 Chr 20:1 AFTER THIS, the Moabites, the Ammonites, and with them the Meunites came against Jehoshaphat to battle.
2 Chr 20:2 It was told Jehoshaphat, A great multitude has come against you from beyond the [Dead] Sea, from Edom; and behold they are in Hazazon-tamar, which is En-gedi.
2 Chr 20:3 Then Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself [determinedly, as his vital need] to seek the Lord; he proclaimed a fast in all Judah.
2 Chr 20:4 And Judah gathered together to ask help from the Lord; even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord [yearning for Him with all their desire].
2 Chr 20:5 And Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem in the house of the Lord before the new court
2 Chr 20:6 And said, O Lord, God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven? And do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations? In Your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand You.
2 Chr 20:7 Did not You, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham Your friend?
2 Chr 20:8 They dwelt in it and have built You a sanctuary in it for Your Name, saying,
2 Chr 20:9 If evil comes upon us, the sword of judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before You--for Your Name [and the symbol of Your presence] is in this house--and cry to You in our affliction, and You will hear and save.
2 Chr 20:10 And now behold, the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, whom You would not let Israel invade when they came from the land of Egypt, and whom they turned from and did not destroy--
2 Chr 20:11 Behold, they reward us by coming to drive us out of Your possession which You have given us to inherit.
2 Chr 20:12 O our God, will You not exercise judgment upon them? For we have no might to stand against this great company that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon You.
2 Chr 20:13 And all Judah stood before the Lord, with their children and their wives.
2 Chr 20:14 Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly.
2 Chr 20:15 He said, Hearken, all Judah, you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you King Jehoshaphat. The Lord says this to you: Be not afraid or dismayed at this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.
2 Chr 20:16 Tomorrow go down to them. Behold, they will come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the ravine before the Wilderness of Jeruel.
2 Chr 20:17 You shall not need to fight in this battle; take your positions, stand still, and see the deliverance of the Lord [Who is] with you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Fear not nor be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, for the

Lord is with you.
2 Chr 20:18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the Lord, worshiping Him.
2 Chr 20:19 And some Levites of the Kohathites and Korahites stood up to praise the Lord, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.
2 Chr 20:20 And they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in the Lord your God and you shall be established; believe {and} remain steadfast to His prophets and you shall prosper.
2 Chr 20:21 When he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers to sing to the Lord and praise Him in their holy [priestly] garments as they went out before the army, saying, Give thanks to the Lord, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever!
2 Chr 20:22 And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir who had come against Judah, and they were [self-] slaughtered;
2 Chr 20:23 For [suspecting betrayal] the men of Ammon and Moab rose against those of Mount Seir, utterly destroying them. And when they had made an end of the men of Seir, they all helped to destroy one another.
2 Chr 20:24 And when Judah came to the watchtower of the wilderness, they looked at the multitude, and behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none had escaped!
2 Chr 20:25 When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take the spoil, they found among them much cattle, goods, garments, and precious things which they took for themselves, more than they could carry away, so much they were three days in gathering the spoil.
2 Chr 20:26 On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Beracah. There they blessed the Lord. So the name of the place is still called the Valley of Beracah [blessing].
2 Chr 20:27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, Jehoshaphat leading them, to Jerusalem with joy, for the Lord had made them to rejoice over their enemies.
2 Chr 20:28 They came to Jerusalem with harps, lyres, and trumpets to the house of the Lord.
2 Chr 20:29 And the fear of God came upon all the kingdoms of those countries when they heard that the Lord had fought against the enemies of Israel.
2 Chr 20:30 So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet, for his God gave him rest round about.
2 Chr 20:31 Thus Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah. He was thirty-five years old when he began his twenty-five-year reign in Jerusalem. His mother was Azubah daughter of Shilhi.
2 Chr 20:32 And he walked in the ways of Asa his father and departed not from it, doing what was right in the sight of the Lord.
2 Chr 20:33 But the high places [of idolatry] were not taken away, for the people had not yet set their hearts on their fathers' God.
2 Chr 20:34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, from first to last, they are written in the records of Jehu son of Hanani, which are in the Book of the Kings of Israel.
2 Chr 20:35 After this, Jehoshaphat king of Judah joined with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly.
2 Chr 20:36 He joined him in building ships to go to Tarshish, building them in Ezion-geber.
2 Chr 20:37 Then Eliezer son of Dodavahu of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because you have joined Ahaziah, the Lord will destroy your works. So the ships were wrecked and unable to go to Tarshish.
2 Chr 21:1 JEHOSHAPHAT SLEPT with his fathers and was buried with [them] in the City of David. Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.
2 Chr 21:2 He had brothers: Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Azariah, Michael, and Shephatiah, all the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel.
2 Chr 21:3 Their father gave them great gifts of silver, gold, and precious things, together with fortified cities in Judah, but the kingdom he gave to Jehoram, the firstborn.
2 Chr 21:4 When Jehoram had ascended to the kingship of his father, he strengthened himself and slew all his brethren with the sword and also some of Israel's princes.
2 Chr 21:5 Jehoram at thirty-two years of age began his eight-year reign in Jerusalem.
2 Chr 21:6 He walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab, for he married the daughter of Ahab and did what was evil in the eyes of the Lord.
2 Chr 21:7 But the Lord would not destroy the house of David, because He had made a covenant with David and promised to give a light to him and to his sons forever.
2 Chr 21:8 In Jehoram's days, the Edomites revolted from the rule of Judah and set up for themselves a king.

2 Chr 21:9 Then Jehoram passed over [the Jordan] with his captains and all his chariots, and rose up by night and smote the Edomites who had surrounded him and his chariot captains.
2 Chr 21:10 So Edom revolted from the rule of Judah to this day. Then Libnah also revolted from Jehoram's rule, because he had forsaken the Lord, the God of his fathers.
2 Chr 21:11 Moreover, he made idolatrous high places in the hill country of Judah and debauched spiritually the inhabitants of Jerusalem and led Judah astray [compelling the people's cooperation].
2 Chr 21:12 And there came a letter to Jehoram from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father [forefather]: Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah,
2 Chr 21:13 But have walked in the ways of Israel's kings, and made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem play the harlot like the [spiritual] harlotry of Ahab's house, and also have slain your brothers of your father's house, who were better than you,
2 Chr 21:14 Behold, the Lord will smite your people, and your children, your wives, and all your possessions with a great plague.
2 Chr 21:15 And you yourself shall have a severe illness because of an intestinal disease, until your bowels fall out because of the sickness, day after day.
2 Chr 21:16 And the Lord stirred up against Jehoram the anger of the Philistines and of the Arabs who were near the Ethiopians.
2 Chr 21:17 They came against Judah, invaded it, and carried away all the possessions found in {and} around the king's house, together with his sons and his wives; so there was not a son left to him except Jehoahaz, the youngest.
2 Chr 21:18 And after all this, the Lord smote [Jehoram] with an incurable intestinal disease.
2 Chr 21:19 In process of time, after two years, his bowels fell out because of his disease. So he died in severe distress. And his people made no funeral fire to honor him, like the fires for his fathers.
2 Chr 21:20 Thirty-two years old was Jehoram when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being wanted. Yet they buried him in the City of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.
2 Chr 22:1 THE PEOPLE of Jerusalem made Ahaziah, his youngest son, king in his stead, for the troop that came with the Arabs to the camp had slain all the older sons. So Ahaziah son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned.
2 Chr 22:2 Forty-two years old was Ahaziah when he began his one-year reign in Jerusalem. His mother was Athaliah, a granddaughter of Omri.
2 Chr 22:3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother was his counselor to do wickedly.
2 Chr 22:4 So he did evil in the sight of the Lord like the house of Ahab, for they were his counselors after his father's death, to his destruction.
2 Chr 22:5 He followed their counsel and even went with Joram son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead. And the Syrians wounded Joram;
2 Chr 22:6 And he returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds given him at Ramah when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. Azariah son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram son of Ahab in Jezreel because he was sick.
2 Chr 22:7 But the destruction of Ahaziah was ordained of God in his coming to visit Joram. For when he got there he went out with Joram against Jehu son of Nimshi, whom the Lord had anointed to destroy the house of Ahab.
2 Chr 22:8 And when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, he met the princes of Judah and the sons of Ahaziah's slain brothers, who attended Ahaziah, and he slew them.
2 Chr 22:9 And [Jehu] sought Ahaziah, who was hiding in Samaria; he was captured, brought to Jehu, and slain. They buried him, for they said, After all, he is the grandson of Jehoshaphat, who sought the Lord with all his heart. So the house of Ahaziah had no one left able to rule the kingdom.
2 Chr 22:10 But when Athaliah mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal family of Judah.
2 Chr 22:11 But Jehosheba, the daughter of the king, took Joash [infant] son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the king's sons who were to be slain, and she put him and his nurse in a bedchamber. So Jehosheba daughter of King Jehoram, sister of Ahaziah, and wife of Jehoiada the priest, hid [Joash] from [his grandmother] Athaliah, so that she did not slay him.
2 Chr 22:12 And Joash was with them hidden in the house of God six years, and Athaliah reigned over the land.
2 Chr 23:1 IN THE seventh year Jehoiada [the priest] took strength {and} courage and made a covenant with the captains of hundreds: Azariah son of Jeroham, Ishmael son of Jehohanan, Azariah son of Obed, Maaseiah son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat son of Zichri.

2 Chr 23:2 And they went about in Judah and gathered the Levites out of all the cities, and the chiefs of the fathers' houses of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.
2 Chr 23:3 And all the assembly made a covenant in the house of God with the king [little Joash, to suddenly proclaim his sovereignty and overthrow Athaliah's tyranny]. And Jehoiada the priest said to them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the Lord has said of the offspring of David.
2 Chr 23:4 This is what you shall do: a third of you priests and Levites who are resuming service on the Sabbath shall be doorkeepers,
2 Chr 23:5 A [second] third shall be at the king's house, and [the final] third at the Foundation Gate; and all the people shall be in the courts [only] of the house of the Lord.
2 Chr 23:6 But let none come into the [main] house of the Lord except the priests and those of the Levites who minister; they may go in, for they are holy, but let all the rest of the people carefully observe the law against entering the holy place of the Lord.
2 Chr 23:7 And the Levites shall surround the young king, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever comes into the house [breaking through the ranks of the guard to get near Joash] shall be put to death. But you be with the king when he comes in [from the temple chamber where he is hiding] and when he goes out.
2 Chr 23:8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest had commanded; and took every man his men who were to resume duty on the Sabbath, with those who were to go out on the Sabbath, for Jehoiada the priest did not dismiss the divisions [of priests and Levites].
2 Chr 23:9 Also Jehoiada the priest gave the captains of hundreds spears, bucklers, and shields that had been King David's, which were in the house of God.
2 Chr 23:10 And he set all the people as a guard for the king, every man having his weapon (missile) in his hand, from the right side to the left side of the temple, around the altar and the temple.
2 Chr 23:11 Then they brought out the king's son and put the crown on him and gave him the testimony {or} law and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him and said, Long live the king!
2 Chr 23:12 When Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she went into the Lord's house to the people.
2 Chr 23:13 And behold, there the king stood by his pillar at the entrance, the captains and the trumpeters beside him; and all the people of the land rejoicing and blowing trumpets, and the singers with musical instruments led in singing of praise. Athaliah rent her clothes and cried, Treason! Treason!
2 Chr 23:14 Then Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of hundreds who were over the army, Bring her out between the ranks, and whoever follows her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Do not slay her in the Lord's house.
2 Chr 23:15 So they made way for Athaliah, and she went into the entrance of the Horse Gate of the king's house; there they slew her.
2 Chr 23:16 Then Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, all the people, and the king, that they should be the Lord's people.
2 Chr 23:17 Then all the people went to the house of Baal, tore it down, and broke its altars and its images in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.
2 Chr 23:18 Also Jehoiada appointed the offices {and} officers [for the care] of the house of the Lord under the direction of the Levitical priests, whom David had distributed [in his day] in the house of the Lord, to offer the burnt offerings of the Lord as written in the Law of Moses, with rejoicing and singing, as ordered by David.
2 Chr 23:19 Jehoiada set the gatekeepers at the gates of the house of the Lord so that no one should enter who was in any way unclean.
2 Chr 23:20 And he took the captains of hundreds and the nobles and governors of the people and all the people of the land and brought down the king from the house of the Lord; and they came through the Upper Gate to the king's house and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom.
2 Chr 23:21 So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet after Athaliah had been slain with the sword.
2 Chr 24:1 JOASH WAS seven years old when he began his forty-year reign in Jerusalem. His mother was Zibiah of Beersheba.
2 Chr 24:2 And Joash did what was right in the sight of the Lord all the days of Jehoiada the priest [his uncle].
2 Chr 24:3 And Jehoiada took for him two wives, and he had sons and daughters.
2 Chr 24:4 After this, Joash decided to repair the Lord's house.
2 Chr 24:5 He gathered the priests and the Levites and said to them, Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather from all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year; and see that you hasten the matter. But the Levites did

not hasten it.
2 Chr 24:6 So the king called for Jehoiada the high priest and said to him, Why have you not required the Levites to bring in from Judah and Jerusalem the tax authorized by Moses the servant of the Lord and of the assembly of Israel for the Tent of the Testimony?
2 Chr 24:7 For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken into the house of God and also had used for the Baals all the dedicated things of the house of the Lord.
2 Chr 24:8 And at the king's command they made a chest and set it outside the gate of the house of the Lord.
2 Chr 24:9 And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem to bring in for the Lord the tax that Moses the servant of God laid upon Israel in the wilderness.
2 Chr 24:10 And all the princes and people rejoiced and brought their tax and dropped it into the chest until they had finished.
2 Chr 24:11 When the Levites brought the chest to the king's office, and whenever they saw that there was much money, the king's secretary and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest and carried it to its place again. Thus they did day by day and collected money in abundance.
2 Chr 24:12 And the king and Jehoiada gave it to those who did the work of the temple service; and they hired masons and carpenters and also those who worked in iron and bronze to repair the house of the Lord.
2 Chr 24:13 So the workmen labored, and the work of repairing went forward in their hands; and they set up the house of God according to its design and strengthened it.
2 Chr 24:14 When they had finished it, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada; from it were made utensils for the Lord's house, vessels for ministering and for offerings, and cups and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the Lord continually all the days of Jehoiada.
2 Chr 24:15 But Jehoiada became old and full of [the handicaps of great] age, and he died. He was 130 years old at his death.
2 Chr 24:16 They buried him in the City of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel and toward God and His house.
2 Chr 24:17 Now after the death of Jehoiada [the priest, who had hidden Joash], the princes of Judah came and made obeisance to King Joash; then the king hearkened to them.
2 Chr 24:18 They forsook the house of the Lord, the God of their fathers, and served the Asherim and idols; and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for their sin (guilt).
2 Chr 24:19 Yet [God] sent prophets to them to bring them again to the Lord; these testified against them, but they would not listen.
2 Chr 24:20 Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood over the people, and he said to them, Thus says God: Why do you transgress the commandments of the Lord so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the Lord, He also has forsaken you.
2 Chr 24:21 They conspired against Zechariah the priest and stoned him at the command of the king in the court of the Lord's house!
2 Chr 24:22 Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness which Jehoiada, Zechariah's father, had done him, but slew his son. And when [Zechariah the priest] was dying, he said, May the Lord see and avenge!
2 Chr 24:23 At the end of the year, the army of Syria came up against Joash. They came to Judah and Jerusalem and destroyed all the princes from among the people and sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus.
2 Chr 24:24 Though the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men, the Lord delivered a very great host into their hands, because Joash and Judah had forsaken the Lord, the God of their fathers. So the Syrians executed judgment against Joash.
2 Chr 24:25 And when they had departed from Joash, leaving him very ill, his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and they slew him on his bed. So he died and they buried him in the City of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.
2 Chr 24:26 The conspirators against Joash were Zabad son of Shimeath the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad son of Shimrith the Moabitess.
2 Chr 24:27 Now concerning his sons and the greatness of the prophecies uttered against him and the rebuilding of the house of God, they are written in the commentary on the Book of Kings. And Amaziah his [Joash's] son reigned in his stead.
2 Chr 25:1 AMAZIAH WAS twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.
2 Chr 25:2 He did right in the Lord's sight, but not with a perfect {or} blameless heart.

2 Chr 25:3 When his kingdom was firmly established, he slew his servants who had killed the king his father.
2 Chr 25:4 But he did not slay their children; he did as it is written in the Law, in the Book of Moses, where the Lord commanded, The fathers shall not die for the children, or the children die for the fathers; but every man shall die for his own sin.
2 Chr 25:5 Amaziah assembled the men of Judah and set them by fathers' houses under commanders of thousands and of hundreds for all Judah and Benjamin. He numbered them from twenty years old and over and found them to be 300,000 choice men fit for war and able to handle spear and shield.
2 Chr 25:6 He hired also 100,000 mighty men of valor from Israel for 100 talents of silver.
2 Chr 25:7 But a man of God came to him, saying, O king, do not let all this army of Ephraimites of Israel go with you [of Judah], for the Lord is not with you,
2 Chr 25:8 For if you go [in spite of warning], no matter how strong you are for battle, God will cast you down before the enemy, for God has power to help and to cast down.
2 Chr 25:9 And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do about the 100 talents which I have given to the army of Israel? The man of God answered, The Lord is able to give you much more than this.
2 Chr 25:10 So Amaziah discharged the army that came to him from Ephraim to go home. So their anger was greatly kindled against Judah; they returned home in fierce wrath.
2 Chr 25:11 And Amaziah took courage and led forth his people to the Valley of Salt and smote 10,000 of the men of Seir [Edom].
2 Chr 25:12 Another 10,000 the men of Judah captured alive and brought them to the top of a crag and cast them down from it, and they were all dashed to pieces.
2 Chr 25:13 But the soldiers of the band which Amaziah sent back, not allowing them to go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even to Beth-horon, and smote 3,000 [men] and took much spoil.
2 Chr 25:14 After Amaziah came back from the slaughter of the Edomites, he brought their gods and set them up to be his gods and bowed before them and burned incense to them.
2 Chr 25:15 So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Amaziah, and He sent to him a prophet, who said, Why have you sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of your hand?
2 Chr 25:16 As he was talking, the king said to him, Have we made you the king's counselor? Stop it! Why should you be put to death? The prophet stopped but said, I know that God has determined to destroy you, because you have done this and ignored my counsel.
2 Chr 25:17 Then Amaziah king of Judah took counsel and sent to Jehoash son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come [to battle], let us look one another in the face.
2 Chr 25:18 Jehoash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, A little thistle in Lebanon sent to a great cedar in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son as wife. And a wild beast of Lebanon passed by and trampled down the thistle.
2 Chr 25:19 You say, See, [I] have smitten Edom! Your heart lifts you up to boast. Stay at home; why should you meddle [and court disaster], so you will fall and Judah with you?
2 Chr 25:20 But Amaziah would not hear, for it came from God, that He might deliver Judah into the hands of their enemies, because they sought after the gods of Edom.
2 Chr 25:21 So Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah faced one another at Beth-shemesh of Judah.
2 Chr 25:22 And Judah was defeated before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent.
2 Chr 25:23 And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth-shemesh and brought him to Jerusalem and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate, 400 cubits.
2 Chr 25:24 And he took all the gold, the silver, and all the vessels found in God's house with [the doorkeeper] Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house and hostages also, and returned to Samaria.
2 Chr 25:25 And Amaziah son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.
2 Chr 25:26 The rest of the acts of Amaziah, from first to last, are they not written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel?
2 Chr 25:27 Now after Amaziah turned away from the Lord, they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish. But they sent to Lachish and slew him there.
2 Chr 25:28 And they brought him upon horses and buried him with his fathers in the City of [David in] Judah.
2 Chr 26:1 THEN ALL the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in place of his

father Amaziah.
2 Chr 26:2 He built Eloth and restored it to Judah after Amaziah slept with his fathers.
2 Chr 26:3 Uzziah was sixteen years old when he began his fifty-two-year reign in Jerusalem. His mother was Jecoliah of Jerusalem.
2 Chr 26:4 He did right in the Lord's sight, to the extent of all that his father Amaziah had done.
2 Chr 26:5 He set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the things of God; and as long as he sought (inquired of, yearned for) the Lord, God made him prosper.
2 Chr 26:6 He went out against the Philistines and broke down the walls of Gath, of Jabneh, and of Ashdod, and built cities near Ashdod and elsewhere among the Philistines.
2 Chr 26:7 And God helped him against the Philistines, and the Arabs who dwelt in Gur-baal and the Meunim.
2 Chr 26:8 The Ammonites paid tribute to Uzziah, and his fame spread abroad even to the border of Egypt, for he became very strong.
2 Chr 26:9 Also Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, the Valley Gate, and at the angle of the wall, and fortified them.
2 Chr 26:10 Also he built towers in the wilderness and hewed out many cisterns, for he had much livestock, both in the lowlands and in the tableland. And he had farmers and vinedressers in the hills and in the fertile fields [of Carmel], for he loved farming.
2 Chr 26:11 And Uzziah had a combat army for waging war by regiments according to the number as recorded by Jeiel the secretary and Maaseiah the officer under the direction of Hananiah, one of the king's commanders.
2 Chr 26:12 The whole number of the heads of fathers' houses of mighty men of valor was 2,600.
2 Chr 26:13 Under their command was an army of 307,500 who could fight with mighty power to help the king against the enemy.
2 Chr 26:14 Uzziah prepared for all the army shields, spears, helmets, coats of mail, bows, and stones to sling.
2 Chr 26:15 In Jerusalem he made machines invented by skillful men to be on the towers and the [corner] bulwarks, with which to shoot arrows and great stones. And his fame spread far, for he was marvelously helped till he was strong.
2 Chr 26:16 But when [King Uzziah] was strong, he became proud to his destruction; and he trespassed against the Lord his God, for he went into the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense.
2 Chr 26:17 And Azariah the priest went in after him and with him eighty priests of the Lord, men of courage.
2 Chr 26:18 They opposed King Uzziah and said to him, It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are set apart to burn incense. Withdraw from the sanctuary; you have trespassed, and that will not be to your credit {and} honor before the Lord God.
2 Chr 26:19 Then Uzziah was enraged, and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was enraged with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead before the priests in the house of the Lord, beside the incense altar.
2 Chr 26:20 And as Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked upon him, behold, he was leprous on his forehead! So they forced him out of there; and he also made haste to get out, because the Lord had smitten him.
2 Chr 26:21 And King Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death, and, being a leper, he dwelt in a separate house, for he was excluded from the Lord's house. And Jotham his son took charge of the king's household, ruling the people of the land.
2 Chr 26:22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, from first to last, Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, wrote.
2 Chr 26:23 So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the burial field of the kings [outside the royal tombs], for they said, He is a leper. Jotham his son reigned in his stead.
2 Chr 27:1 JOTHAM WAS twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother was Jerushah daughter of Zadok.
2 Chr 27:2 He did right in the sight of the Lord, to the extent of all that his father Uzziah had done. However, he did not invade the temple of the Lord. But the people still did corruptly.
2 Chr 27:3 He built the Upper Gate of the Lord's house and did much building on the wall of Ophel.
2 Chr 27:4 Moreover, he built cities in the hill country of Judah, and in the forests he built forts and towers.
2 Chr 27:5 He fought with the king of the Ammonites and prevailed against them. The Ammonites gave him that year 100 talents of silver and 10,000 measures each of wheat and of barley. That much the Ammonites paid to him also the second year and third year.
2 Chr 27:6 So Jotham grew mighty, for he ordered his ways in the sight of the Lord his God.
2 Chr 27:7 Now the rest of Jotham's acts, and all his wars and his ways, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.

2 Chr 27:8 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.
2 Chr 27:9 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David. Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.
2 Chr 28:1 AHAZ WAS twenty years old when he began his sixteen-year reign in Jerusalem. He did not do right in the sight of the Lord, like David his father [forefather].
2 Chr 28:2 But he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel and even made molten images for the Baals.
2 Chr 28:3 And he burned incense in the Valley of Ben-hinnom [son of Hinnom] and burned his sons as an offering, after the abominable customs of the [heathen] nations whom the Lord drove out before the Israelites.
2 Chr 28:4 He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree.
2 Chr 28:5 Therefore the Lord his God gave Ahaz into the power of the king of Syria, who defeated him and carried away a great multitude of the Jews as captives, taking them to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hands of the king of Israel, who smote Judah with a great slaughter.
2 Chr 28:6 For Pekah son of Remaliah slew in Judah 120,000 in one day, all courageous men, because they had forsaken the Lord, the God of their fathers.
2 Chr 28:7 And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah, King Ahaz' son, and Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah, who was second to the king.
2 Chr 28:8 And the Israelites carried away captive 200,000 of their kinsmen [of Judah]--women, sons, and daughters--and also took much plunder from them and brought it to Samaria.
2 Chr 28:9 But a prophet of the Lord was there whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that was returning to Samaria and said to them, Behold, because the Lord, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, He delivered them into your hand; but you have slain them in a fury that reaches up to heaven.
2 Chr 28:10 And now you intend to suppress the people of Judah and Jerusalem, both men and women, as your slaves. But are not you yourselves guilty of crimes against the Lord your God?
2 Chr 28:11 Now hear me therefore, and set the prisoners free again whom you have taken captive of your kinsmen, for the fierce wrath of the Lord is upon you.
2 Chr 28:12 Then certain of the heads of the Ephraimites [Israel]--Azariah son of Johanan, Berechiah son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah son of Shallum, and Amasa son of Hadlai--stood up against those returning from the war
2 Chr 28:13 And said, You shall not bring the captives in here; we are guilty before the Lord already, and what you intend will add more to our sins and our guilt. For our trespass (guilt) is great, and there is fierce anger against Israel.
2 Chr 28:14 So the armed men [of Israel] left the captives and the spoil [of Judah] before the princes and all the assembly.
2 Chr 28:15 And the men who have been mentioned by name rose up and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them; and having clothed them, shod them, given them food and drink, anointed them [as was a host's duty], and carried all the feeble of them upon donkeys, they brought them to Jericho, the City of Palm Trees, to their brethren. Then they returned to Samaria.
2 Chr 28:16 At that time King Ahaz sent to the king of Assyria to help him.
2 Chr 28:17 For again the Edomites had come and smitten Judah and carried away captives.
2 Chr 28:18 The Philistines had invaded the cities of the low country and of the South (the Negeb) of Judah, and had taken Beth-shemesh, Aijalon, Gederoth, and Soco, and also Timnah and Gimzo, with their villages, and they settled there.
2 Chr 28:19 For the Lord brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel, for Ahaz had dealt with reckless cruelty against Judah and had been faithless [had transgressed sorely] against the Lord.
2 Chr 28:20 So Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came to him and distressed him without strengthening him.
2 Chr 28:21 For Ahaz took [treasure] from the house of the Lord and out of the house of the king and from the princes and gave it as tribute to the king of Assyria, but it did not help Ahaz.
2 Chr 28:22 In the time of his distress he became still more unfaithful to the Lord--this same King Ahaz.
2 Chr 28:23 For he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus, which had defeated him, for he said, Since the gods of the kings of Syria helped them, I will sacrifice to them that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him and of all Israel.
2 Chr 28:24 And Ahaz collected the utensils of the house of God and cut them in pieces; and he shut up the doors of the Lord's temple [the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies] and made himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem.
2 Chr 28:25 In each city of Judah he made high places to burn incense to other gods, provoking to anger the Lord, the God of his fathers.
2 Chr 28:26 Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, from first to last, behold, they are written in the Book of the

Kings of Judah and Israel.
2 Chr 28:27 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, in Jerusalem, but they did not bring him into the tombs of the kings of Israel. And Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.
2 Chr 29:1 HEZEKIAH BEGAN to reign when he was twenty-five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother was Abijah daughter of Zechariah.
2 Chr 29:2 And he did right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his father [forefather] had done.
2 Chr 29:3 In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of the Lord [which his father had closed] and repaired them.
2 Chr 29:4 He brought together the priests and Levites in the square on the east
2 Chr 29:5 And said to them, Levites, hear me! Now sanctify (purify and make free from sin) yourselves and the house of the Lord, the God of your fathers, and carry out the filth from the Holy Place.
2 Chr 29:6 For our fathers have trespassed and have done what was evil in the sight of the Lord our God, and they have forsaken Him and have turned away their faces from the dwelling place of the Lord and have turned their backs.
2 Chr 29:7 Also they have closed the doors of the porch and put out the lamps, and they have not burned incense or offered burnt offerings in the place holy to the God of Israel.
2 Chr 29:8 Therefore the wrath of the Lord was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and He has delivered them to be a terror {and} a cause of trembling, to be an astonishment, and a hissing, as you see with your own eyes.
2 Chr 29:9 For, behold, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons, our daughters, and our wives are in captivity for this.
2 Chr 29:10 Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with the Lord, the God of Israel, that His fierce anger may turn away from us.
2 Chr 29:11 My sons, do not now be negligent, for the Lord has chosen you to stand in His presence, to serve Him, to be His ministers, and to burn incense to Him.
2 Chr 29:12 Then the Levites arose: Mahath son of Amasai, Joel son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; of the sons of Merari: Kish son of Abdi, Azariah son of Jehallelel; of the Gershonites: Joah son of Zimmah and Eden son of Joah;
2 Chr 29:13 Of the sons of Elizaphan: Shimri and Jeiel; of the sons of Asaph: Zechariah, and Mattaniah;
2 Chr 29:14 Of the sons of Heman: Jehiel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun: Shemaiah and Uzziel.
2 Chr 29:15 They gathered their brethren and sanctified themselves and went in, as the king had commanded by the words of the Lord, to cleanse the house of the Lord.
2 Chr 29:16 The priests went into the inner part of the house of the Lord to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness they found in the temple of the Lord into the court of the Lord's house. And the Levites carried it out to the brook Kidron.
2 Chr 29:17 They began on the first day of the first month, and on the eighth day they came to the porch of the Lord. Then for eight days they sanctified the house of the Lord, and on the sixteenth day they finished.
2 Chr 29:18 Then they went to King Hezekiah and said, We have cleansed all the house of the Lord and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils and the showbread table with all its utensils.
2 Chr 29:19 Moreover, all the utensils which King Ahaz in his reign cast away when he was transgressing [faithless] we have made ready and sanctified; and behold, they are before the altar of the Lord.
2 Chr 29:20 Then King Hezekiah rose early and gathered the officials of the city and went up to the house of the Lord.
2 Chr 29:21 They brought seven each of bulls, rams, lambs, and he-goats for a sin offering for the kingdom, the sanctuary, and Judah. He commanded the priests, the sons of Aaron, to offer them on the Lord's altar.
2 Chr 29:22 So they killed the bulls, and the priests received the blood and dashed it against the altar. Likewise, when they had killed the rams and then the lambs, they dashed the blood against the altar.
2 Chr 29:23 Then the he-goats for the sin offering were brought before the king and the assembly, and they laid their hands on them.
2 Chr 29:24 The priests killed them and made a sin offering with their blood upon the altar to make atonement for all Israel, for the king commanded that the burnt offering and sin offering be made for all Israel.
2 Chr 29:25 Hezekiah stationed the Levites in the Lord's house with cymbals, harps, and lyres, as David [his forefather] and Gad the king's seer and Nathan the prophet had commanded; for the commandment was from the Lord through His prophets.
2 Chr 29:26 The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.
2 Chr 29:27 Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the Lord began also with the trumpets and with the instruments ordained by King David of Israel.

2 Chr 29:28 And all the congregation worshiped, the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all this continued until the burnt offering was finished.
2 Chr 29:29 When they had stopped offering, the king and all present with him bowed themselves and worshiped.
2 Chr 29:30 Also King Hezekiah and the princes ordered the Levites to sing praises to the Lord with the words of David and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness and bowed themselves and worshiped.
2 Chr 29:31 Then Hezekiah said, Now you have consecrated yourselves to the Lord; come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the Lord. And the assembly brought in sacrifices and thank offerings, and as many as were of a willing heart brought burnt offerings.
2 Chr 29:32 And the number of the burnt offerings which the assembly brought was 70 bulls, 100 rams, and 200 lambs. All these were for a burnt offering to the Lord.
2 Chr 29:33 And the consecrated things were 600 oxen and 3,000 sheep.
2 Chr 29:34 But the priests were too few and could not skin all the burnt offerings. So until the other priests had sanctified themselves, their Levite kinsmen helped them until the work was done, for the Levites were more upright in heart than the priests in sanctifying themselves.
2 Chr 29:35 Also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the Lord's house was set in order.
2 Chr 29:36 Thus Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, because of what God had prepared for the people, for it was done suddenly.
2 Chr 30:1 HEZEKIAH SENT to all Israel [as well as] Judah and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh to come to the Lord's house at Jerusalem to keep the Passover to the Lord, the God of Israel.
2 Chr 30:2 For the king and his princes and all the assembly in Jerusalem took counsel to keep the Passover in the second month.
2 Chr 30:3 For they could not keep it at the set time because not enough priests had sanctified themselves, neither had the people assembled in Jerusalem.
2 Chr 30:4 The new time pleased the king and all the assembly.
2 Chr 30:5 So they decreed to make a proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, that the people should come to keep the Passover to the Lord, the God of Israel, at Jerusalem. For they had not kept it collectively as prescribed for a long time.
2 Chr 30:6 So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, as the king commanded, saying, O Israelites, return to the Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that He may return to those left of you who escaped out of the hands of the kings of Assyria.
2 Chr 30:7 Do not be like your fathers and brethren, who were unfaithful to the Lord, the God of their fathers, so that He gave them up to desolation [to be an astonishment], as you see.
2 Chr 30:8 Now be not stiff-necked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the Lord and come to His sanctuary, which He has sanctified forever, and serve the Lord your God, that His fierce anger may turn away from you.
2 Chr 30:9 For if you return to the Lord, your brethren and your children shall find compassion with their captors and return to this land. For the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and He will not turn away His face from you if you return to Him.
2 Chr 30:10 So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, even to Zebulun, but the people laughed them to scorn and mocked them.
2 Chr 30:11 Yet, a few of Asher, Manasseh, and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem.
2 Chr 30:12 Also the hand of God came upon Judah to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the Lord.
2 Chr 30:13 And many people came to Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second month, a very great assembly.
2 Chr 30:14 They rose up and took away the altars [to idols] that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars {and} utensils for incense [to the gods] they took away and threw into the Kidron Valley [dumping place for the ashes of such abominations].
2 Chr 30:15 Then they killed the Passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the second month. And the priests and the Levites were ashamed and sanctified themselves and brought burnt offerings to the Lord's house.
2 Chr 30:16 They stood in their accustomed places, as directed in the Law of Moses the man of God. The priests threw [against the altar] the blood they received from the hand of the Levites.
2 Chr 30:17 For many were in the assembly who had not sanctified themselves [become clean and free from all sin]. So the Levites had to kill the Passover lambs for all who were not clean, in order to make them holy to the Lord.

2 Chr 30:18 For a multitude of the people, many from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover otherwise than Moses directed. For Hezekiah had prayed for them, saying, May the good Lord pardon everyone
2 Chr 30:19 Who sets his heart to seek {and} yearn for God--the Lord, the God of his fathers--even though not complying with the purification regulations of the sanctuary.
2 Chr 30:20 And the Lord hearkened to Hezekiah and healed the people.
2 Chr 30:21 And the Israelites who were in Jerusalem kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days with great joy. The Levites and priests praised the Lord day by day, singing with instruments of much volume to the Lord.
2 Chr 30:22 Hezekiah spoke encouragingly to all the Levites who had good understanding in the Lord's work. So the people ate the seven-day appointed feast, offering peace offerings, making confession [and giving thanks] to the Lord, the God of their fathers.
2 Chr 30:23 And the whole assembly took counsel to prolong the feast another seven days; and they kept it another seven days with joy.
2 Chr 30:24 For Hezekiah king of Judah gave to the assembly 1,000 young bulls and 7,000 sheep, and the princes gave 1,000 young bulls and 10,000 sheep. And a great number of priests sanctified themselves [for service].
2 Chr 30:25 All the assembly of Judah, with the priests, the Levites, and all the assembly who with the sojourners came from the land of Israel to dwell in Judah, rejoiced.
2 Chr 30:26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the time of Solomon son of David king of Israel there was nothing like this in Jerusalem.
2 Chr 30:27 Then the priests and Levites arose and blessed the people; and their voice was heard and their prayer came up to [God's] holy habitation in heaven.
2 Chr 31:1 NOW WHEN all this was finished, all Israel present there went out to the cities of Judah and broke in pieces the pillars {or} obelisks, cut down the Asherim, and threw down the high places [of idolatry] and the altars in all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim and Manasseh, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the Israelites returned to their own cities, every man to his possession.
2 Chr 31:2 And Hezekiah appointed the priests and the Levites after their divisions, each man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the camp of the Lord.
2 Chr 31:3 King Hezekiah's personal contribution was for the burnt offerings: [those] of morning and evening, for the Sabbaths, for the New Moons, and for the appointed feasts, as written in the Law of the Lord.
2 Chr 31:4 He commanded the people living in Jerusalem to give the portion due the priests and Levites, that they might [be free to] give themselves to the Law of the Lord.
2 Chr 31:5 As soon as the command went abroad, the Israelites gave in abundance the firstfruits of grain, vintage fruit, oil, honey, and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything.
2 Chr 31:6 The people of Israel and Judah who lived in Judah's cities also brought the tithe of cattle and sheep and of the dedicated things which were consecrated to the Lord their God, and they laid them in heaps.
2 Chr 31:7 In the third month [at the end of wheat harvest] they began to lay the foundation {or} beginning of the heaps and finished them in the seventh month.
2 Chr 31:8 When Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the Lord and His people Israel.
2 Chr 31:9 Then Hezekiah questioned the priests and Levites about the heaps.
2 Chr 31:10 Azariah the high priest, of the house of Zadok, answered him, Since the people began to bring the offerings into the Lord's house, we have eaten and have plenty left, for the Lord has blessed His people, and what is left is this great store.
2 Chr 31:11 Then Hezekiah commanded them to prepare chambers [for storage] in the house of the Lord, and they prepared them
2 Chr 31:12 And brought in the offerings, tithes, and dedicated things faithfully. Conaniah the Levite was in charge of them, and Shimei his brother came next.
2 Chr 31:13 And Jehiel, Azaziah, Nahath, Asahel, Jerimoth, Jozabad, Eliel, Ismachiah, Mahath, and Benaiah were overseers directed by Conaniah and Shimei his brother, at the appointment of King Hezekiah and Azariah the chief officer of the house of God.
2 Chr 31:14 Kore son of Imnah the Levite, keeper of the East Gate, was over the freewill offerings to God, to apportion the contributions of the Lord and the most holy things.
2 Chr 31:15 Under him were Eden, Miniamin, Jeshua, Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the priests' cities, in their office of trust faithfully to give to their brethren by divisions, to great and small alike,

2 Chr 31:16 Except those [Levites] registered as males from three years old and upward--who were consecrated to the temple service [in Jerusalem, for their daily portion] as the duty of every day required, for their service according to their offices by their divisions.
2 Chr 31:17 The registration of the priests was according to their fathers' houses; that of the Levites from twenty years old and upward was according to their offices by their divisions;
2 Chr 31:18 Also there was the registration of all their little ones, their wives, and their older sons and daughters through all the congregation. For in their office of trust they cleansed themselves {and} set themselves apart in holiness.
2 Chr 31:19 Also for the sons of Aaron the priests, who were in the fields of the suburbs of their cities or in every city, there were men who were mentioned by name to give portions to all the males among the priests and to all who were registered among the Levites.
2 Chr 31:20 Hezekiah did this throughout all Judah, and he did what was good, right, and faithful before the Lord his God.
2 Chr 31:21 And every work that he began in the service of the house of God, in keeping with the law and the commandments to seek his God [inquiring of and yearning for Him], he did with all his heart, and he prospered.
2 Chr 32:1 AFTER THESE things and this loyalty, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, invaded Judah, and encamped against the fortified cities, thinking to take them.
2 Chr 32:2 When Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come and intended to fight against Jerusalem,
2 Chr 32:3 He decided with his officers and his mighty men to stop up the waters of the fountains which were outside the city [by enclosing them with masonry and concealing them], and they helped him.
2 Chr 32:4 So many people gathered, and they stopped up all the springs and the brook which flowed through the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come and find much water?
2 Chr 32:5 Also Hezekiah took courage and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised towers upon it, and he built another wall outside and strengthened the Millo in the City of David and made weapons and shields in abundance.
2 Chr 32:6 And he set captains of war over the people and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city and spoke encouragingly to them, saying,
2 Chr 32:7 Be strong and courageous. Be not afraid or dismayed before the king of Assyria and all the horde that is with him, for there is Another with us greater than [all those] with him.
2 Chr 32:8 With him is an arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles. And the people relied on the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.
2 Chr 32:9 And this Sennacherib king of Assyria, while he himself with all his forces was before Lachish, sent his servants to Jerusalem, to Hezekiah king of Judah, and to all Judah who were at Jerusalem, saying,
2 Chr 32:10 Thus says Sennacherib king of Assyria: On what do you trust, that you remain in the strongholds in Jerusalem?
2 Chr 32:11 Is not Hezekiah leading you on in order to let you die by famine and thirst, saying, The Lord our God will deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?
2 Chr 32:12 Has not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, You shall worship before one altar and burn incense upon it?
2 Chr 32:13 Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of other lands? Were the gods of the nations of those lands in any way able to deliver their lands out of my hand?
2 Chr 32:14 Who among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed was able to deliver his people out of my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of my hand?
2 Chr 32:15 So now, do not let Hezekiah deceive or mislead you in this way, and do not believe him, for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of my hand or the hand of my fathers. How much less will your God deliver you out of my hand!
2 Chr 32:16 And his servants said still more against the Lord God and against His servant Hezekiah.
2 Chr 32:17 The Assyrian king also wrote letters insulting the Lord, the God of Israel, and speaking against Him, saying, As the gods of the nations of other lands have not delivered their people out of my hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver His people out of my hand.
2 Chr 32:18 And they shouted it loudly in the Jewish language to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten and terrify them, that they might take the city.
2 Chr 32:19 And they spoke of the God of Jerusalem as they spoke of the gods of the peoples of the earth, which are the work of the hands of men.

2 Chr 32:20 For this cause Hezekiah the king and the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz prayed and cried to heaven.
2 Chr 32:21 And the Lord sent an angel, who cut off all the mighty warriors and commanders and officers in the camp of the king of Assyria. So the Assyrian king returned with shamed face to his own land. And when he came into the house of his god, they who were his own offspring slew him there with the sword.
2 Chr 32:22 Thus the Lord saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria and from the hand of all his enemies, and He guided them on every side.
2 Chr 32:23 And many brought gifts to Jerusalem to the Lord and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah; so from then on he was magnified in the sight of all nations.
2 Chr 32:24 In those days Hezekiah was sick to the point of death; and he prayed to the Lord and He answered him and gave him a sign.
2 Chr 32:25 But Hezekiah did not make return [to the Lord] according to the benefit done to him, for his heart became proud [at such a spectacular response to his prayer]; therefore there was wrath upon him and upon Judah and Jerusalem.
2 Chr 32:26 But Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the Lord came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah.
2 Chr 32:27 And Hezekiah had very great wealth and honor, and he made for himself treasuries for silver, gold, precious stones, spices, shields, and all kinds of attractive vessels,
2 Chr 32:28 Storehouses also for the increase of grain, vintage fruits, and oil, and stalls for all kinds of cattle, and sheepfolds.
2 Chr 32:29 Moreover, he provided for himself cities and flocks and herds in abundance, for God had given him very great possessions.
2 Chr 32:30 This same Hezekiah also closed the upper springs of Gihon and directed the waters down to the west side of the City of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.
2 Chr 32:31 And so in the matter of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon who were sent to him to inquire about the wonder that was done in the land, God left him to himself to try him, that He might know all that was in his heart.
2 Chr 32:32 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah and his good deeds, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, and in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.
2 Chr 32:33 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers and was buried in the ascent of the tombs of the descendants of David; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honor at his death. Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.
2 Chr 33:1 MANASSEH WAS twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem.
2 Chr 33:2 But he did evil in the Lord's sight, like the abominations of the heathen whom the Lord drove out before the Israelites.
2 Chr 33:3 For he built again the [idolatrous] high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared altars for the Baals and made the Asherim and worshiped all the hosts of the heavens and served them.
2 Chr 33:4 Also he built [heathen] altars in the Lord's house, of which the Lord had said, In Jerusalem shall My Name be forever.
2 Chr 33:5 He built altars for all the hosts of the heavens in the two courts of the Lord's house.
2 Chr 33:6 And he burned his children as an offering [to his god] in the Valley of Ben-hinnom [son of Hinnom], and practiced soothsaying, augury, and sorcery, and dealt with mediums and wizards. He did much evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking Him to anger.
2 Chr 33:7 And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put My Name [and Presence] forever;
2 Chr 33:8 And I will no more remove Israel from the land which I appointed for your fathers, if they will only take heed to do all that I have commanded them, the whole law, the statutes, and the ordinances given through Moses.
2 Chr 33:9 So Manasseh led Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil than the heathen whom the Lord had destroyed before the Israelites.
2 Chr 33:10 The Lord spoke to Manasseh and to his people, but they would not hearken.
2 Chr 33:11 So the Lord brought against them the commanders of the host of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh with hooks and in fetters and brought him to Babylon.
2 Chr 33:12 When he was in affliction, he besought the Lord his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers.
2 Chr 33:13 He prayed to Him, and God, entreated by him, heard his supplication and brought him again to Jerusalem

to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord is God.
2 Chr 33:14 And he built an outer wall to the City of David west of Gihon in the valley, to the entrance of the Fish Gate, and ran it around Ophel, raising it to a very great height; and he put commanders of the army in all the fortified cities of Judah.
2 Chr 33:15 And he took away the foreign gods and the idol out of the house of the Lord and all the altars that he had built on the mount of the house of the Lord and in Jerusalem; and he cast them out of the city.
2 Chr 33:16 And he restored the Lord's altar and sacrificed on it offerings of peace and of thanksgiving; and he commanded Judah to serve the Lord, the God of Israel.
2 Chr 33:17 Yet the people still sacrificed in the high places, but only to the Lord their God.
2 Chr 33:18 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of the Lord, the God of Israel, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel.
2 Chr 33:19 His prayer and how God heard him, and all his sins and unfaithfulness, and the sites on which he built high places and set up the Asherim and graven images before he humbled himself, behold, they are written in the Chronicles of the Seers.
2 Chr 33:20 So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house [garden]. And Amon his son reigned in his stead.
2 Chr 33:21 Amon was twenty-two years old when he began his two-year reign in Jerusalem.
2 Chr 33:22 But he did evil in the sight of the Lord, as did Manasseh his father; for Amon sacrificed to all the images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them,
2 Chr 33:23 And he did not humble himself before the Lord, as Manasseh his father [finally] did; but Amon trespassed {and} became more and more guilty.
2 Chr 33:24 And his servants conspired against him and killed him in his own house.
2 Chr 33:25 But the people of the land slew all those who had conspired against King Amon, and they made Josiah his son king in his stead.
2 Chr 34:1 JOSIAH WAS eight years old when he began his thirty-one-year reign in Jerusalem.
2 Chr 34:2 He did right in the sight of the Lord and walked in the ways of David his father [forefather] and turned aside neither to the right hand nor to the left.
2 Chr 34:3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young [sixteen], he began to seek after {and} yearn for the God of David his father [forefather]; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the Asherim, and the carved and molten images.
2 Chr 34:4 They broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence; the sun-images that were high above them he hewed down; the Asherim and the graven images and the molten images he broke in pieces and made dust of them and strewed it upon the graves of those who sacrificed to them.
2 Chr 34:5 Josiah burned the bones of the [idolatrous] priests upon their altars, and so cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.
2 Chr 34:6 So he did in the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, even to Naphtali, in their ruins round about [with their axes],
2 Chr 34:7 He broke down the altars and the Asherim and beat the graven images into powder and hewed down all the sun-images throughout all the land of Israel. Then he returned to Jerusalem.
2 Chr 34:8 In the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign, when he had purged the land and the [Lord's] house, he sent Shaphan son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah governor of the city, and Joah son of Joahaz, the recorder, to repair the house of the Lord his God.
2 Chr 34:9 When they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that had been brought into the house of God, which the Levites who kept the doors had collected from Manasseh, Ephraim, all the remnant of Israel, and from all Judah, Benjamin, and Jerusalem.
2 Chr 34:10 They delivered it to the workmen who had oversight of the Lord's house, who gave it to repair and restore the temple:
2 Chr 34:11 To the carpenters and builders to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings and beams for the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed [by neglect].
2 Chr 34:12 The men did the work faithfully. Their overseers were Jahath and Obadiah, Levites of the sons of Merari, and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites. The Levites--all who were skillful with instruments of music--
2 Chr 34:13 Also had oversight of the burden bearers and all who did work in any kind of service; and some of the Levites were scribes, officials, and gatekeepers.
2 Chr 34:14 When they were bringing out the money that was brought into the house of the Lord, Hilkiah the priest

found the Book of the Law of the Lord given by Moses.
2 Chr 34:15 Hilkiah told Shaphan the scribe, I have found the Book of the Law in the Lord's house. And [he] gave the book to Shaphan.
2 Chr 34:16 Shaphan took the book to King Josiah, but [first] reported to him, All that was committed to your servants they are doing.
2 Chr 34:17 They have emptied out the money that was found in the house of the Lord and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers and the workmen.
2 Chr 34:18 Then Shaphan the scribe said to the king, Hilkiah the priest has given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.
2 Chr 34:19 When King Josiah had heard the words of the Law, he rent his clothes.
2 Chr 34:20 And the king commanded Hilkiah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Abdon son of Micah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king, saying,
2 Chr 34:21 Go, inquire of the Lord for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah about the words of the book that is found. For great is the Lord's wrath that is poured out on us because our fathers have not kept the word of the Lord, to do according to all that is written in this book.
2 Chr 34:22 And Hilkiah and they whom the king had appointed went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum son of Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe. She dwelt in Jerusalem, in the Second Quarter. They spoke to her to that effect.
2 Chr 34:23 And she answered them, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Tell the man who sent you to me,
2 Chr 34:24 Thus says the Lord: Behold, I will bring evil upon this place and upon its inhabitants, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah.
2 Chr 34:25 Because they have forsaken Me and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands, therefore My wrath shall be poured out upon this place and shall not be quenched.
2 Chr 34:26 But say to King Josiah of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the words which you have heard:
2 Chr 34:27 Because your heart was tender {and} penitent and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words against this place and its inhabitants, and humbled yourself before Me and rent your clothes and wept before Me, I have heard you, says the Lord.
2 Chr 34:28 Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes shall not see all the evil that I will bring upon this place and its inhabitants. So they brought the king word again.
2 Chr 34:29 Then King Josiah sent and gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.
2 Chr 34:30 And [he] went up into the house of the Lord, as did all the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests, the Levites, and all the people, great and small; and he [the king] read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant that was found in the Lord's house.
2 Chr 34:31 Then the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the Lord--to walk after the Lord and to keep His commandments, His testimonies, and His statutes with all his heart and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that are written in this book.
2 Chr 34:32 And he caused all who were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand in confirmation of it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.
2 Chr 34:33 Josiah removed all the [idolatrous] abominations from all the territory that belonged to the Israelites, and made all who were in Israel serve the Lord their God. All his days they did not turn from following the Lord, the God of their fathers.
2 Chr 35:1 JOSIAH KEPT the Passover to the Lord in Jerusalem; they killed the Passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the first month.
2 Chr 35:2 He appointed the priests to their positions and encouraged them in the service of the house of the Lord.
2 Chr 35:3 To the Levites who taught all Israel and were holy to the Lord he said: Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon son of David king of Israel, built; it shall no longer be a burden carried on your shoulders. Now serve the Lord your God and His people Israel.
2 Chr 35:4 Prepare yourselves according to your fathers' houses by your divisions, after the directions of David king of Israel and of Solomon his son.
2 Chr 35:5 And stand in the holy court of the priests according to the sections of the fathers' families of your kinsmen, the common people, and let there be a section of the Levites [to attend] to each division of the families of the people.
2 Chr 35:6 Kill the Passover lambs and sanctify yourselves and prepare for your brethren to do according to the word

of the Lord by Moses.
2 Chr 35:7 Then Josiah contributed to the lay people lambs and kids of the flock as Passover offerings for all who were present, to the number of 30,000, and 3,000 young bulls--all from the king's possessions.
2 Chr 35:8 And his princes gave for a freewill offering to the people, to the priests, and the Levites. Hilkiah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, chief officers of God's house, gave the priests for the Passover offerings 2,600 [lambs and kids] and 300 bulls.
2 Chr 35:9 Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethanel his brothers, and Hashabiah, Jeiel, and Jozabad, chiefs of the Levites, gave to the Levites for Passover offerings 5,000 [lambs and kids] and 500 bulls.
2 Chr 35:10 When the service was ready, the priests stood in their place and the Levites in their divisions as the king commanded.
2 Chr 35:11 They killed the Passover lambs, and the priests sprinkled the blood they received from the Levites who skinned the animals.
2 Chr 35:12 Then they removed the burnt offerings, that they might distribute them according to the divisions of the lay families to offer to the Lord, as directed in the Book of Moses. And so they did with the bulls.
2 Chr 35:13 And they roasted the Passover lambs with fire according to the ordinance; and they cooked the holy offerings in pots, in caldrons, and in pans and carried them quickly to all the people.
2 Chr 35:14 Afterward [the Levites] prepared for themselves and the priests, because the priests, the sons of Aaron, were busy in offering the burnt offerings and the fat until night; so the Levites prepared for themselves and also for the priests, the sons of Aaron.
2 Chr 35:15 The singers, the sons of Asaph, were in their places according to the command of David, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer. And the gatekeepers were at every gate; they did not need to leave their service, for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.
2 Chr 35:16 So all the Lord's service was prepared the same day to keep the Passover and to offer burnt offerings upon the Lord's altar, as King Josiah commanded.
2 Chr 35:17 And the Israelites who were present kept the Passover at that time, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days.
2 Chr 35:18 No Passover like it had been kept in Israel since the days of Samuel the prophet, even by any of the kings of Israel, as was kept by Josiah and the priests, the Levites, and all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
2 Chr 35:19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah this Passover was kept.
2 Chr 35:20 After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Neco king of Egypt went out to fight against Carchemish on the Euphrates, and Josiah went out against him.
2 Chr 35:21 But [Neco] sent ambassadors to [Josiah], saying, What have I to do with you, you king of Judah? I come not against you this day, but against the house with which I am at war; and God has commanded me to make haste. Refrain from opposing God, Who is with me, lest He destroy you.
2 Chr 35:22 Yet Josiah would not turn away from him, but disguised himself in order to fight with him. He did not heed the words of Neco from the mouth of God, but came to fight with him in the valley of Megiddo.
2 Chr 35:23 And the archers shot King Josiah, and the king said to his servants, Take me away, for I am severely wounded.
2 Chr 35:24 So his servants took him out of the chariot and put him in his second chariot and brought him to Jerusalem. And he died and was buried in the tombs of his fathers. All Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.
2 Chr 35:25 Jeremiah gave a lament for Josiah, and all the singing men and women have spoken of Josiah in their laments to this day. They made them an ordinance in Israel; behold, they are written in the Laments.
2 Chr 35:26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and his deeds, according to what is written in the Law of the Lord,
2 Chr 35:27 And his acts, from first to last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.
2 Chr 36:1 THEN THE people of the land took Jehoahaz son of Josiah and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem.
2 Chr 36:2 Jehoahaz was [then] twenty-three years old; he reigned three months in Jerusalem.
2 Chr 36:3 Then the king of Egypt deposed him at Jerusalem and fined the land a hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.
2 Chr 36:4 And the king of Egypt made Eliakim, Jehoahaz' brother, king over Judah and Jerusalem and changed his name to Jehoiakim. But Neco took Jehoahaz his brother and carried him to Egypt.
2 Chr 36:5 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. He did evil in the sight of the Lord his God.

2 Chr 36:6 Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and bound him in fetters to take him to Babylon.
2 Chr 36:7 Nebuchadnezzar also took some of the vessels of the house of the Lord to Babylon and put them in his temple {or} palace there.
2 Chr 36:8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and the abominations which he did, and what was found against him, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah. And Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.
2 Chr 36:9 Jehoiachin was eight[een] years old then; he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem. He did evil in the Lord's sight.
2 Chr 36:10 In the spring, King Nebuchadnezzar sent and brought him to Babylon, with the precious vessels of the house of the Lord, and made Zedekiah the [boy's] brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.
2 Chr 36:11 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.
2 Chr 36:12 He did evil in the sight of the Lord his God and did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet, who spoke at the dictation of the Lord.
2 Chr 36:13 He also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who made him swear by God. He stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to the Lord, the God of Israel.
2 Chr 36:14 Also all the chiefs of the priests and the people trespassed greatly in accord with all the abominations of the heathen, and they polluted the house of the Lord which He had hallowed in Jerusalem.
2 Chr 36:15 And the Lord, the God of their fathers, sent to them persistently by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place.
2 Chr 36:16 But they kept mocking the messengers of God and despising His words and scoffing at His prophets till the wrath of the Lord rose against His people, till there was no remedy {or} healing.
2 Chr 36:17 Therefore He brought against them the king of the Chaldeans, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or hoary-headed; He gave them all into his hand.
2 Chr 36:18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the Lord's house, of the king, and of his princes, all these he brought to Babylon.
2 Chr 36:19 And they burned God's house and broke down Jerusalem's wall and burned all its palaces with fire and destroyed all its choice vessels.
2 Chr 36:20 Those who had escaped from the sword he took away to Babylon, where they were servants to him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia was established there,
2 Chr 36:21 To fulfill the Lord's word by Jeremiah, till the land had enjoyed its sabbaths; for as long as it lay desolate it kept sabbath to fulfill seventy years.
2 Chr 36:22 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing:
2 Chr 36:23 Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the Lord, the God of heaven, has given me, and He has charged me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all His people, may the Lord his God be with him, and let him go up [to Jerusalem].
Ezra 1:1 NOW IN the first year of Cyrus king of Persia [almost seventy years after the first Jewish captives were taken to Babylon], that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might begin to be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and put it also in writing:
Ezra 1:2 Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has charged me to build Him a house at Jerusalem in Judah.
Ezra 1:3 Whoever is among you of all His people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem in Judah and {re} build the house of the Lord, the God of Israel, in Jerusalem; He is God.
Ezra 1:4 And in any place where a survivor [of the Babylonian captivity of the Jews] sojourns, let the men of that place assist him with silver and gold, with goods and beasts, besides freewill offerings for the house of God in Jerusalem.
Ezra 1:5 Then rose up the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and Levites, with all those whose spirits God had stirred up, to go up to {re} build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem.
Ezra 1:6 And all those who were around them aided them with vessels of silver, with gold, goods, beasts, and precious things, besides all that was willingly {and} freely offered.
Ezra 1:7 Also Cyrus the king brought out the vessels of the house of the Lord, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought from Jerusalem [when he took that city] and had put in the house of his gods.
Ezra 1:8 These Cyrus king of Persia directed Mithredath the treasurer to bring forth and count out to Sheshbazzar

[who is Zerubbabel, recognized as the legitimate heir to the throne of David] the prince of Judah.
Ezra 1:9 And they numbered: 30 basins of gold; 1,000 basins of silver; 29 sacrificial dishes;
Ezra 1:10 Of gold bowls, 30; another sort of silver bowl, 410; and other vessels, 1,000.
Ezra 1:11 All the vessels of gold and of silver were 5,400. All these Sheshbazzar [the governor] brought with the people of the captivity from Babylon to Jerusalem.
Ezra 2:1 NOW THESE are the people of the province [of Judah] who went up out of the captivity of those exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away to Babylon, but who came again to Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to his own city.
Ezra 2:2 These came with Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah [not the author], Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai [not Esther's relative], Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of Israel:
Ezra 2:3 The sons [meaning male descendants] of Parosh, 2,172.
Ezra 2:4 The sons of Shephatiah, 372.
Ezra 2:5 The sons of Arah, 775.
Ezra 2:6 The sons of Pahath-moab, namely of the sons of Jeshua and Joab, 2,812.
Ezra 2:7 The sons of Elam, 1,254.
Ezra 2:8 The sons of Zattu, 945.
Ezra 2:9 The sons of Zaccai, 760.
Ezra 2:10 The sons of Bani, 642.
Ezra 2:11 The sons of Bebai, 623.
Ezra 2:12 The sons of Azgad, 1,222.
Ezra 2:13 The sons of Adonikam, 666.
Ezra 2:14 The sons of Bigvai, 2,056.
Ezra 2:15 The sons of Adin, 454.
Ezra 2:16 The sons of Ater, namely of Hezekiah, 98.
Ezra 2:17 The sons of Bezai, 323.
Ezra 2:18 The sons of Jorah, 112.
Ezra 2:19 The sons of Hashum, 223.
Ezra 2:20 The sons of Gibbar, 95.
Ezra 2:21 The sons of Bethlehem, 123.
Ezra 2:22 The men of Netophah, 56.
Ezra 2:23 The men of Anathoth, 128.
Ezra 2:24 The sons of Azmaveth, 42.
Ezra 2:25 The sons of Kiriath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, 743.
Ezra 2:26 The sons of Ramah and Geba, 621.
Ezra 2:27 The men of Michmas, 122.
Ezra 2:28 The men of Bethel and Ai, 223.
Ezra 2:29 The sons of Nebo, 52.
Ezra 2:30 The sons of Magbish, 156.
Ezra 2:31 The sons of the other Elam, 1,254.
Ezra 2:32 The sons of Harim, 320.
Ezra 2:33 The sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, 725.
Ezra 2:34 The sons of Jericho, 345.
Ezra 2:35 The sons of Senaah, 3,630.
Ezra 2:36 The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, 973.
Ezra 2:37 The sons of Immer, 1,052.
Ezra 2:38 The sons of Pashhur, 1,247.
Ezra 2:39 The sons of Harim, 1,017.
Ezra 2:40 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the house of Hodaviah, 74.
Ezra 2:41 The singers: the sons of Asaph, 128.
Ezra 2:42 The sons of the gatekeepers: of Shallum, Ater, Talmon, Akkub, Hatita, and Shobai, in all 139.
Ezra 2:43 The Nethinim [the temple servants]: the sons of Ziba, Hasupha, Tabbaoth,
Ezra 2:44 The sons of Keros, Siaha, Padon,
Ezra 2:45 The sons of Lebanah, Hagabah, Akkub,
Ezra 2:46 The sons of Hagab, Shalmai, Hanan,

Ezra 2:47 The sons of Giddel, Gahar, Reaiah,
Ezra 2:48 The sons of Rezin, Nekoda, Gazzam,
Ezra 2:49 The sons of Uzza, Paseah, Besai,
Ezra 2:50 The sons of Asnah, Meunim, Nephisim,
Ezra 2:51 The sons of Bakbuk, Hakupha, Harhur,
Ezra 2:52 The sons of Bazluth, Mehida, Harsha,
Ezra 2:53 The sons of Barkos, Sisera, Temah,
Ezra 2:54 The sons of Neziah [and] of Hatipha.
Ezra 2:55 The sons of [King] Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai, Sophereth (Hassophereth), Peruda,
Ezra 2:56 The sons of Jaalah, Darkon, Giddel,
Ezra 2:57 The sons of Shephatiah, Hattil, Pochereth-hazzebaim, Ami.
Ezra 2:58 All the Nethinim [the temple servants] and the sons of Solomon's servants were 392.
Ezra 2:59 And these were they who came up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addan, and Immer, but they could not show a record of their fathers' houses or prove their descent, whether they were of Israel:
Ezra 2:60 The sons of Delaiah, Tobiah, and Nekoda, 652.
Ezra 2:61 And of the sons of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, of Hakkoz, and of Barzillai, who had taken a wife from the daughters of Barzillai the [noted] Gileadite and had assumed their name.
Ezra 2:62 These sought their names among those enrolled in the genealogies, but they were not found; so they were excluded from the priesthood as [ceremonially] unclean.
Ezra 2:63 [Zerubbabel] the governor told them they should not eat of the most holy things [the priests' food] until there should be a priest with Urim and Thummim [who by consulting these articles in his breastplate could know God's will in the matter].
Ezra 2:64 The whole congregation numbered 42,360,
Ezra 2:65 Besides their menservants and maidservants, 7,337; and among them they had 200 men and women singers.
Ezra 2:66 Their horses were 736; their mules, 245;
Ezra 2:67 Their camels were 435; their donkeys, 6,720.
Ezra 2:68 Some of the heads of families, when they came to the house of the Lord in Jerusalem, made freewill offerings for the house of God to [re]build it on its site.
Ezra 2:69 They gave as they were able to the treasury for the work 61,000 darics of gold, 5,000 minas of silver, and 100 priests' garments.
Ezra 2:70 So the priests, the Levites, some of the people, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the temple servants lived in their own towns, and all Israel [gradually settled] into their towns.
Ezra 3:1 WHEN THE seventh month came and the Israelites were in the towns, the people gathered together as one man to Jerusalem.
Ezra 3:2 Then stood up Jeshua son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and they built the altar of the God of Israel to offer burnt offerings upon it, as it is written in the instructions of Moses the man of God.
Ezra 3:3 And they set the altar [in its place] upon its base, for fear was upon them because of the peoples of the countries; and they offered burnt offerings on it to the Lord morning and evening.
Ezra 3:4 They kept also the Feast of Tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number according to the ordinances, as each day's duty required,
Ezra 3:5 And after that, the continual burnt offering, the offering at the New Moon, and at all the appointed feasts of the Lord, and the offerings of everyone who made a freewill offering to the Lord.
Ezra 3:6 From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the Lord, but the foundation of the temple of the Lord was not yet laid.
Ezra 3:7 They gave money also to the masons and to the carpenters, and gave food, drink, and oil to the Sidonians and the Tyrians, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the seaport of Joppa, according to the grant they had from Cyrus king of Persia.
Ezra 3:8 In the second year of their coming to God's house at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Jeshua son of Jozadak made a beginning, with the rest of their brethren--the priests and Levites and all who had come to Jerusalem out of the captivity. They appointed the Levites from twenty years old and upward to oversee the work of the Lord's house.
Ezra 3:9 Then Jeshua with his sons and his kinsmen, Kadmiel and his sons, sons of Judah, together took the oversight of the workmen in the house of God--the sons of Henadad, with their sons and Levite kinsmen.

Ezra 3:10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests stood in their vestments with trumpets, and the Levite sons of Asaph with their cymbals, to praise the Lord, after the order of David king of Israel.
Ezra 3:11 They sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, saying, For He is good, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid!
Ezra 3:12 But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house [Solomon's temple], when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice, though many shouted aloud for joy.
Ezra 3:13 So the people could not distinguish the shout of joy from the sound of the weeping of the people, for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the sound was heard far off.
Ezra 4:1 NOW WHEN [the Samaritans] the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the exiles from the captivity were building a temple to the Lord, the God of Israel,
Ezra 4:2 They came to Zerubbabel [now governor] and to the heads of the fathers' houses and said, Let us build with you, for we seek {and} worship your God as you do, and we have sacrificed to Him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us here.
Ezra 4:3 But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the heads of fathers' houses of Israel said to them, You have nothing to do with us in building a house to our God; but we ourselves will together build to the Lord, the God of Israel, as King Cyrus, the king of Persia, has commanded us.
Ezra 4:4 Then [the Samaritans] the people of the land [continually] weakened the hands of the people of Judah and troubled {and} terrified them in building
Ezra 4:5 And hired counselors against them to frustrate their purpose {and} plans all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius [II] king of Persia.
Ezra 4:6 And in the reign of Ahasuerus [or Xerxes], in the beginning of his reign, [the Samaritans] wrote to him an accusation against the [returned] inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.
Ezra 4:7 Later, in the days of King Artaxerxes, Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their associates wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the letter was written in the Syrian {or} Aramaic script and interpreted in that language.
Ezra 4:8 Rehum the [Persian] commander [of the Samaritans] and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king of this sort--
Ezra 4:9 Then wrote Rehum the [Persian] commander, Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their associates--the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehaites, the Elamites,
Ezra 4:10 And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Osnappar deported and settled in the city of Samaria and the rest of the country beyond [west of] the Euphrates River, and so forth.
Ezra 4:11 This is a copy of the letter which they sent to King Artaxerxes: Your servants, the men beyond [that is, west of] the River [Euphrates], and so forth.
Ezra 4:12 Be it known to the king that the Jews who came up from you to us have come to Jerusalem. This rebellious and bad city they are rebuilding, and have restored its walls and repaired the foundations.
Ezra 4:13 Be it known now to the king that if this city is rebuilt and the walls finished, then they will not pay tribute, custom, or toll, and the royal revenue will be diminished.
Ezra 4:14 Now because we eat the salt of the king's palace and it is not proper for us to witness the king's discredit, therefore we send to inform the king,
Ezra 4:15 In order that a search may be made in the book of the records of your fathers, in which you will learn that this is a rebellious city, hurtful to kings and provinces, and that sedition was stirred up in it of old. That is why [it] was laid waste.
Ezra 4:16 We declare to the king that if this city is rebuilt and its walls finished, it will mean that you will have no portion on this side of the [Euphrates] River.
Ezra 4:17 Then the king sent an answer: To Rehum the [Persian] official, to Shimshai the scribe, to the rest of their companions who dwell in Samaria and in the rest of the country beyond the River: Greetings.
Ezra 4:18 The letter which you sent to us has been plainly read before me.
Ezra 4:19 I commanded and search has been made, and it is found that this city [Jerusalem] of old time has made insurrection against kings and that rebellion and sedition have been made in it.
Ezra 4:20 There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem who have ruled over all countries beyond [west of] the [Euphrates] River, and tribute, custom, and toll were paid to them.
Ezra 4:21 Therefore give a decree to make these men stop, that this city not be rebuilt, until a command is given by

me.
Ezra 4:22 Be sure that you do this. Why should damage grow, to the hurt of the kings?
Ezra 4:23 When the copy of King Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem to the Jews and by force and power made them cease.
Ezra 4:24 Then the work on the house of God in Jerusalem stopped. It stopped until the second year of Darius [I] king of Persia.
Ezra 5:1 NOW THE prophets, Haggai and Zechariah son [grandson] of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, Whose [Spirit] was upon them.
Ezra 5:2 Then rose up Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel [heir to the throne of Judah] and Jeshua son of Jozadak and began to build the house of God in Jerusalem; and with them were the prophets of God [Haggai and Zechariah], helping them.
Ezra 5:3 Then Tattenai, governor on the west side of the [Euphrates] River, and Shethar-bozenai and their companions came to them and said, Who authorized you to build this house and to restore this wall?
Ezra 5:4 Then we told them [in reply] the names of the men who were building this building.
Ezra 5:5 But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, so the enemy could not make them stop until the matter came before Darius [I] and an answer was returned by letter concerning it.
Ezra 5:6 This is a copy of the letter that Tattenai, governor on this side of the River, and Shethar-bozenai and his associates, the Apharsachites who were on this [west] side of the River, sent to Darius [I] the king.
Ezra 5:7 They wrote: To Darius the king: All peace.
Ezra 5:8 Be it known to the king that we went to the province of Judah, to the house of the great God. It is being built with huge stones, with timber laid in the walls; this work goes on with diligence {and} care and prospers in their hands.
Ezra 5:9 Then we asked those elders, Who authorized you to build this house and restore these walls?
Ezra 5:10 We asked their names also, that we might record the names of the men at their head and notify you.
Ezra 5:11 They replied, We are servants of the God of heaven and earth, rebuilding the house which was erected and finished many years ago by a great king of Israel.
Ezra 5:12 But after our fathers had provoked the God of heaven to wrath, He gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house and carried the people away into Babylon.
Ezra 5:13 But in the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon, the same King Cyrus made a decree to rebuild this house of God.
Ezra 5:14 And the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple in Jerusalem and brought into the temple of Babylon, King Cyrus took from the temple of Babylon and delivered to a man named Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor.
Ezra 5:15 And King Cyrus said to him, Go, take these vessels to Jerusalem and carry them into the temple, and let the house of God be built upon its site.
Ezra 5:16 Then came this Sheshbazzar and laid the foundation of the house of God in Jerusalem; and since that time until now it has been in the process of being rebuilt and is not completed yet.
Ezra 5:17 So now, if it seems good to the king, let a search be made in the royal archives there in Babylon to see if it is true that King Cyrus issued a decree to build this house of God at Jerusalem; and let the king send us his pleasure in this matter.
Ezra 6:1 THEN KING Darius [I] decreed, and a search was made in Babylonia in the house where the treasured records were stored.
Ezra 6:2 And at Ecbatana in the capital in the province of Media, a scroll was found on which this was recorded:
Ezra 6:3 In the first year of King Cyrus, [he] made a decree: Concerning the house of God in Jerusalem, let the house, the place where they offer sacrifices, be built, and let its foundations be strongly laid, its height and its breadth each 60 cubits,
Ezra 6:4 With three courses of great stones and one course of new timber. Let the cost be paid from the royal treasury.
Ezra 6:5 Also let the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon, be restored and brought back to the temple in Jerusalem, each put in its place in the house of God.
Ezra 6:6 Now therefore, Tattenai, governor of the province [west of] the River, Shethar-bozenai, and your associates, the Apharsachites who are [west of] the River, keep far away from there.
Ezra 6:7 Leave the work on this house of God alone; let the governor and the elders of the Jews build this house of God on its site.

Ezra 6:8 Moreover, I make a decree as to what you shall do for these elders of the Jews for the rebuilding of this house of God: the cost is to be paid in full to these men at once from the king's revenue, the tribute of the province [west of] the River, that they may not be hindered.
Ezra 6:9 And all they need, including young bulls, rams, and lambs for the burnt offerings to the God of heaven, and wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the word of the priests at Jerusalem, let it be given them each day without fail,
Ezra 6:10 That they may offer pleasing sacrifices to the God of heaven and pray for the life of the king and his sons.
Ezra 6:11 Also I make a decree that whoever shall change {or} infringe on this order, let a beam be pulled from his house and erected; then let him be fastened to it, and let his house be made a dunghill for this.
Ezra 6:12 May the God Who has caused His Name to dwell there overthrow all kings and peoples who put forth their hands to alter this or to destroy this house of God in Jerusalem. I Darius make a decree; let it be executed speedily {and} exactly.
Ezra 6:13 Then Tattenai, governor of the province this side of the River, with Shethar-bozenai and their associates, diligently did what King Darius had decreed.
Ezra 6:14 And the elders of the Jews built and prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah son of Iddo. They finished their building as commanded by the God of Israel and by decree of Cyrus and Darius and Artaxerxes king of Persia.
Ezra 6:15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month of Adar, in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius.
Ezra 6:16 And the Israelites--the priests, the Levites, and the rest of the returned exiles--celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy.
Ezra 6:17 They offered at the dedication of this house of God 100 young bulls, 200 rams, 400 lambs, and, for a sin offering for all Israel, 12 he-goats, according to the number of Israel's tribes.
Ezra 6:18 And they set the priests in their divisions and the Levites in their courses for the service of God at Jerusalem, as it is written in the Book of Moses.
Ezra 6:19 The returned exiles kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month.
Ezra 6:20 For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves together; all of them were clean. So they killed the Passover lamb for all the returned exiles, for their brother priests, and for themselves.
Ezra 6:21 It was eaten by the Israelites who had returned from exile and by all who had joined them and separated themselves from the pollutions of the peoples of the land to seek the Lord, the God of Israel.
Ezra 6:22 They kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days with joy, for the Lord had made them joyful and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria [referring to Darius king of Persia] to them, so that he strengthened their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.
Ezra 7:1 NOW AFTER this, in the reign of Artaxerxes [son of Xerxes, or Ahasuerus] king of Persia, Ezra son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah,
Ezra 7:2 The son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub,
Ezra 7:3 The son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth,
Ezra 7:4 The son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki,
Ezra 7:5 The son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest--
Ezra 7:6 This Ezra went up from Babylon. He was a skilled scribe in the five books of Moses, which the Lord, the God of Israel, had given. And the king granted him all he asked, for the hand of the Lord his God was upon him.
Ezra 7:7 And also some of the Israelites, with some of the priests and Levites, the singers and gatekeepers, and the temple servants, went up [from Babylon] to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes.
Ezra 7:8 Ezra came to Jerusalem in the fifth month of the seventh year of the king.
Ezra 7:9 On the first of the first month he started out from Babylon, and on the first of the fifth month he arrived in Jerusalem, for upon him was the good hand of his God.
Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had prepared {and} set his heart to seek the Law of the Lord [to inquire for it and of it, to require and yearn for it], and to do and teach in Israel its statutes and its ordinances.
Ezra 7:11 Now this is the copy of the letter that King Artaxerxes gave to Ezra the priest, the scribe, even a scribe [occupied with] the words of the commands of the Lord and of His statutes to Israel:
Ezra 7:12 Artaxerxes, king of kings, to Ezra the priest, scribe of the instructions of the God of heaven: Greetings.
Ezra 7:13 I make a decree that all of the people of Israel and of their priests and Levites in my realm, who offer freely to go up to Jerusalem, may go with you.
Ezra 7:14 For you are sent by the king and his seven counselors to inquire about Judah and Jerusalem according to the instruction of your God, which is in your hand,

Ezra 7:15 And to carry the silver and gold which the king and his counselors have freely offered to the God of Israel, Whose dwelling is in Jerusalem,
Ezra 7:16 And all the silver and gold that you may find in all the province of Babylonia, with the freewill offerings of the people and of the priests, offered willingly for the house of their God in Jerusalem.
Ezra 7:17 Therefore you shall with all speed {and} exactness buy with this money young bulls, rams, lambs, with their cereal offerings and drink offerings, and offer them on the altar of the house of your God in Jerusalem.
Ezra 7:18 And whatever shall seem good to you and to your brethren to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do after the will of your God.
Ezra 7:19 The vessels also that are given to you for the service of the house of your God, those deliver before the God of Jerusalem.
Ezra 7:20 And whatever more shall be needful for the house of your God which you shall have occasion to provide, provide it out of the king's treasury.
Ezra 7:21 And I, Artaxerxes the king, make a decree to all the treasurers in the province beyond the [Euphrates] River that whatever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the instructions of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it shall be done exactly {and} at once--
Ezra 7:22 Up to 100 talents of silver, 100 measures of wheat, 100 baths of wine, 100 baths of oil, and salt not specified.
Ezra 7:23 Whatever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be done diligently {and} honorably for the house of the God of heaven, lest His wrath be against the realm of the king and his sons.
Ezra 7:24 Also we notify you that as to any of the priests and Levites, singers, gatekeepers, temple servants, or other servants of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose tribute, custom, or toll on them.
Ezra 7:25 You, Ezra, after the wisdom of your God, which is [in His instructions] in your hand, set magistrates and judges who may judge all the people [west] of the River; choose those who know the instructions of your God, and teach him who does not know them.
Ezra 7:26 And whoever will not do the law of your God and the law of the king, let judgment be executed upon him exactly {and} speedily, whether it be unto death or banishment or confiscation of goods or imprisonment.
Ezra 7:27 Blessed be the Lord, the God of our fathers [said Ezra], Who put such a thing as this into the king's heart, to beautify the house of the Lord in Jerusalem,
Ezra 7:28 And Who has extended His mercy {and} steadfast love to me before the king, his counselors, and all the king's mighty officers. I was strengthened and encouraged, for the hand of the Lord my God was upon me, and I gathered together outstanding men of Israel to go with me to Jerusalem.
Ezra 8:1 THESE ARE the heads of their fathers' houses and this is the genealogy of those who went up with me from Babylonia in the reign of King Artaxerxes:
Ezra 8:2 Of the sons of Phinehas, Gershom; of Ithamar, Daniel; of David, Hattush
Ezra 8:3 Of the sons of Shecaniah; of the sons of Parosh, Zechariah, and with him were registered 150 men by genealogy;
Ezra 8:4 Of the sons of Pahath-moab, Eliehoenai son of Zerahiah, with 200 men;
Ezra 8:5 Of the sons of Zattu, Shecaniah son of Jahaziel, with 300 men;
Ezra 8:6 Of the sons of Adin, Ebed son of Jonathan, with 50 men;
Ezra 8:7 Of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiah son of Athaliah, with 70 men;
Ezra 8:8 Of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah son of Michael, with 80 men;
Ezra 8:9 Of the sons of Joab, Obadiah son of Jehiel, with 218 men;
Ezra 8:10 Of the sons of [Bani], Shelomith son of Josiphiah, with 160 men;
Ezra 8:11 Of the sons of Bebai, Zechariah son of Bebai, with 28 men;
Ezra 8:12 Of the sons of Azgad, Johanan son of Hakkatan, with 110 men;
Ezra 8:13 Of the sons of Adonikam, the last to come, their names are Eliphelet, Jeuel, and Shemaiah, with 60 men;
Ezra 8:14 Of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and Zabbud [Zaccur], with 70 men.
Ezra 8:15 I [Ezra] gathered them together at the river that runs to Ahava, and there we encamped three days. I reviewed the people and the priests, and found no Levites.
Ezra 8:16 Then I sent for Eliezer, Ariel, Shemaiah, Elnathan, Jarib, Elnathan, Nathan, Zechariah, Meshullam, who were chief men, and also for Joiarib and Elnathan,who were teachers.
Ezra 8:17 And I sent them to Iddo, the leading man at the place Casiphia, telling them to say to Iddo and his brethren the Nethinim [temple servants] at the place Casiphia, Bring to us servants for the house of our God.
Ezra 8:18 And by the good hand of our God upon us, they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mahli

son of Levi, the son of Israel, named Sherebiah, with his sons and his kinsmen, 18;
Ezra 8:19 And Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari, with his kinsmen and their sons, 20;
Ezra 8:20 Also 220 of the Nethinim, whose forefathers David and the officials had set apart [with their descendants] to attend the Levites. They were all mentioned by name.
Ezra 8:21 Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God to seek from Him a straight {and} right way for us, our little ones, and all our possessions.
Ezra 8:22 For I was ashamed to request of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to protect us against the enemy along the way, because we had told the king, The hand of our God is upon all them for good who seek Him, but His power and His wrath are against all those who forsake Him.
Ezra 8:23 So we fasted and besought our God for this, and He heard our entreaty.
Ezra 8:24 Then I set apart twelve leading priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their kinsmen,
Ezra 8:25 And weighed out to them the silver, the gold, and the vessels, the offering for the house of our God which the king, his counselors, his lords, and all Israel there present had offered.
Ezra 8:26 I weighed into their hands 650 talents of silver, and silver vessels valued at 100 talents, and 100 talents of gold;
Ezra 8:27 Also 20 basins of gold worth 1,000 darics, and two vessels of fine bright bronze, precious as gold.
Ezra 8:28 And I said to them, You are holy to the Lord, the vessels are holy also, and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering to the Lord, the God of your fathers.
Ezra 8:29 Guard and keep them until you weigh them before the chief priests and Levites and heads of the fathers' houses of Israel in Jerusalem in the chambers of the house of the Lord.
Ezra 8:30 So the priests and the Levites received the weight of the silver, the gold, and the vessels to bring them to Jerusalem into the house of our God.
Ezra 8:31 We left the river Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month to go to Jerusalem; and the hand of our God was upon us, and He delivered us from the enemy and those who lay in wait by the way.
Ezra 8:32 And we came to Jerusalem, and [had been] there three days.
Ezra 8:33 On the fourth day, the silver, the gold, and the vessels were weighed in the house of our God into the hands of Meremoth the priest, son of Uriah, and with him was Eleazar son of Phinehas, and with them were Jozabad son of Jeshua and Noadiah son of Binnui--the Levites.
Ezra 8:34 Every piece was counted and weighed, and all the weight was recorded at once.
Ezra 8:35 Also those returned exiles whose parents had been carried into captivity offered burnt offerings to the God of Israel: twelve young bulls for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, and twelve he-goats for a sin offering. All this was a burnt offering to the Lord.
Ezra 8:36 And they delivered the king's commissions to the king's lieutenants and to the governors west of the River, and they aided the people and God's house.
Ezra 9:1 AFTERWARD, THE officials came to me and said, The Israelites and the priests and Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, but have committed the abominations of the Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Jebusites, Ammonites, Moabites, Egyptians, and Amorites.
Ezra 9:2 For they have taken as wives some of their daughters for themselves and for their sons, so that the holy offspring have mixed themselves with the peoples of the lands. Indeed, the officials and chief men have been foremost in this wicked act {and} direct violation [of God's will].
Ezra 9:3 When I heard this, I rent my undergarment and my mantle, I pulled hair from my head and beard and sat down appalled.
Ezra 9:4 Then all those who trembled at the words of the God of Israel because of the offensive violation of His will by the returned exiles gathered around me as I sat astounded until the evening sacrifice.
Ezra 9:5 At the evening sacrifice I arose from my depression, and, having rent my undergarment and my mantle, I fell on my knees and spread out my hands to the Lord my God,
Ezra 9:6 Saying, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to You, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads and our guilt has mounted to the heavens.
Ezra 9:7 Since the days of our fathers we have been exceedingly guilty; and for our willfulness we, our kings, and our priests have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, captivity, plundering, and utter shame, as it is today.
Ezra 9:8 And now, for a brief moment, grace has been shown us by the Lord our God, Who has left us a remnant to escape and has given us a secure hold in His holy place, that our God may brighten our eyes and give us a little reviving in our bondage.

Ezra 9:9 For we are bondmen; yet our God has not forsaken us in our bondage, but has extended mercy {and} steadfast love to us before the kings of Persia, to give us some reviving to set up the house of our God, to repair its ruins, and to give us a wall [of protection] in Judah and Jerusalem.
Ezra 9:10 Now, O our God, what can we say after this? For we have forsaken Your commands
Ezra 9:11 Which You have commanded by Your servants the prophets, saying, The land which you are entering to possess is an unclean land with the pollutions of the peoples of the lands, through their abominations which have filled it from one end to the other with their filthiness.
Ezra 9:12 Therefore, do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons; and never seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the good of the land and leave it as an inheritance to your children always.
Ezra 9:13 And after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds and for our great guilt, seeing that You, our God, have punished us less than our iniquities deserved and have given us such a remnant,
Ezra 9:14 Shall we break Your commandments again and intermarry with the peoples who practice these abominations? Would You not be angry with us till You had consumed us, so that there would be no remnant nor any to escape?
Ezra 9:15 O Lord, the God of Israel, You are rigidly just {and} righteous, for we are left a remnant that is escaped, as it is this day. Behold, we are before You in our guilt, for none can stand before You because of this.
Ezra 10:1 NOW WHILE Ezra prayed and made confession, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there gathered to him out of Israel a very great assembly of men, women, and children; for the people wept bitterly.
Ezra 10:2 And Shecaniah [II] son of Jehiel [one of the congregation], of the sons of Elam, said to Ezra: We have broken faith {and} dealt treacherously against our God and have married foreign women of the peoples of the land; yet now there is still hope for Israel in spite of this thing.
Ezra 10:3 Therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the foreign wives and their children, according to the counsel of my lord and of those who tremble at the command of our God; and let it be done according to the Law.
Ezra 10:4 Arise, for it is your duty, and we are with you. Be strong {and} brave and do it.
Ezra 10:5 Then Ezra arose and made the chiefs of the priests, the Levites, and all Israel swear that they would do as had been said. So they took the oath.
Ezra 10:6 Then Ezra came from before the house of God and went into the lodging place of Jehohanan son of Eliashib [for the night]. There he ate no bread and drank no water, for he mourned over the returned exiles' faithlessness [and violation of God's law].
Ezra 10:7 And proclamation was made throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the returned exiles, that they should assemble in Jerusalem,
Ezra 10:8 And that whoever did not come within three days, by order of the officials and the elders, all his property should be forfeited and he himself banned from the assembly of the exiles.
Ezra 10:9 Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered at Jerusalem within three days. It was the twentieth day of the ninth month, and all the people sat in the open space before the house of God, trembling because of this matter and because of the heavy rain.
Ezra 10:10 And Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, You have acted wickedly {and} broken faith [with God] and have married foreign (heathen) women, increasing the guilt of Israel.
Ezra 10:11 So now make confession {and} give thanks to the Lord, the God of your fathers [for not consuming you], and do His will. Separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from [your] foreign (heathen) wives.
Ezra 10:12 Then all the assembly answered with a loud voice, As you have said, so must we do.
Ezra 10:13 But the people are many and it is a time of heavy rain; we cannot stand outside. Nor can this work be done in a day or two, for we have greatly transgressed in this matter.
Ezra 10:14 Let our officials stand for the whole assembly; let all in our cities who have foreign wives come by appointment, and with each group the elders of that city and its judges, until the fierce wrath of our God over this matter is turned away from us.
Ezra 10:15 Only Jonathan son of Asahel and Jahzeiah son of Tikvah opposed this, and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite supported them.
Ezra 10:16 Then the returned exiles did so. Ezra the priest and certain heads of fathers' houses were selected, according to their fathers' houses, each of them by name; and they sat down on the first day of the tenth month to investigate the matter.

Ezra 10:17 And by the first day of the first month they had come to the end of the cases of the men married to foreign wives.
Ezra 10:18 Of the sons of the priests who had married non-Jewish women were found: of the sons of Jeshua [the high priest] son of Jozadak, and his brethren: Maaseiah, Eliezer, Jarib, and Gedaliah.
Ezra 10:19 They solemnly vowed to put away their [heathen] wives, and, being guilty, [each] offered a ram of the flock for [his] guilt.
Ezra 10:20 Of the sons of Immer: Hanani and Zebadiah.
Ezra 10:21 Of the sons of Harim: Maaseiah, Elijah, Shemaiah, Jehiel, and Uzziah.
Ezra 10:22 Of the sons of Pashhur: Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad, and Elasah.
Ezra 10:23 Of the Levites: Jozabad, Shimei, Kelaiah (Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.
Ezra 10:24 Of the singers: Eliashib. Of the gatekeepers: Shallum, Telem, and Uri.
Ezra 10:25 And of Israel: of the sons of Parosh: Ramiah, Izziah, Malchijah, Mijamin, Eleazar, Malchijah (Hashabiah), and Benaiah.
Ezra 10:26 Of the sons of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, Jehiel, Abdi, Jeremoth, and Elijah.
Ezra 10:27 Of the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, Jeremoth, Zabad, and Aziza.
Ezra 10:28 Of the sons also of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai.
Ezra 10:29 Of the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, Adaiah, Jashub, Sheal, and Jeremoth.
Ezra 10:30 Of the sons of Pahath-moab: Adna, Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, Binnui, and Manasseh.
Ezra 10:31 Of the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Isshijah, Malchijah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,
Ezra 10:32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah.
Ezra 10:33 Of the sons of Hashum: Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei.
Ezra 10:34 Of the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, Uel,
Ezra 10:35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Cheluhi (Cheluhu),
Ezra 10:36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,
Ezra 10:37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, Jaasu [Jaasai],
Ezra 10:38 Bani, Binnui, Shimei,
Ezra 10:39 Shelemiah, Nathan, Adaiah,
Ezra 10:40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,
Ezra 10:41 Azarel, Shelemiah, Shemariah,
Ezra 10:42 Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph.
Ezra 10:43 Of the sons of Nebo: Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Iddo (Jaddai), Joel, and Benaiah.
Ezra 10:44 All these had married foreign women, and some of the wives had borne children.
Neh 1:1 THE WORDS {or} story of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah: Now in the month of Chislev in the twentieth year [of the Persian king], as I was in the castle of Shushan,
Neh 1:2 Hanani, one of my kinsmen, came with certain men from Judah, and I asked them about the surviving Jews who had escaped exile, and about Jerusalem.
Neh 1:3 And they said to me, The remnant there in the province who escaped exile are in great trouble and reproach; the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its [fortified] gates are destroyed by fire.
Neh 1:4 When I heard this, I sat down and wept and mourned for days and fasted and prayed [constantly] before the God of heaven,
Neh 1:5 And I said, O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, Who keeps covenant, loving-kindness, {and} mercy for those who love Him and keep His commandments,
Neh 1:6 Let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open to listen to the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You day and night for the Israelites, Your servants, confessing the sins of the Israelites which we have sinned against You. Yes, I and my father's house have sinned.
Neh 1:7 We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, statutes, and ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses.
Neh 1:8 Remember [earnestly] what You commanded Your servant Moses: If you transgress {and} are unfaithful, I will scatter you abroad among the nations;
Neh 1:9 But if you return to Me and keep My commandments and do them, though your outcasts were in the farthest part of the heavens [the expanse of outer space], yet will I gather them from there and will bring them to the place in which I have chosen to set My Name.
Neh 1:10 Now these are Your servants and Your people, whom You have redeemed by Your great power and by Your strong hand.

Neh 1:11 O Lord, let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant and the prayer of Your servants who delight to revere {and} fear Your name (Your nature and attributes); and prosper, I pray You, Your servant this day and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was cupbearer to the king.
Neh 2:1 IN THE month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad before in his presence.
Neh 2:2 So the king said to me, Why do you look sad, since you are not sick? This is nothing but sorrow of heart. Then I was very much afraid
Neh 2:3 And said to the king, Let the king live forever! Why should I not be sad faced when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchers, lies waste, and its [fortified] gates are consumed by fire?
Neh 2:4 The king said to me, For what do you ask? So I prayed to the God of heaven.
Neh 2:5 And I said to [him], If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you will send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' sepulchers, that I may rebuild it.
Neh 2:6 The king, beside whom the queen was sitting, asked me, How long will your journey take, and when will you return? So it pleased [him] to send me; and I set him a time.
Neh 2:7 Also I said to the king, If it pleases the king, let letters be given me for the governors beyond the [Euphrates] River, that they may let me pass through to Judah,
Neh 2:8 And a letter to Asaph, keeper of the king's forest {or} park, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress of the temple and for the city wall and for the house that I shall occupy. And the king granted what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me.
Neh 2:9 Then I came to the governors beyond the River and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me.
Neh 2:10 When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard this, it distressed them exceedingly that a man had come to inquire for {and} require the good {and} prosperity of the Israelites.
Neh 2:11 So I came to Jerusalem and had been there three days.
Neh 2:12 Then I arose in the night, I and a few men with me. And I told no one what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. No beast was with me except the one I rode.
Neh 2:13 I went out by night by the Valley Gate toward the Dragon's Well and to the Dung Gate and inspected the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire.
Neh 2:14 I passed over to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass.
Neh 2:15 So [gradually] I went up by the brook [Kidron] in the night and inspected the wall; then I turned back and entered [the city] by the Valley Gate, and so returned.
Neh 2:16 And the magistrates knew not where I went or what I did; nor had I yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, or the rest who did the work.
Neh 2:17 Then I said to them, You see the bad situation we are in--how Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates are burned with fire. Come, let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a disgrace.
Neh 2:18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was upon me for good, and also the words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, Let us rise up and build! So they strengthened their hands for the good work.
Neh 2:19 But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed us to scorn and despised us and said, What is this thing you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?
Neh 2:20 I answered them, The God of heaven will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no portion or right or memorial in Jerusalem.
Neh 3:1 THEN ELIASHIB the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests and built the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set up its doors; they consecrated it even to the Tower of Hammeah {or} the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananel.
Neh 3:2 And next to him [Eliashib] the men of Jericho built. Next to [them] Zaccur son of Imri built.
Neh 3:3 And the Fish Gate the sons of Hassenaah built; they laid its beams and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars.
Neh 3:4 And next to them Meremoth son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz, repaired. Next to them Meshullam son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabel, repaired. Next to them Zadok son of Baana repaired.
Neh 3:5 Next to them the Tekoites repaired, but their nobles {or} lords did not put their necks to the work of their Lord.
Neh 3:6 Moreover, the Old Gate Joiada son of Paseah and Meshullam son of Besodeiah repaired. They laid its beams and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars.
Neh 3:7 Next to them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah,

[up] to the seat or residence of the governor [west of] the River [Euphrates, there in Jerusalem].
Neh 3:8 Next to them repaired Uzziel son of Harhaiah, one of the goldsmiths. Next to him repaired Hananiah, one of the perfumers, and they abandoned [fortification of] Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall [omitting that part of the ancient city and reducing the area].
Neh 3:9 Next to them repaired Rephaiah son of Hur, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem.
Neh 3:10 Next to them repaired Jedaiah son of Harumaph, opposite his own house. And next to him repaired Hattush son of Hashabneiah.
Neh 3:11 Malchijah son of Harim and Hasshub son of Pahath-moab repaired another portion and the Tower of the Furnaces.
Neh 3:12 Next to [them] repaired Shallum son of Hallohesh, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.
Neh 3:13 The Valley Gate [the main entrance in the west wall, the Jaffa Gate] was repaired by Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah. They built it and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars and repaired a thousand cubits of the wall, as far as the Dung Gate.
Neh 3:14 The Dung Gate was repaired by Malchijah son of Rechab, the ruler of the district of Beth-haccherem. He rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.
Neh 3:15 The Fountain Gate was repaired by Shallum son of Col-hozeh, ruler of the district of Mizpah. He rebuilt and covered it and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and the wall of the Pool of Shelah (Siloam), by the King's Garden, as far as the stairs that go down [the eastern slope] from the [portion of Jerusalem known as] the City of David.
Neh 3:16 After him Nehemiah [III] son of Azbuk, ruler of half the district of Beth-zur, repaired [the wall] to a point opposite the sepulchers of David, and to the artificial pool and the house of the guards.
Neh 3:17 After him the Levites: Rehum son of Bani. Next to him repaired Hashabiah, ruler of half the district of Keilah.
Neh 3:18 After him repaired their brethren under Bavvai son of Henadad, ruler of [the other] half of the district of Keilah.
Neh 3:19 Next to him repaired Ezer son of Jeshua, ruler of Mizpah, another district over opposite the ascent to the armory at the angle [in the wall].
Neh 3:20 After him Baruch son of Zabbai (Zaccai) earnestly repaired another portion [toward the hill] from the angular turning of the wall to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.
Neh 3:21 After him Meremoth son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz, repaired from the door of Eliashib's house to the end of his house.
Neh 3:22 After him the priests, men of the plain, repaired.
Neh 3:23 After them Benjamin and Hasshub repaired opposite their house. After them repaired Azariah son of Maaseiah, the son of Ananiah beside his own house.
Neh 3:24 After him Binnui son of Henadad repaired another section [of the wall], from the house of Azariah to the angular turn of the wall and to the corner.
Neh 3:25 Palal son of Uzai repaired opposite the angular turn of the wall and the tower which stands out from the upper house of the king by the court of the guard. After him Pedaiah son of Parosh
Neh 3:26 And the servants of the priests dwelling on Ophel [the hill south of the temple] repaired to opposite the Water Gate on the east and the projecting tower.
Neh 3:27 After them the Tekoites repaired another portion opposite the great projecting tower to the wall of Ophel.
Neh 3:28 Above the Horse Gate the priests repaired, everyone opposite his own house.
Neh 3:29 After them repaired Zadok son of Immer opposite his house. Then Shemaiah son of Shecaniah, keeper of the East Gate, repaired.
Neh 3:30 After him Hananiah son of Shelemiah, and Hanun, the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another section. After him Meshullam son of Berechiah repaired opposite his chamber.
Neh 3:31 After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired as far as the house of the temple servants and of the merchants, opposite the Muster Gate, and to the ascent {and} upper room of the corner.
Neh 3:32 And from the ascent {and} upper room of the corner to the Sheep Gate the goldsmiths and merchants repaired.
Neh 4:1 BUT WHEN Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and in a great rage, and he ridiculed the Jews.
Neh 4:2 And he said before his brethren and the army of Samaria, What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore

things [at will and by themselves]? Will they [try to bribe their God] with sacrifices? Will they finish up in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, seeing they are burned?
Neh 4:3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was near him, and he said, What they build--if a fox climbs upon it, he will break down their stone wall.
Neh 4:4 [And Nehemiah prayed] Hear, O our God, for we are despised. Turn their taunts upon their own heads, and give them for a prey in a land of their captivity.
Neh 4:5 Cover not their iniquity and let not their sin be blotted out before You, for they have vexed [with alarm] the builders {and} provoked You.
Neh 4:6 So we built the wall, and all [of it] was joined together to half its height, for the people had a heart {and} mind to work.
Neh 4:7 But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabians, Ammonites, and Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were going up and that the breaches were being closed, they were very angry.
Neh 4:8 And they all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem, to injure {and} cause confusion {and} failure in it.
Neh 4:9 But because of them we made our prayer to our God and set a watch against them day and night.
Neh 4:10 And [the leaders of] Judah said, The strength of the burden bearers is weakening, and there is much rubbish; we are not able to work on the wall.
Neh 4:11 And our enemies said, They will not know or see till we come into their midst and kill them and stop the work.
Neh 4:12 And when the Jews who lived near them came, they said to us ten times, You must return [to guard our little villages]; from all places where they dwell they will be upon us.
Neh 4:13 So I set [armed men] behind the wall in places where it was least protected; I even thus used the people as families with their swords, spears, and bows.
Neh 4:14 I looked [them over] and rose up and said to the nobles and officials and the other people, Do not be afraid of the enemy; [earnestly] remember the Lord {and} imprint Him [on your minds], great and terrible, and [take from Him courage to] fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.
Neh 4:15 And when our enemies heard that their plot was known to us and that God had frustrated their purpose, we all returned to the wall, everyone to his work.
Neh 4:16 And from that time forth, half of my servants worked at the task, and the other half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail; and the leaders stood behind all the house of Judah.
Neh 4:17 Those who built the wall and those who bore burdens loaded themselves so that everyone worked with one hand and held a weapon with the other hand,
Neh 4:18 And every builder had his sword girded by his side, and so worked. And he who sounded the trumpet was at my side.
Neh 4:19 And I said to the nobles and officials and the rest of the people, The work is great and scattered, and we are separated on the wall, one far from another.
Neh 4:20 In whatever place you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us.
Neh 4:21 So we labored at the work while half of them held the spears from dawn until the stars came out.
Neh 4:22 At that time also I said to the people, Let everyone with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that at night they may be a guard to us and a laborer during the day.
Neh 4:23 So none of us--I, my kinsmen, my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me--took off our clothes; each kept his weapon [in his hand for days].
Neh 5:1 NOW THERE arose a great cry of the [poor] people and of their wives [driven to borrowing] against their Jewish brethren [the few who could afford to lend].
Neh 5:2 For some said, We, our sons and daughters, are many; therefore allow us to take grain, that we may eat and live! If we are not given grain, let us take it!
Neh 5:3 Also some said, We are mortgaging our lands, vineyards, and houses to buy grain because of the scarcity.
Neh 5:4 Others said, We have borrowed money on our fields and vineyards to pay the [Persian] king's heavy tax.
Neh 5:5 Although our flesh is the same as that of our brethren and our children are as theirs, yet we are forced to sell our children as slaves; some of our daughters have already been thus sold, and we are powerless to redeem them, for others have our lands and vineyards.
Neh 5:6 I [Nehemiah] was very angry when I heard their cry and these words.
Neh 5:7 I thought it over and then rebuked the nobles and officials. I told them, You are exacting interest from your own kinsmen. And I held a great assembly against them.

Neh 5:8 I said to them, We, according to our ability, have bought back our Jewish brethren who were sold to the nations; but will you even sell your brethren, that they may be sold to us? Then they were silent and found not a word to say.
Neh 5:9 Also I said, What you are doing is not good. Should you not walk in the fear of our God to prevent the taunts {and} reproach of the nations, our enemies?
Neh 5:10 I, my brethren, and my servants are lending them money and grain. Let us stop this forbidden interest!
Neh 5:11 Return this very day to them their fields, vineyards, olive groves, and houses, and also a hundredth of all the money, grain, new wine, and oil that you have exacted from them.
Neh 5:12 Then they said, We will restore these and require nothing from them. We will do as you say. Then I called the priests and took an oath of the lenders that they would do according to this promise.
Neh 5:13 I shook out my lap and said, So may God shake out every man from his house and from [the exercise and fruits of] his labor who does not keep this promise! So may he be shaken out and emptied. And all the assembly said, Amen, and praised the Lord. And the people did according to this promise.
Neh 5:14 Also, in the twelve years after I was appointed to be their governor in Judah, from the twentieth to the thirty-second year of King Artaxerxes, neither I nor my kin ate the food allowed to [me] the governor.
Neh 5:15 But the former governors lived at the expense of the people and took from them food and wine, besides forty shekels of silver [a large monthly official salary]; yes, even their servants assumed authority over the people. But I did not so because of my [reverent] fear of God.
Neh 5:16 I also held fast to the work on this wall; and we bought no land. And all my servants were gathered there for the work.
Neh 5:17 And there were at my table 150 Jews and officials, besides those who came to us from the nations about us.
Neh 5:18 Now these were prepared for each day: one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days a store of all sorts of wine. Yet for all this, I did not demand [my rights] the food allowed me as governor, for the [tribute] bondage was heavy upon this people.
Neh 5:19 O my God, [earnestly] remember me for good for all I have done for this people.
Neh 6:1 NOW WHEN Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall and that there was no breach left in it, although at that time I had not set up the doors in the gates,
Neh 6:2 Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, Come, let us meet together in one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they intended to do me harm.
Neh 6:3 And I sent messengers to them, saying, I am doing a great work and cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave to come down to you?
Neh 6:4 They sent to me four times this way, and I answered them as before.
Neh 6:5 Then Sanballat sent his servant to me again the fifth time with an open letter.
Neh 6:6 In it was written: It is reported among the neighboring nations, and Gashmu says it, that you and the Jews plan to rebel; therefore you are building the wall, that you may be their king, according to the report.
Neh 6:7 Also you have set up prophets to announce concerning you in Jerusalem, There is a king in Judah. And now this will be reported to the [Persian] king. So, come now and let us take counsel together.
Neh 6:8 I replied to him, No such things as you say have been done; you are inventing them out of your own heart {and} mind.
Neh 6:9 For they all wanted to frighten us, thinking, Their hands will be so weak that the work will not be done. But now strengthen my hands!
Neh 6:10 I went into the house of Shemaiah son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was shut up. He said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you--at night they are coming to kill you.
Neh 6:11 But I said, Should such a man as I flee? And what man such as I could go into the temple [where only the priests are allowed to go] and yet live? I will not go in.
Neh 6:12 And behold, I saw that God had not sent him, but he made this prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.
Neh 6:13 He was hired that I should be made afraid and do as he said and sin, that they might have matter for an evil report with which to taunt {and} reproach me.
Neh 6:14 My God, think on Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who would have put me in fear.
Neh 6:15 So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days.
Neh 6:16 When all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us feared and fell far in their own esteem, for they

saw that this work was done by our God.
Neh 6:17 Moreover, in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and Tobiah's letters came to them.
Neh 6:18 For many in Judah were bound by oath to him, because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah son of Arah, and his son Jehohanan had married the daughter of Meshullam son of Berechiah.
Neh 6:19 Also they spoke of [Tobiah's] good deeds before me and told him what I said. And Tobiah sent letters to frighten me.
Neh 7:1 NOW WHEN the wall was built and I had set up the doors, and the gatekeepers, singers, and Levites had been appointed,
Neh 7:2 I gave my brother Hanani, with Hananiah the ruler of the castle, charge over Jerusalem, for Hananiah was a more faithful and God-fearing man than many.
Neh 7:3 I said to them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot; and while the watchmen are still on guard, let them shut and bar the doors. Appoint guards from the people of Jerusalem, each to his watch [on the wall] and each opposite his own house.
Neh 7:4 Now the city was wide and large, but the people in it were few, and their houses were not yet built.
Neh 7:5 And my God put it into my mind {and} heart to assemble the nobles, the officers, and the people, that they might be counted by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of those who came [from Babylon] at the first, and found written in it:
Neh 7:6 These are the people of the province who came up out of the captivity of those exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away; they returned to Jerusalem and to Judah, each to his town,
Neh 7:7 Who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah [not the author], Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The men of Israel numbered:
Neh 7:8 The sons of Parosh, 2,172.
Neh 7:9 The sons of Shephatiah, 372.
Neh 7:10 The sons of Arah, 652.
Neh 7:11 The sons of Pahath-moab, namely the sons of Jeshua and Joab, 2,818.
Neh 7:12 The sons of Elam, 1,254.
Neh 7:13 The sons of Zattu, 845.
Neh 7:14 The sons of Zaccai, 760.
Neh 7:15 The sons of Binnui, 648.
Neh 7:16 The sons of Bebai, 628.
Neh 7:17 The sons of Azgad, 2,322.
Neh 7:18 The sons of Adonikam, 667.
Neh 7:19 The sons of Bigvai, 2,067.
Neh 7:20 The sons of Adin, 655.
Neh 7:21 The sons of Ater, namely of Hezekiah, 98.
Neh 7:22 The sons of Hashum, 328.
Neh 7:23 The sons of Bezai, 324.
Neh 7:24 The sons of Hariph, 112.
Neh 7:25 The sons of Gibeon, 95.
Neh 7:26 The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, 188.
Neh 7:27 The men of Anathoth, 128.
Neh 7:28 The men of Beth-azmaveth, 42.
Neh 7:29 The men of Kiriath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, 743.
Neh 7:30 The men of Ramah and Geba, 621.
Neh 7:31 The men of Michmas, 122.
Neh 7:32 The men of Bethel and Ai, 123.
Neh 7:33 The men of the other Nebo, 52.
Neh 7:34 The sons of the other Elam, 1,254.
Neh 7:35 The sons of Harim, 320.
Neh 7:36 The sons of Jericho, 345.
Neh 7:37 The sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, 721.
Neh 7:38 The sons of Senaah, 3,930.
Neh 7:39 The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, namely the house of Jeshua, 973.
Neh 7:40 The sons of Immer, 1,052.

Neh 7:41 The sons of Pashhur, 1,247.
Neh 7:42 The sons of Harim, 1,017.
Neh 7:43 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua, namely of Kadmiel of the sons of Hodevah, 74.
Neh 7:44 The singers: the sons of Asaph, 148.
Neh 7:45 The gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, of Ater, of Talmon, of Akkub, of Hatita, and of Shobai, 138.
Neh 7:46 The Nethinim [temple servants]: the sons of Ziha, of Hasupha, of Tabbaoth,
Neh 7:47 Of Keros, of Sia, of Padon,
Neh 7:48 Of Lebana, of Hagaba, of Shalmai,
Neh 7:49 Of Hanan, of Giddel, of Gahar,
Neh 7:50 Of Reaiah, of Rezin, of Nekoda,
Neh 7:51 Of Gazzam, of Uzza, of Paseah,
Neh 7:52 Of Besai, of Meunim, of Nephushesim,
Neh 7:53 Of Bakbuk, of Hakupha, of Harhur,
Neh 7:54 Of Bazlith, of Mehida, of Harsha,
Neh 7:55 Of Barkos, of Sisera, of Temah,
Neh 7:56 Of Neziah, of Hatipha.
Neh 7:57 The sons of Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai, of Sophereth, of Perida,
Neh 7:58 Of Jaala, of Darkon, of Giddel,
Neh 7:59 Of Shephatiah, of Hattil, of Pochereth-hazzebaim, of Amon.
Neh 7:60 All the Nethinim [temple servants] and the sons of Solomon's servants, 392.
Neh 7:61 And these were they who went up also from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer, but they [had no birth records and] could not prove their father's house nor their descent, whether they were of Israel:
Neh 7:62 The sons of Delaiah, of Tobiah, of Nekoda, 642.
Neh 7:63 Of the priests: the sons of Hobaiah, of Hakkoz, and of Barzillai, who [was so named because he] married one of the daughters of the [noted] Gileadite Barzillai and was called by their name.
Neh 7:64 These sought their registration among those recorded in the genealogies, but it was not found; so they were excluded from the priesthood as [ceremonially] unclean.
Neh 7:65 The governor told them that they should refrain from eating any of the most holy food until a priest with Urim and Thummim should arise [to determine the will of God in the matter].
Neh 7:66 The congregation all together was 42,360,
Neh 7:67 Besides their manservants and their maidservants, of whom there were 7,337; and they had 245 singers, men and women.
Neh 7:68 Their horses were 736; their mules, 245;
Neh 7:69 Their camels, 435; their donkeys, 6,720.
Neh 7:70 And some of the heads of fathers' houses gave to the work. The Tirshatha {or} governor gave to the treasury 1,000 darics of gold, 50 basins, 530 priests' garments.
Neh 7:71 Some of the heads of fathers' houses gave to the treasury for the work 20,000 darics of gold and 2,200 minas of silver.
Neh 7:72 What the rest of the people gave was 20,000 darics of gold, 2,000 minas of silver, and 67 priests' garments.
Neh 7:73 So the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the Nethinim [the temple servants], along with all Israel, dwelt in their towns, and were in them when the seventh month came.
Neh 8:1 THEN ALL the people gathered together as one man in the broad place before the Water Gate; and they asked Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel.
Neh 8:2 And Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly of both men and women and all who could hear with understanding, on the first of the seventh month.
Neh 8:3 He read from it, facing the broad place before the Water Gate, from early morning until noon, in the presence of the men and women and those who could understand; and all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.
Neh 8:4 Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden pulpit which they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddana, Zechariah, and Meshullam.
Neh 8:5 Ezra opened the book in sight of all the people, for he was standing above them; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.
Neh 8:6 And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, lifting up their hands; and they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with faces to the ground.

Neh 8:7 Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah--the Levites--helped the people to understand the Law, and the people [remained] in their place.
Neh 8:8 So they read from the Book of the Law of God distinctly, faithfully amplifying {and} giving the sense so that [the people] understood the reading.
Neh 8:9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all of them, This day is holy to the Lord your God; mourn not nor weep. For all the people wept when they heard the words of the Law.
Neh 8:10 Then [Ezra] told them, Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet drink, and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. And be not grieved {and} depressed, for the joy of the Lord is your strength {and} stronghold.
Neh 8:11 So the Levites quieted all the people, saying, Be still, for the day is holy. And do not be grieved {and} sad.
Neh 8:12 And all the people went their way to eat, drink, send portions, and make great rejoicing, for they had understood the words that were declared to them.
Neh 8:13 On the second day, all the heads of fathers' houses, with the priests and Levites, gathered to Ezra the scribe to study {and} understand the words of divine instruction.
Neh 8:14 And they found written in the law, which the Lord had commanded through Moses, that the Israelites should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month
Neh 8:15 And that they should publish and proclaim in all their towns and in Jerusalem, saying, Go out to the hills and bring branches of olive, wild olive, myrtle, palm, and other leafy trees to make booths, as it is written.
Neh 8:16 So the people went out and brought them and made themselves booths, each on the roof of his house and in their courts and the courts of God's house and in the squares of the Water Gate and the Gate of Ephraim.
Neh 8:17 All the assembly of returned exiles made booths and dwelt in them; for since the days of Jeshua (Joshua) son of Nun up to that day, the Israelites had not done so. And there was very great rejoicing.
Neh 8:18 Also day by day, from the first day to the last, Ezra read from the Book of the Law of God. They kept the feast for seven days; the eighth day was a [closing] solemn assembly, according to the ordinance.
Neh 9:1 NOW ON the twenty-fourth day of this month, the Israelites were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth and with earth upon their heads.
Neh 9:2 And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.
Neh 9:3 And they stood in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the Lord their God for a fourth of the day, and for another fourth of it they confessed and worshiped the Lord their God.
Neh 9:4 On the stairs of the Levites stood Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and they cried with a loud voice to the Lord their God.
Neh 9:5 Then the Levites--Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah--said, Stand up and bless the Lord your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be Your glorious name which is exalted above all blessing and praise.
Neh 9:6 [And Ezra said], You are the Lord, You alone; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and You preserve them all, and the hosts of heaven worship You.
Neh 9:7 You are the Lord, the God Who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldees and gave him the name Abraham.
Neh 9:8 You found his heart faithful before You, and You made the covenant with him to give his descendants the land of the Canaanite, Hittite, Amorite, Perizzite, Jebusite, and Girgashite. And You have fulfilled Your promise, for You are just {and} righteous.
Neh 9:9 You saw our fathers' affliction in Egypt, and You heard their cry at the Red Sea.
Neh 9:10 You performed signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants and all the people of his land, for You knew that they dealt insolently against the Israelites. And You got for Yourself a name, as it is today.
Neh 9:11 You divided the sea before them, so that they went through its midst on dry land; their persecutors You threw into the depths, as a stone into mighty waters.
Neh 9:12 Moreover, by a pillar of cloud You led them by day, and by a pillar of fire by night to light the way they should go.
Neh 9:13 You came down also upon Mount Sinai and spoke with them from Heaven and gave them right ordinances and true laws, good statutes and commandments.
Neh 9:14 And You made known to them Your holy Sabbath and gave them commandments, statutes, and a law

through Moses Your servant.
Neh 9:15 You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger and brought water for them out of the rock for their thirst; and You told them to go in and possess the land You had sworn to give them.
Neh 9:16 But they and our fathers acted presumptuously and stiffened their necks, and did not heed Your commandments.
Neh 9:17 They refused to obey, nor were they mindful of Your wonders {and} miracles which You did among them; but they stiffened their necks and in their rebellion appointed a captain, that they might return to their bondage [in Egypt]. But You are a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great steadfast love; and You did not forsake them.
Neh 9:18 Even when they had made for themselves a molten calf and said, This is your god, who brought you out of Egypt, and had committed great {and} contemptible blasphemies,
Neh 9:19 You in Your great mercy forsook them not in the wilderness; the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day to lead them in the way, nor the pillar of fire by night to light the way they should go.
Neh 9:20 You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, and withheld not Your manna from them, and gave water for their thirst.
Neh 9:21 Forty years You sustained them in the wilderness; they lacked nothing, their clothes did not wear out, and their feet did not swell.
Neh 9:22 Also You gave them kingdoms and peoples and allotted to them every corner. So they possessed the land of Sihon king of Heshbon and the land of Og king of Bashan.
Neh 9:23 Their children You also multiplied as the stars of heaven and brought them into the land which You told their fathers they should go in and possess.
Neh 9:24 So the descendants went in and possessed the land; and You subdued before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gave them into their hands, with their kings and the peoples of the land, that they might do with them as they would.
Neh 9:25 And they captured fortified cities and a rich land and took possession of houses full of all good things, cisterns hewn out, vineyards, olive orchards, and fruit trees in abundance. So they ate and were filled and became fat and delighted themselves in Your great goodness.
Neh 9:26 Yet they were disobedient and rebelled against You and cast Your law behind their back and killed Your prophets who accused {and} warned them to turn to You again; and they committed great {and} contemptible blasphemies.
Neh 9:27 Therefore You delivered them into the hand of their enemies, who distressed them. In the time of their suffering when they cried to You, You heard them from heaven, and according to Your abundant mercy You gave them deliverers, who saved them from their enemies.
Neh 9:28 But after they had rest, they did evil again before You; therefore You left them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had dominion over them. Yet when they turned and cried to You, You heard them from heaven, and many times You delivered them according to Your mercies,
Neh 9:29 And reproved {and} warned them, that You might bring them again to Your law. Yet they acted presumptuously and did not heed Your commandments, but sinned against Your ordinances, which by keeping, a man shall live. And they turned a stubborn shoulder, stiffened their neck, and would not listen.
Neh 9:30 Yet You bore with them many years more and reproved {and} warned them by Your Spirit through Your prophets; still they would not listen. Therefore You gave them into the power of the peoples of the lands.
Neh 9:31 Yet in Your great mercies You did not utterly consume them or forsake them, for You are a gracious and merciful God.
Neh 9:32 Now therefore, our God, the great, mighty, and terrible God, Who keeps covenant and mercy {and} loving-kindness, let not all the trouble {and} hardship seem little to You--the hardship that has come upon us, our kings, our princes, our priests, our prophets, our fathers, and on all Your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria to this day.
Neh 9:33 However, You are just in all that has come upon us; for You have dealt faithfully, but we have done wickedly;
Neh 9:34 Our kings, our princes, our priests, and our fathers have not kept Your law or hearkened to Your commandments and Your warnings {and} reproofs which You gave them.
Neh 9:35 They did not serve You in their kingdom, and in Your great goodness that You gave them and in the large and rich land You set before them, nor did they turn from their wicked works.
Neh 9:36 Behold, we are slaves this day, and as for the land that You gave to our fathers to eat the fruit and the good

of it, behold, we are slaves in it.
Neh 9:37 And its rich yield goes to the kings whom You have set over us because of our sins; they have power also over our bodies and over our livestock at their pleasure. And we are in great distress.
Neh 9:38 Because of all this, we make a firm {and} sure written covenant, and our princes, Levites, and priests set their seal to it.
Neh 10:1 THESE SET their seal: Nehemiah the governor, the son of Hacaliah. And Zedekiah,
Neh 10:2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,
Neh 10:3 Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah,
Neh 10:4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,
Neh 10:5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,
Neh 10:6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,
Neh 10:7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,
Neh 10:8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah--these were the priests.
Neh 10:9 And the Levites: Jeshua son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel,
Neh 10:10 And their brethren: Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,
Neh 10:11 Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah,
Neh 10:12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,
Neh 10:13 Hodiah, Bani, Beninu.
Neh 10:14 The chiefs of the people: Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani,
Neh 10:15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,
Neh 10:16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,
Neh 10:17 Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur,
Neh 10:18 Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai,
Neh 10:19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,
Neh 10:20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,
Neh 10:21 Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua,
Neh 10:22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,
Neh 10:23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub,
Neh 10:24 Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek,
Neh 10:25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,
Neh 10:26 Ahiah, Hanan, Anan,
Neh 10:27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.
Neh 10:28 And the rest of the people--the priests, Levites, gatekeepers, singers, Nethinim [temple servants], and all they who had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Law of God, their wives, their sons, their daughters, all who had knowledge and understanding--
Neh 10:29 Join now, with their brethren, their nobles, and enter into a curse and an oath to walk in God's Law which was given to Moses the servant of God and to observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our Lord, and His ordinances and His statutes:
Neh 10:30 We shall not give our daughters to the peoples of the land or take their daughters for our sons.
Neh 10:31 And if the peoples of the land bring wares or any grain on the Sabbath day to sell, we shall not buy it on the Sabbath or on a holy day; and we shall forego raising crops the seventh year [letting the land lie fallow] and the compulsory payment of every debt.
Neh 10:32 Also we pledge ourselves to pay yearly a third of a shekel for the service expenses of the house of our God [which are]:
Neh 10:33 For the showbread; for the continual cereal offerings and burnt offerings; [for the offerings on] the Sabbaths, the New Moons, the set feasts; for the holy things, for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel; and for all the work of the house of our God.
Neh 10:34 We also cast lots--the priests, the Levites, and the people--for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, according to our fathers' houses, at appointed times year by year, to burn upon the altar of the Lord our God, as it is written in the Law.
Neh 10:35 And [we obligate ourselves] to bring the firstfruits of our ground and the first of all the fruit of all trees year by year to the house of the Lord,
Neh 10:36 As well as the firstborn of our sons and of our cattle, as is written in the Law, and the firstlings of our herds and flocks, to bring to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in [His] house.

Neh 10:37 And we shall bring the first {and} best of our coarse meal, our contributions, the fruit of all kinds of trees, of new wine, and of oil to the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God. And we shall bring the tithes from our ground to the Levites, for they, the Levites, collect the tithes in all our rural towns.
Neh 10:38 And the priest, the son of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when [they] receive tithes, and [they] shall bring one-tenth of the tithes to the house of our God, to the chambers, into the storehouse.
Neh 10:39 For the Israelites and the sons of Levi shall bring the offering of grain, new wine, and oil to the chambers where the vessels of the sanctuary are, along with the priests who minister and the gatekeepers and singers. We will not forsake {or} neglect the house of our God.
Neh 11:1 NOW THE leaders of the people dwelt at Jerusalem; the rest of the people also cast lots to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem, the holy city, while nine-tenths dwelt in other towns {and} villages.
Neh 11:2 And the people blessed all the men who willingly offered to live in Jerusalem.
Neh 11:3 These are the province chiefs who dwelt in Jerusalem, but in the towns of Judah everyone lived on his property there--Israelites, the priests, the Levites, the temple servants, and the descendants of Solomon's servants.
Neh 11:4 And at Jerusalem dwelt certain of the sons of Judah and Benjamin. Of Judah: Athaiah son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalalel, of the sons of Perez;
Neh 11:5 Maaseiah son of Baruch, the son of Col-hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of the Shilonite.
Neh 11:6 All the sons of Perez who dwelt at Jerusalem were 468 valiant men.
Neh 11:7 These are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, son of Jeshaiah,
Neh 11:8 And after him Gabbai and Sallai, 928.
Neh 11:9 Joel son of Zichri was overseer, and Judah son of Hassenuah was second over the city.
Neh 11:10 Of the priests: Jedaiah son of Joiarib; Jachin;
Neh 11:11 Seraiah son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, ruler of the house of God,
Neh 11:12 And their brethren, who did the work of the house, 822; and Adaiah son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah,
Neh 11:13 And his brethren, chiefs of fathers' houses, 242; and Amashsai son of Azarel, the son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,
Neh 11:14 And their brethren, mighty men of valor, 128. Their overseer was Zabdiel son of Haggedolim [one of the great men].
Neh 11:15 And of the Levites: Shemaiah son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;
Neh 11:16 And Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chiefs of the Levites, who had charge of the outside work of the house of God;
Neh 11:17 Mattaniah son of Mica, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, the leader to begin the thanksgiving in prayer; and Bakbukiah, second among his brethren; and Abda son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.
Neh 11:18 The Levites in the holy city were 284.
Neh 11:19 The gatekeepers: Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren, who kept watch, were 172.
Neh 11:20 And the rest of Israel, with the priests and the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, each in his inheritance.
Neh 11:21 But the temple servants dwelt on [the hill] Ophel; Ziha and Gishpa were over [them].
Neh 11:22 Overseer of the Levites in Jerusalem and the work of God's house was Uzzi son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Mica, of Asaph's sons, the singers.
Neh 11:23 For the [Persian] king had ordered concerning them that a certain provision be made for the singers, as each day required.
Neh 11:24 Pethahiah son of Meshezabel, of the sons of Zerah son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.
Neh 11:25 As for the villages with their fields, some people of Judah dwelt in Kiriath-arba, Dibon, and Jekabzeel, and their villages,
Neh 11:26 In Jeshua, Moladah, Beth-pelet,
Neh 11:27 Hazar-shual, Beersheba and its villages,
Neh 11:28 Ziklag, Meconah and its villages,
Neh 11:29 En-rimmon, Zorah, Jarmuth,
Neh 11:30 Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages, Lachish and its fields, Azekah and its villages. So they encamped from

Beersheba to the Hinnom Valley.
Neh 11:31 The people of Benjamin also dwelt from Geba onward, at Michmash, Aija, Bethel and its villages,
Neh 11:32 At Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,
Neh 11:33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,
Neh 11:34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,
Neh 11:35 Lod, and Ono, the Valley of the Craftsmen.
Neh 11:36 And certain divisions of the Levites in Judah were joined to Benjamin.
Neh 12:1 NOW THESE are the priests and Levites who went up with Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and with Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,
Neh 12:2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,
Neh 12:3 Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,
Neh 12:4 Iddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah,
Neh 12:5 Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,
Neh 12:6 Shemaiah, Joiarib, Jedaiah,
Neh 12:7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, and Jedaiah. These were the chiefs of the priests and their brethren in the days of Jeshua.
Neh 12:8 And the Levites were Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, who, with his brethren, was over the thanksgiving [choirs].
Neh 12:9 Bakbukiah and Unni, their brethren, stood opposite them according to their offices.
Neh 12:10 And Jeshua was the father of Joiakim, Joiakim of Eliashib, Eliashib of Joiada,
Neh 12:11 Joiada was the father of Jonathan, and Jonathan of Jaddua.
Neh 12:12 And in the days of Joiakim were priests, heads of fathers' houses: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;
Neh 12:13 Of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;
Neh 12:14 Of Malluchi, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph;
Neh 12:15 Of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;
Neh 12:16 Of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;
Neh 12:17 Of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin and of Moadiah, Piltai;
Neh 12:18 Of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;
Neh 12:19 Of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;
Neh 12:20 Of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;
Neh 12:21 Of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethanel.
Neh 12:22 As for the Levites in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, Johanan, and Jaddua, the heads of fathers' houses were recorded, as well as the priests, until the reign of Darius the Persian.
Neh 12:23 The sons of Levi, heads of fathers' houses, were recorded in the Book of the Chronicles until the days of Johanan son of Eliashib.
Neh 12:24 And the chiefs of the Levites were Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua son of Kadmiel, with their brethren opposite them, to praise and to give thanks, as David, God's man, commanded, [one] watch [singing] in response to [the men in the opposite] watch.
Neh 12:25 Mattaniah, Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub were gatekeepers guarding at the storehouses of the gates.
Neh 12:26 These were in the days of Joiakim son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor and of Ezra the priest and scribe.
Neh 12:27 And for the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, they sought the Levites in all their places to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, with thanksgivings, and with singing, cymbals, harps, and lyres.
Neh 12:28 And the sons of the singers gathered together from the plain {and} circuit around Jerusalem and from the villages of the Netophathites,
Neh 12:29 And also from Beth-gilgal and the fields of Geba and Azmaveth, for the singers had built for themselves villages around Jerusalem.
Neh 12:30 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, the people, the gates, and the wall.
Neh 12:31 Then I brought the princes of Judah up on the wall, and I appointed two great companies of them who gave thanks and went in procession. One went to the right upon the wall toward the Dung Gate.
Neh 12:32 And after them went Hoshaiah and half of the princes of Judah,
Neh 12:33 And Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam,

Neh 12:34 Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, and Jeremiah,
Neh 12:35 And certain of the priests' sons with trumpets, and Zechariah son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph,
Neh 12:36 And his kinsmen--Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah, Hanani--with the musical instruments of David, God's man. And Ezra the scribe went before them.
Neh 12:37 At the Fountain Gate they went up straight ahead by the stairs of the City of David at the wall's ascent above David's house to the Water Gate on the east.
Neh 12:38 The other company of those who gave thanks went to the left; I followed with half of the people upon the wall, above the Tower of the Furnaces to the Broad Wall,
Neh 12:39 And above the Gate of Ephraim, and by the Old Gate and by the Fish Gate and by the Tower of Hananel and the Tower of Hammeah, even to the Sheep Gate; and they stopped at the Gate of the Guard.
Neh 12:40 So the two companies of those who gave thanks stood in the house of God, and I, and the half of the officials with me;
Neh 12:41 And the priests Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets;
Neh 12:42 And Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang {and} made themselves heard, with Jezrahiah as leader.
Neh 12:43 Also that day they offered great sacrifices and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women also and the children rejoiced. The joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.
Neh 12:44 On that day men were appointed over the chambers for the stores, the contributions, the firstfruits, and the tithes, to gather into them the portions required by law for the priests and the Levites according to the fields of the towns, for Judah rejoiced over the priests and Levites who served [faithfully].
Neh 12:45 And they performed the due service of their God and of the purification; so did the singers and gatekeepers, as David and his son Solomon had commanded.
Neh 12:46 For in the days of David and Asaph of old, there was a chief of singers and songs of praise and thanksgiving to God.
Neh 12:47 And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel and [later] of Nehemiah gave the daily portions for the singers and the gatekeepers; and they set apart what was for the Levites, and the Levites set apart what was for the sons of Aaron [the priests].
Neh 13:1 ON THAT day they read in the Book of Moses in the audience of the people, and in it was found written that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever come into the assembly of God,
Neh 13:2 For they met not the Israelites with food and drink but hired Balaam to curse them; yet our God turned the curse into a blessing.
Neh 13:3 When [the Jews] heard the law, they separated from Israel all who were of foreign descent.
Neh 13:4 Now before this, Eliashib the priest, who was appointed over the chambers of the house of our God, and was related [by marriage] to Tobiah [our adversary],
Neh 13:5 Prepared for Tobiah a large chamber where previously they had put the cereal offerings, the frankincense, the vessels, and the tithes of grain, new wine, and oil which were given by commandment to the Levites, the singers, and gatekeepers, and the contributions for the priests.
Neh 13:6 But in all this time I was not at Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes [Persian] king of Babylon I went to the king. Then later I asked leave of him
Neh 13:7 And came to Jerusalem. Then I discovered the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah in preparing him [an adversary] a chamber in the courts of the house of God!
Neh 13:8 And it grieved me exceedingly, and I threw all the house furnishings of Tobiah out of the chamber.
Neh 13:9 Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers; and I brought back there the vessels of the house of God, with the cereal offerings and the frankincense.
Neh 13:10 And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them, so that the Levites and the singers who did the work [forced by necessity] had each fled to his field.
Neh 13:11 Then I contended with the officials and said, Why is the house of God neglected {and} forsaken? I gathered the Levites and singers and set them in their stations.
Neh 13:12 Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain, the new wine, and the oil to the storerooms.
Neh 13:13 I set treasurers over the storerooms: Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah of the Levites; assisting them was Hanan son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah, for they were counted faithful, and their task was to distribute to their brethren.
Neh 13:14 O my God, [earnestly] remember me concerning this and wipe not out my good deeds {and} kindnesses

done for the house of my God and for His service.
Neh 13:15 In those days I saw in Judah men treading winepresses on the Sabbath, bringing in sheaves {or} heaps of grain with which they loaded donkeys, as well as wine, grapes, figs, and all sorts of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I protested {and} warned them on the day they sold the produce.
Neh 13:16 There dwelt men of Tyre there also who brought fish and all kinds of wares and sold on the Sabbath to the people of Judah and in Jerusalem.
Neh 13:17 Then I reproved the nobles of Judah and said, What evil thing is this that you do--profaning the Sabbath day?
Neh 13:18 Did not your fathers do thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us and upon this city? Yet you bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the Sabbath.
Neh 13:19 And when it began to get dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the Sabbath [day began], I commanded that the gates should be shut and not be opened till after the Sabbath. And I set some of my servants at the gates to prevent any burden being brought in on the Sabbath day.
Neh 13:20 So the merchants and sellers of all kinds of wares lodged outside Jerusalem once or twice.
Neh 13:21 But I reproved {and} warned them, saying, Why do you lodge by the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you. Then they stopped coming on the Sabbath.
Neh 13:22 And I commanded the Levites to cleanse themselves and come and guard the gates to keep the Sabbath day holy. O my God, [earnestly] remember me concerning this also and spare me according to the greatness of Your mercy {and} loving-kindness.
Neh 13:23 In those days also I saw Jews who had married wives from Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab.
Neh 13:24 And their children spoke half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak the Hebrew, but in the language of each people.
Neh 13:25 And I contended with them and reviled them and beat some of them and pulled out their hair and made them swear by God, saying, You shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons or for yourselves.
Neh 13:26 Did not Solomon king of Israel act treacherously against God {and} miss the mark on account of such women? Among many nations there was no king like him. He was loved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel; yet strange women even caused him to sin [when he was old he turned treacherously away from the Lord to other gods, and God rent his kingdom from him].
Neh 13:27 Shall we then listen to you to do all this great evil and act treacherously against our God by marrying strange (heathen) women?
Neh 13:28 One of the sons of Joiada son of Eliashib the high priest was son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite; therefore I chased him from me.
Neh 13:29 O my God, [earnestly] remember them, because they have defiled the priesthood and the covenant of the priests and Levites.
Neh 13:30 Thus I cleansed them from everything foreign (heathen), and I defined the duties of the priests and Levites, everyone in his work;
Neh 13:31 And I provided for the wood offering at appointed times, and for the firstfruits. O my God, [earnestly] remember me for good {and} imprint me [on Your heart]!
Esth 1:1 IT WAS in the days of Ahasuerus [Xerxes], the Ahasuerus who reigned from India to Ethiopia over 127 provinces.
Esth 1:2 In those days when King Ahasuerus sat on his royal throne which was in Shushan {or} Susa [the capital of the Persian Empire] in the palace {or} castle,
Esth 1:3 In the third year of his reign he made a feast for all his princes and his courtiers. The chief officers of the Persian and Median army and the nobles and governors of the provinces were there before him
Esth 1:4 While he showed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the splendor and excellence of his majesty for many days, even 180 days.
Esth 1:5 And when these days were completed, the king made a feast for all the people present in Shushan the capital, both great and small, a seven-day feast in the court of the garden of the king's palace.
Esth 1:6 There were hangings of fine white cloth, of green and of blue [cotton], fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings {or} rods and marble pillars. The couches of gold and silver rested on a [mosaic] pavement of porphyry, white marble, mother-of-pearl, and [precious] colored stones.
Esth 1:7 Drinks were served in different kinds of golden goblets, and there was royal wine in abundance, according to the liberality of the king.

Esth 1:8 And drinking was according to the law; no one was compelled to drink, for the king had directed all the officials of his palace to serve only as each guest desired.
Esth 1:9 Also Queen Vashti gave a banquet for the women in the royal house which belonged to King Ahasuerus.
Esth 1:10 On the seventh day, when the king's heart was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and Carkas, the seven eunuchs who ministered to King Ahasuerus as attendants,
Esth 1:11 To bring Queen Vashti before the king, with her royal crown, to show the peoples and the princes her beauty, for she was fair to behold.
Esth 1:12 But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command conveyed by the eunuchs. Therefore the king was enraged, and his anger burned within him.
Esth 1:13 Then the king spoke to the wise men who knew the times--for this was the king's procedure toward all who were familiar with law and judgment--
Esth 1:14 Those next to him being Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media who were in the king's presence and held first place in the kingdom.
Esth 1:15 [He said] According to the law, what is to be done to Queen Vashti because she has not done the bidding of King Ahasuerus conveyed by the eunuchs?
Esth 1:16 And Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti the queen has not only done wrong to the king but also to all the princes and to all the peoples who are in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus.
Esth 1:17 For this deed of the queen will become known to all women, making their husbands contemptible in their eyes, since they will say, King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought before him, but she did not come.
Esth 1:18 This very day the ladies of Persia and Media who have heard of the queen's behavior will be telling it to all the king's princes. So contempt and wrath in plenty will arise.
Esth 1:19 If it pleases the king, let a royal command go forth from him and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and Medes, so that it may not be changed, that Vashti is to [be divorced and] come no more before King Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal position to another who is better than she.
Esth 1:20 So when the king's decree is made and proclaimed throughout all his kingdom, extensive as it is, all wives will give honor to their husbands, high and low.
Esth 1:21 This advice pleased the king and the princes, and the king did what Memucan proposed.
Esth 1:22 He sent letters to all the royal provinces, to each in its own script and to every people in their own language, saying that every man should rule in his own house and speak there in the language of his own people. [If he had foreign wives, let them learn his language.]
Esth 2:1 AFTER THESE things, when the wrath of King Ahasuerus was pacified, he [earnestly] remembered Vashti and what she had done and what was decreed against her.
Esth 2:2 Then the king's servants who ministered to him said, Let beautiful young virgins be sought for the king.
Esth 2:3 And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom to gather all the beautiful young virgins to the capital in Shushan, to the harem under the custody of Hegai, the king's eunuch, who is in charge of the women; and let their things for purification be given them.
Esth 2:4 And let the maiden who pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti. This pleased the king, and he did so.
Esth 2:5 There was a certain Jew in the capital in Shushan whose name was Mordecai son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite,
Esth 2:6 Who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captives taken away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried into exile.
Esth 2:7 He had brought up Hadassah, that is Esther, his uncle's daughter, for she had neither father nor mother. The maiden was beautiful and lovely, and when her father and mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter.
Esth 2:8 So when the king's command and his decree were proclaimed and when many maidens were gathered in Shushan the capital under the custody of Hegai, Esther also was taken to the king's house into the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women.
Esth 2:9 And the maiden pleased [Hegai] and obtained his favor. And he speedily gave her the things for her purification and her portion of food and the seven chosen maids to be given her from the king's palace; and he removed her and her maids to the best [apartment] in the harem.
Esth 2:10 Esther had not made known her nationality or her kindred, for Mordecai had charged her not to do so.
Esth 2:11 And Mordecai [who was an attendant in the king's court] walked every day before the court of the harem to learn how Esther was and what would become of her.
Esth 2:12 Now when the turn of each maiden came to go in to King Ahasuerus, after the regulations for the women had been carried out for twelve months--since this was the regular period for their beauty treatments, six months with

oil of myrrh and six months with sweet spices {and} perfumes and the things for the purifying of the women--
Esth 2:13 Then in this way the maiden came to the king: whatever she desired was given her to take with her from the harem into the king's palace.
Esth 2:14 In the evening she went and next day she returned into the second harem in the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the concubines. She came to the king no more unless the king delighted in her and she was called for by name.
Esth 2:15 Now when the turn for Esther the daughter of Abihail, the uncle of Mordecai who had taken her as his own daughter, had come to go in to the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's attendant, the keeper of the women, suggested. And Esther won favor in the sight of all who saw her.
Esth 2:16 So Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus into his royal palace in the tenth month, the month of Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.
Esth 2:17 And the king loved Esther more than all the women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the maidens, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.
Esth 2:18 Then the king gave a great feast for all his princes and his servants, Esther's feast; and he gave a holiday [or a lessening of taxes] to the provinces and gave gifts in keeping with the generosity of the king.
Esth 2:19 And when the maidens were gathered together the second time, Mordecai was sitting at the king's gate.
Esth 2:20 Now Esther had not yet revealed her nationality or her people, for she obeyed Mordecai's command to her [to fear God and execute His commands] just as when she was being brought up by him.
Esth 2:21 In those days, while Mordecai sat at the king's gate, two of the king's eunuchs, Bigthan and Teresh, of those who guarded the door, were angry and sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus.
Esth 2:22 And this was known to Mordecai, who told it to Queen Esther, and Esther told the king in Mordecai's name.
Esth 2:23 When it was investigated and found to be true, both men were hanged on the gallows. And it was recorded in the Book of the Chronicles in the king's presence.
Esth 3:1 AFTER THESE things, King Ahasuerus promoted Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite and advanced him and set his seat above all the princes who were with him.
Esth 3:2 And all the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down and did reverence to Haman, for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai did not bow down or do him reverence.
Esth 3:3 Then the king's servants who were at the king's gate said to Mordecai, Why do you transgress the king's command?
Esth 3:4 Now when they spoke to him day after day and he paid no attention to them, they told Haman to see whether Mordecai's conduct would stand, for he had told them that he was a Jew.
Esth 3:5 And when Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down or do him reverence, he was very angry.
Esth 3:6 But he scorned laying hands only on Mordecai. So since they had told him Mordecai's nationality, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus.
Esth 3:7 In the first month, the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, Haman caused Pur, that is, lots, to be cast before him day after day [to find a lucky day for his venture], month after month, until the twelfth, the month of Adar.
Esth 3:8 Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from every other people, neither do they keep the king's laws. Therefore it is not for the king's profit to tolerate them.
Esth 3:9 If it pleases the king, let it be decreed that they be destroyed, and I will pay 10,000 talents of silver into the hands of those who have charge of the king's business, that it may be brought into the king's treasuries.
Esth 3:10 And the king took his signet ring from his hand [with which to seal his letters by the king's authority] and gave it to Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy.
Esth 3:11 And the king said to Haman, The silver is given to you, the people also, to do with them as it seems good to you.
Esth 3:12 Then the king's secretaries were called in on the thirteenth day of the first month, and all that Haman had commanded was written to the king's chief rulers and to the governors who were over all the provinces and to the princes of each people, to every province in its own script and to each people in their own language; it was written in the name of King Ahasuerus and it was sealed with the king's [signet] ring.
Esth 3:13 And letters were sent by special messengers to all the king's provinces--to destroy, to slay, and to do away with all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar, and to seize their belongings as spoil.
Esth 3:14 A copy of the writing was to be published {and} given out as a decree in every province to all the peoples to

be ready for that day.
Esth 3:15 The special messengers went out in haste by order of the king, and the decree was given out in Shushan, the capital. And the king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city of Shushan was perplexed [at the strange and alarming decree].
Esth 4:1 NOW WHEN Mordecai learned all that was done, [he] rent his clothes and put on sackcloth with ashes and went out into the midst of the city and cried with a loud and bitter cry.
Esth 4:2 He came {and} stood before the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.
Esth 4:3 And in every province, wherever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping, and wailing, and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.
Esth 4:4 When Esther's maids and her attendants came and told it to her, the queen was exceedingly grieved {and} distressed. She sent garments to clothe Mordecai, with orders to take his sackcloth from off him, but he would not receive them.
Esth 4:5 Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's attendants whom he had appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what this was and why it was.
Esth 4:6 So Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city, which was in front of the king's gate.
Esth 4:7 And Mordecai told him of all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews to be destroyed.
Esth 4:8 [Mordecai] also gave him a copy of the decree to destroy them, that was given out in Shushan, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king, make supplication to him, and plead with him for the lives of her people.
Esth 4:9 And Hathach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.
Esth 4:10 Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying,
Esth 4:11 All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that any person, be it man or woman, who shall go into the inner court to the king without being called shall be put to death; there is but one law for him, except [him] to whom the king shall hold out the golden scepter, that he may live. But I have not been called to come to the king for these thirty days.
Esth 4:12 And they told Mordecai what Esther said.
Esth 4:13 Then Mordecai told them to return this answer to Esther, Do not flatter yourself that you shall escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews.
Esth 4:14 For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance shall arise for the Jews from elsewhere, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows but that you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this {and} for this very occasion?
Esth 4:15 Then Esther told them to give this answer to Mordecai,
Esth 4:16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast for me; and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I also and my maids will fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.
Esth 4:17 So Mordecai went away and did all that Esther had commanded him.
Esth 5:1 ON THE third day [of the fast] Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the royal {or} inner court of the king's palace opposite his [throne room]. The king was sitting on his throne, facing the main entrance of the palace.
Esth 5:2 And when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she obtained favor in his sight, and he held out to [her] the golden scepter that was in his hand. So Esther drew near and touched the tip of the scepter.
Esth 5:3 Then the king said to her, What will you have, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given you, even to the half of the kingdom.
Esth 5:4 And Esther said, If it seems good to the king, let the king and Haman come this day to the dinner that I have prepared for the king.
Esth 5:5 Then the king said, Cause Haman to come quickly, that what Esther has said may be done.
Esth 5:6 So the king and Haman came to the dinner that Esther had prepared.
Esth 5:7 And during the serving of wine, the king said to Esther, What is your petition? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of the kingdom, it shall be performed.
Esth 5:8 Then Esther said, My petition and my request is: If I have found favor in the sight of the king and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come tomorrow to the dinner that I shall prepare for them; and I will do tomorrow as the king has said.
Esth 5:9 Haman went away that day joyful and elated in heart. But when he saw Mordecai at the king's gate refusing to stand up or show fear before him, he was filled with wrath against Mordecai.

Esth 5:10 Nevertheless, Haman restrained himself and went home. There he sent and called for his friends and Zeresh his wife.
Esth 5:11 And Haman recounted to them the glory of his riches, the abundance of his [ten] sons, all the things in which the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king.
Esth 5:12 Haman added, Yes, and today Queen Esther did not let any man come with the king to the dinner she had prepared but myself; and tomorrow also I am invited by her together with the king.
Esth 5:13 Yet all this benefits me nothing as long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate.
Esth 5:14 Then Zeresh his wife and all his friends said to him, Let a gallows be made, fifty cubits [seventy-five feet] high, and in the morning speak to the king, that Mordecai may be hanged on it; then you go in merrily with the king to the dinner. And the thing pleased Haman, and he caused the gallows to be made.
Esth 6:1 ON THAT night the king could not sleep; and he ordered that the book of memorable deeds, the chronicles, be brought, and they were read before the king.
Esth 6:2 And it was found written there how Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's attendants who guarded the door, who had sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus.
Esth 6:3 And the king said, What honor or distinction has been given Mordecai for this? Then the king's servants who ministered to him said, Nothing has been done for him.
Esth 6:4 The king said, Who is in the court? Now Haman had just come into the outer court of the king's palace to ask the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows he had prepared for him.
Esth 6:5 And the king's servants said to him, Behold, Haman is standing in the court. And the king said, Let him come in.
Esth 6:6 So Haman came in. And the king said to him, What shall be done to the man whom the king delights to honor? Now Haman said to himself, To whom would the king delight to do honor more than to me?
Esth 6:7 And Haman said to the king, For the man whom the king delights to honor,
Esth 6:8 Let royal apparel be brought which the king has worn and the horse which the king has ridden, and a royal crown be set on his head.
Esth 6:9 And let the apparel and the horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes. Let him array the man whom the king delights to honor, and conduct him on horseback through the open square of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor.
Esth 6:10 Then the king said to Haman, Make haste and take the apparel and the horse, as you have said, and do so to Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Leave out nothing that you have spoken.
Esth 6:11 Then Haman took the apparel and the horse and conducted Mordecai on horseback through the open square of the city, proclaiming before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor.
Esth 6:12 Then Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But Haman hastened to his house, mourning and having his head covered.
Esth 6:13 And Haman recounted to Zeresh his wife and all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his wise men and Zeresh his wife said to him, If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of the offspring of the Jews, you cannot prevail against him, but shall surely fall before him.
Esth 6:14 While they were yet talking with him, the king's attendants came and hastily brought Haman to the dinner that Esther had prepared.
Esth 7:1 SO THE king and Haman came to dine with Esther the queen.
Esth 7:2 And the king said again to Esther on the second day when wine was being served, What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted. And what is your request? Even to the half of the kingdom, it shall be performed.
Esth 7:3 Then Queen Esther said, If I have found favor in your sight, O king and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me at my petition and my people at my request.
Esth 7:4 For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, slain, and wiped out of existence! But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I would have held my tongue, for our affliction is not to be compared with the damage this will do to the king.
Esth 7:5 Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, Who is he, and where is he who dares presume in his heart to do that?
Esth 7:6 And Esther said, An adversary and an enemy, even this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the king and queen.
Esth 7:7 And the king arose from the feast in his wrath and went into the palace garden; and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Queen Esther, for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king.
Esth 7:8 When the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the drinking of wine, Haman was falling

upon the couch where Esther was. Then said the king, Will he even forcibly assault the queen in my presence, in my own palace? As the king spoke the words, [the servants] covered Haman's face.
Esth 7:9 Then said Harbonah, one of the attendants serving the king, Behold, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman has made for Mordecai, whose warning saved the king, stands at the house of Haman. And the king said, Hang him on it!
Esth 7:10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king's wrath was pacified.
Esth 8:1 ON THAT day King Ahasuerus gave the house of Haman, the Jews' enemy, to Queen Esther. And Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told what he was to her.
Esth 8:2 And the king took off his [signet] ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.
Esth 8:3 And Esther spoke yet again to the king and fell down at his feet and besought him with tears to avert the evil plot of Haman the Agagite and his scheme that he had devised against the Jews.
Esth 8:4 Then the king held out to Esther the golden scepter. So Esther arose and stood before the king.
Esth 8:5 And she said, If it pleases the king and if I have found favor in his sight and the thing seems right before the king and I am pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Haman son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews who are in all the king's provinces.
Esth 8:6 For how can I endure to see the evil that shall come upon my people? Or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?
Esth 8:7 Then the King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows because he laid his hand upon the Jews.
Esth 8:8 Write also concerning the Jews as it pleases you in the king's name, and seal it with the king's [signet] ring--for writing which is in the king's name and sealed with the king's ring no man can reverse.
Esth 8:9 Then the king's scribes were called, in the third month, the month of Sivan, on the twenty-third day, and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded to the Jews, to the chief rulers, and the governors and princes of the provinces from India to Ethiopia, 127 provinces, to every province in its own script and to every people in their own language and to the Jews according to their writing and according to their language.
Esth 8:10 He wrote in the name of King Ahasuerus and sealed it with the king's ring and sent letters by messengers on horseback, riding on swift steeds, mules, and young dromedaries used in the king's service, bred from the [royal] stud.
Esth 8:11 In it the king granted the Jews who were in every city to gather and defend their lives; to destroy, to slay, and to wipe out any armed force that might attack them, their little ones, and women; and to take the enemies' goods for spoil.
Esth 8:12 On one day in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar,
Esth 8:13 A copy of the writing was to be issued as a decree in every province and as a proclamation to all peoples, and the Jews should be ready on that day to avenge themselves upon their enemies.
Esth 8:14 So the couriers, who were mounted on swift beasts that were used in the king's service, went out, being hurried and urged on by the king's command; and the decree was released in Shushan, the capital.
Esth 8:15 And Mordecai went forth from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, with a great crown of gold and with a robe of fine linen and purple; and the city of Shushan shouted and rejoiced.
Esth 8:16 The Jews had light [a dawn of new hope] and gladness and joy and honor.
Esth 8:17 And in every province and in every city, wherever the king's command and his decree came, the Jews had gladness and joy, a feast and a holiday. And many from among the peoples of the land [submitted themselves to Jewish rite and] became Jews, for the fear of the Jews had fallen upon them.
Esth 9:1 NOW IN the twelfth month, the month of Adar, on the thirteenth day of Adar when the king's command and his edict were about to be executed, on the [very] day that the enemies of the Jews had planned for a massacre of them, it was turned to the contrary and the Jews had rule over those who hated them.
Esth 9:2 The Jews gathered together in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus to lay hands on such as sought their hurt; and no man could withstand them, for the fear of them had fallen upon all the peoples.
Esth 9:3 And all the princes of the provinces and the chief rulers and the governors and they who attended to the king's business helped the Jews, because the fear of Mordecai had fallen upon them.
Esth 9:4 For Mordecai was great in the king's palace; and his fame went forth throughout all the provinces, for the man Mordecai became more and more powerful.
Esth 9:5 So the Jews smote all their enemies with the sword, slaughtering and destroying them, and did as they chose

with those who hated them.
Esth 9:6 In Shushan, the capital itself, the Jews slew and destroyed 500 men.
Esth 9:7 And they killed Parshandatha,
Esth 9:8 Dalphon, Aspatha, Poratha, Adalia,
Esth 9:9 Aridatha, Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai,
Esth 9:10 And Vaizatha, the ten sons of Haman son of Hammedatha, the Jews' enemy; but on the spoil they laid not their hands.
Esth 9:11 On that day the number of those who were slain in Shushan, the capital, was brought before the king.
Esth 9:12 And the king said to Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed 500 men in Shushan, the capital, and the ten sons of Haman. What then have they done in the rest of the king's provinces! Now what is your petition? It shall be granted to you. Or what is your request further? It shall be done.
Esth 9:13 Then said Esther, If it pleases the king, let it be granted to the Jews which are in Shushan to do tomorrow also according to this day's decree, and let [the dead bodies of] Haman's ten sons be hanged on the gallows.
Esth 9:14 And the king commanded it to be done; the decree was given in Shushan, and they hanged [the bodies of] Haman's ten sons.
Esth 9:15 And the Jews that were in Shushan gathered together on the fourteenth day also of the month of Adar and slew 300 men in Shushan, but on the spoil they laid not their hands.
Esth 9:16 And the other Jews who were in the king's provinces gathered to defend their lives and had relief {and} rest from their enemies and slew of them that hated them 75,000; but on the spoil they laid not their hands.
Esth 9:17 This was done on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar, and on the fourteenth day they rested and made it a day of feasting and gladness.
Esth 9:18 But the Jews who were in Shushan [Susa] assembled on the thirteenth day and on the fourteenth, and on the fifteenth day they rested and made it a day of feasting and gladness.
Esth 9:19 Therefore the Jews of the villages, who dwell in the unwalled towns, make the fourteenth day of the month of Adar a day of gladness and feasting, a holiday, and a day for sending choice portions to one another.
Esth 9:20 And Mordecai recorded these things, and he sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of the King Ahasuerus, both near and far,
Esth 9:21 To command them to keep the fourteenth day of the month of Adar and also the fifteenth, yearly,
Esth 9:22 As the days on which the Jews got rest from their enemies, and as the month which was turned for them from sorrow to gladness and from mourning into a holiday--that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days of sending choice portions to one another and gifts to the poor.
Esth 9:23 So the Jews undertook to do as they had begun and as Mordecai had written to them--
Esth 9:24 Because Haman son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them and had cast Pur, that is, the lot, [to find a lucky day] to crush {and} consume and destroy them.
Esth 9:25 But when Esther brought the matter before the king, he commanded in writing that Haman's wicked scheme which he had devised against the Jews should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.
Esth 9:26 Therefore they called these days Purim, after the name Pur [lot]. Therefore, because of all that was in this letter and what they had faced in this matter and what had happened to them,
Esth 9:27 The Jews ordained and took it upon themselves and their descendants and all who joined them that without fail every year they would keep these two days at the appointed time and as it was written,
Esth 9:28 That these days should be remembered (imprinted on their minds) and kept throughout every generation in every family, province, and city, and that these days of Purim should never cease from among the Jews, nor the commemoration of them cease among their descendants.
Esth 9:29 Then Queen Esther, the daughter of Abihail, with Mordecai the Jew, gave full power [written authority], confirming this second letter about Purim.
Esth 9:30 And letters were sent to all the Jews, to the 127 provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, in words of peace and truth,
Esth 9:31 To confirm that these days of Purim should be observed at their appointed times, as Mordecai the Jew and Queen Esther had commanded [the Jews], and as they had ordained for themselves and for their descendants in the matter of their fasts and their lamenting.
Esth 9:32 And the command of Esther confirmed these observances of Purim, and it was written in the book.
Esth 10:1 KING AHASUERUS laid a tribute (tax) on the land and on the coastlands of the sea.
Esth 10:2 And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the full account of the greatness of Mordecai to which

the king advanced him, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Media and Persia?
Esth 10:3 For Mordecai the Jew was next to King Ahasuerus and great among the Jews, and was a favorite with the multitude of his brethren, for he sought the welfare of his people and spoke peace to his whole race.
Job 1:1 THERE WAS a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who [reverently] feared God and abstained from {and} shunned evil [because it was wrong].
Job 1:2 And there were born to him seven sons and three daughters.
Job 1:3 He possessed 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and a very great body of servants, so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the East.
Job 1:4 His sons used to go and feast in the house of each on his day (birthday) in turn, and they invited their three sisters to eat and drink with them.
Job 1:5 And when the days of their feasting were over, Job sent for them to purify {and} hallow them, and rose up early in the morning and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed {or} disowned God in their hearts. Thus did Job at all [such] times.
Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons (the angels) of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan (the adversary and accuser) also came among them.
Job 1:7 And the Lord said to Satan, From where did you come? Then Satan answered the Lord, From going to and fro on the earth and from walking up and down on it.
Job 1:8 And the Lord said to Satan, Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who [reverently] fears God and abstains from {and} shuns evil [because it is wrong]?
Job 1:9 Then Satan answered the Lord, Does Job [reverently] fear God for nothing?
Job 1:10 Have You not put a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have conferred prosperity {and} happiness upon him in the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.
Job 1:11 But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has, and he will curse You to Your face.
Job 1:12 And the Lord said to Satan (the adversary and the accuser), Behold, all that he has is in your power, only upon the man himself put not forth your hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord.
Job 1:13 And there was a day when [Job's] sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house [on his birthday],
Job 1:14 And there came a messenger to Job and said, The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them,
Job 1:15 And the Sabeans swooped down upon them and took away [the animals]. Indeed, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.
Job 1:16 While he was yet speaking, there came also another and said, The fire of God (lightning) has fallen from the heavens and has burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you.
Job 1:17 While he was yet speaking, there came also another and said, The Chaldeans divided into three bands and made a raid upon the camels and have taken them away, yes, and have slain the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.
Job 1:18 While he was yet speaking, there came also another and said, Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house,
Job 1:19 And behold, there came a great [whirlwind] from the desert, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you.
Job 1:20 Then Job arose and rent his robe and shaved his head and fell down upon the ground and worshiped
Job 1:21 And said, Naked (without possessions) came I [into this world] from my mother's womb, and naked (without possessions) shall I depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed (praised and magnified in worship) be the name of the Lord!
Job 1:22 In all this Job sinned not nor charged God foolishly.
Job 2:1 AGAIN THERE was a day when the sons of God [the angels] came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan (the adversary and the accuser) came also among them to present himself before the Lord.
Job 2:2 And the Lord said to Satan, From where do you come? And Satan (the adversary and the accuser) answered the Lord, From going to and fro on the earth and from walking up and down on it.
Job 2:3 And the Lord said to Satan, Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who [reverently] fears God and abstains from {and} shuns all evil [because it is wrong]? And still he holds fast his integrity, although you moved Me against him to destroy him without cause.
Job 2:4 Then Satan answered the Lord, Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has will he give for his life.
Job 2:5 But put forth Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse {and} renounce You to Your face.

Job 2:6 And the Lord said to Satan, Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life.
Job 2:7 So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord and smote Job with loathsome {and} painful sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.
Job 2:8 And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself, and he sat [down] among the ashes.
Job 2:9 Then his wife said to him, Do you still hold fast your blameless uprightness? Renounce God and die!
Job 2:10 But he said to her, You speak as one of the impious {and} foolish women would speak. What? Shall we accept [only] good at the hand of God and shall we not accept [also] misfortune {and} what is of a bad nature? In [spite of] all this, Job did not sin with his lips.
Job 2:11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came each one from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, for they had made an appointment together to come to condole with him and to comfort him.
Job 2:12 And when they looked from afar off and saw him [disfigured] beyond recognition, they lifted up their voices and wept; and each one tore his robe, and they cast dust over their heads toward the heavens.
Job 2:13 So they sat down with [Job] on the ground for seven days and seven nights, and none spoke a word to him, for they saw that his grief {and} pain were very great.
Job 3:1 AFTER THIS, Job opened his mouth and cursed his day (birthday).
Job 3:2 And Job said,
Job 3:3 Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night which announced, There is a man-child conceived.
Job 3:4 Let that day be darkness! May not God above regard it, nor light shine upon it.
Job 3:5 Let gloom and deep darkness claim it for their own; let a cloud dwell upon it; let all that blackens the day terrify it (the day that I was born).
Job 3:6 As for that night, let thick darkness seize it; let it not rejoice among the days of the year; let it not come into the number of the months.
Job 3:7 Yes, let that night be solitary {and} barren; let no joyful voice come into it.
Job 3:8 Let those curse it who curse the day, who are skilled in rousing up Leviathan.
Job 3:9 Let the stars of the early dawn of that day be dark; let [the morning] look in vain for the light, nor let it behold the day's dawning,
Job 3:10 Because it shut not the doors of my mother's womb nor hid sorrow {and} trouble from my eyes.
Job 3:11 Why was I not stillborn? Why did I not give up the ghost when my mother bore me?
Job 3:12 Why did the knees receive me? Or why the breasts, that I should suck?
Job 3:13 For then would I have lain down and been quiet; I would have slept; then would I have been at rest [in death]
Job 3:14 With kings and counselors of the earth, who built up [now] desolate ruins for themselves,
Job 3:15 Or with princes who had gold, who filled their houses with silver.
Job 3:16 Or [why] was I not a miscarriage, hidden {and} put away, as infants who never saw light?
Job 3:17 There [in death] the wicked cease from troubling, and there the weary are at rest.
Job 3:18 There the [captive] prisoners rest together; they hear not the taskmaster's voice.
Job 3:19 The small and the great are there, and the servant is free from his master.
Job 3:20 Why is light [of life] given to him who is in misery, and life to the bitter in soul,
Job 3:21 Who long {and} wait for death, but it comes not, and dig for it more than for hidden treasures,
Job 3:22 Who rejoice exceedingly and are elated when they find the grave?
Job 3:23 [Why is the light of day given] to a man whose way is hidden, and whom God has hedged in?
Job 3:24 For my sighing comes before my food, and my groanings are poured out like water.
Job 3:25 For the thing which I greatly fear comes upon me, and that of which I am afraid befalls me.
Job 3:26 I was not {or} am not at ease, nor had I {or} have I rest, nor was I {or} am I quiet, yet trouble came {and} still comes [upon me].
Job 4:1 THEN ELIPHAZ the Temanite answered and said,
Job 4:2 If we venture to converse with you, will you be offended? Yet who can restrain himself from speaking?
Job 4:3 Behold, you have instructed many, and you have strengthened the weak hands.
Job 4:4 Your words have held firm him who was falling, and you have strengthened the feeble knees.
Job 4:5 But now it is come upon you, and you faint {and} are grieved; it touches you, and you are troubled {and} dismayed.
Job 4:6 Is not your [reverent] fear of God your confidence and the integrity {and} uprightness of your ways your hope?
Job 4:7 Think [earnestly], I beg of you: who, being innocent, ever perished? Or where were those upright {and} in

right standing with God cut off?
Job 4:8 As I myself have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble {and} mischief reap the same.
Job 4:9 By the breath of God they perish, and by the blast of His anger they are consumed.
Job 4:10 The roaring of the lion and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions are broken.
Job 4:11 The old {and} strong lion perishes for lack of prey, and the whelps of the lioness are scattered abroad.
Job 4:12 Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and my ear received a whisper of it.
Job 4:13 In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on men,
Job 4:14 Fear came upon me and trembling, which made all my bones shake.
Job 4:15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up!
Job 4:16 [The spirit] stood still, but I could not discern the appearance of it. A form was before my eyes; there was silence, and then I heard a voice, saying,
Job 4:17 Can mortal man be just before God, {or} be more right than He is? Can a man be pure before his Maker, {or} be more cleansed than He is?
Job 4:18 Even in His [heavenly] servants He puts no trust {or} confidence, and His angels He charges with folly {and} error--
Job 4:19 How much more those who dwell in houses (bodies) of clay, whose foundations are in the dust, who are crushed like the moth.
Job 4:20 Between morning and evening they are destroyed; without anyone noticing it they perish forever.
Job 4:21 Is not their tent cord plucked up within them [so that the tent falls]? Do they not die, and that without [acquiring] wisdom?
Job 5:1 CALL NOW--is there any who will answer you? And to which of the holy [angels] will you turn?
Job 5:2 For vexation {and} rage kill the foolish man; jealousy {and} indignation slay the simple.
Job 5:3 I have seen the foolish taking root [and outwardly prospering], but suddenly I saw that his dwelling was cursed [for his doom was certain].
Job 5:4 His children are far from safety; [involved in their father's ruin] they are crushed in the [court of justice in the city's] gate, and there is no one to deliver them.
Job 5:5 His harvest the hungry eat and take it even [when it grows] among the thorns; the snare opens for [his] wealth.
Job 5:6 For affliction comes not forth from the dust, neither does trouble spring forth out of the ground.
Job 5:7 But man is born to trouble as the sparks {and} the flames fly upward.
Job 5:8 As for me, I would seek God {and} inquire of {and} require Him, and to God would I commit my cause--
Job 5:9 Who does great things and unsearchable, marvelous things without number,
Job 5:10 Who gives rain upon the earth and sends waters upon the fields,
Job 5:11 So that He sets on high those who are lowly, and those who mourn He lifts to safety.
Job 5:12 He frustrates the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise {or} anything of [lasting] worth.
Job 5:13 He catches the [so-called] wise in their own trickiness, and the counsel of the schemers is brought to a quick end.
Job 5:14 In the daytime they meet in darkness, and at noon they grope as in the night.
Job 5:15 But [God] saves [the fatherless] from the sword of their mouth, and the needy from the hand of the mighty.
Job 5:16 So the poor have hope, and iniquity shuts her mouth.
Job 5:17 Happy {and} fortunate is the man whom God reproves; so do not despise {or} reject the correction of the Almighty [subjecting you to trial and suffering].
Job 5:18 For He wounds, but He binds up; He smites, but His hands heal.
Job 5:19 He will rescue you in six troubles; in seven nothing that is evil [for you] will touch you.
Job 5:20 In famine He will redeem you from death, and in war from the power of the sword.
Job 5:21 You shall be hidden from the scourge of the tongue, neither shall you be afraid of destruction when it comes.
Job 5:22 At destruction and famine you shall laugh, neither shall you be afraid of the living creatures of the earth.
Job 5:23 For you shall be in league with the stones of the field, and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with you.
Job 5:24 And you shall know that your tent shall be in peace, and you shall visit your fold {and} your dwelling and miss nothing [from them].
Job 5:25 You shall know also that your children shall be many, and your offspring as the grass of the earth.
Job 5:26 You shall come to your grave in ripe old age, and as a shock of grain goes up [to the threshing floor] in its season.
Job 5:27 This is what we have searched out; it is true. Hear {and} heed it and know for yourself [for your good].

Job 6:1 THEN JOB answered,
Job 6:2 Oh, that my impatience {and} vexation might be [thoroughly] weighed and all my calamity be laid up over against them in the balances, one against the other [to see if my grief is unmanly]!
Job 6:3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea; therefore my words have been rash {and} wild,
Job 6:4 [But it is] because the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison which my spirit drinks up; the terrors of God set themselves in array against me.
Job 6:5 Does the wild ass bray when it has grass? Or does the ox low over its fodder?
Job 6:6 Can that which has no taste to it be eaten without salt? Or is there any flavor in the white of an egg?
Job 6:7 [These afflictions] my soul refuses to touch! Such things are like diseased food to me [sickening and repugnant]!
Job 6:8 Oh, that I might have my request, and that God would grant me the thing that I long for!
Job 6:9 I even wish that it would please God to crush me, that He would let loose His hand and cut me off!
Job 6:10 Then would I still have consolation--yes, I would leap [for joy] amid unsparing pain [though I shrink from it]--that I have not concealed {or} denied the words of the Holy One!
Job 6:11 What strength have I left, that I should wait {and} hope? And what is ahead of me, that I should be patient?
Job 6:12 Is my strength {and} endurance that of stones? Or is my flesh made of bronze?
Job 6:13 Is it not that I have no help in myself, and that wisdom is quite driven from me?
Job 6:14 To him who is about to faint {and} despair, kindness is due from his friend, lest he forsake the fear of the Almighty.
Job 6:15 [You] my brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, as the channel of brooks that pass away,
Job 6:16 Which are black {and} turbid by reason of the ice, {and} in which the snows hides itself;
Job 6:17 When they get warm, they shrink {and} disappear; when it is hot, they vanish out of their place.
Job 6:18 The caravans which travel by way of them turn aside; they go into the waste places and perish. [Such is my disappointment in you, the friends I fully trusted.]
Job 6:19 The caravans of Tema looked [for water], the companies of Sheba waited for them [in vain].
Job 6:20 They were confounded because they had hoped [to find water]; they came there and were bitterly disappointed.
Job 6:21 Now to me you are [like a dried-up brook]; you see my dismay {and} terror, and [believing me to be a victim of God's anger] you are afraid [to sympathize with me].
Job 6:22 Did I ever say, Bring me a gift, or Pay a bribe on my account from your wealth
Job 6:23 To deliver me from the adversary's hand, or Redeem me from the hand of the oppressors?
Job 6:24 Teach me, and I will hold my peace; and cause me to understand wherein I have erred.
Job 6:25 How forcible are words of straightforward speech! But what does your arguing argue {and} prove {or} your reproof reprove?
Job 6:26 Do you imagine your words to be an argument, but the speeches of one who is desperate to be as wind?
Job 6:27 Yes, you would cast lots over the fatherless and bargain away your friend.
Job 6:28 Now be pleased to look upon me, that it may be evident to you if I lie [for surely I would not lie to your face].
Job 6:29 Return [from your suspicion], I pray you, let there be no injustice; yes, return again [to confidence in me], my vindication is in it.
Job 6:30 Is there wrong on my tongue? Cannot my taste discern what is destructive?
Job 7:1 IS THERE not an [appointed] warfare {and} hard labor to man upon earth? And are not his days like the days of a hireling?
Job 7:2 As a servant earnestly longs for the shade {and} the evening shadows, and as a hireling who looks for the reward of his work,
Job 7:3 So am I allotted months of futile [suffering], and [long] nights of misery are appointed to me.
Job 7:4 When I lie down I say, When shall I arise and the night be gone? And I am full of tossing to and fro till the dawning of the day.
Job 7:5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken and has become loathsome, {and} it closes up and breaks out afresh.
Job 7:6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope.
Job 7:7 Oh, remember that my life is but wind (a puff, a breath, a sob); my eye shall see good no more.
Job 7:8 The eye of him who sees me shall see me no more; while your eyes are upon me, I shall be gone.
Job 7:9 As the cloud is consumed and vanishes away, so he who goes down to Sheol (the place of the dead) shall

come up no more.
Job 7:10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.
Job 7:11 Therefore I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit, I will complain in the bitterness of my soul [O Lord]!
Job 7:12 Am I the sea, or the sea monster, that You set a watch over me?
Job 7:13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint,
Job 7:14 Then You scare me with dreams and terrify me through visions,
Job 7:15 So that I would choose strangling {and} death rather than these my bones.
Job 7:16 I loathe my life; I would not live forever. Let me alone, for my days are a breath (futility).
Job 7:17 What is man that You should magnify him {and} think him important? And that You should set Your mind upon him?
Job 7:18 And that You should visit him every morning and try him every moment?
Job 7:19 How long will Your [plaguing] glance not look away from me, nor You let me alone till I swallow my spittle?
Job 7:20 If I have sinned, what [harm] have I done You, O You Watcher {and} Keeper of men? Why have You set me as a mark for You, so that I am a burden to myself [and You]?
Job 7:21 And why do You not pardon my transgression and take away my iniquity? For now shall I lie down in the dust; and [even if] You will seek me diligently, [it will be too late, for] I shall not be.
Job 8:1 THEN ANSWERED Bildad the Shuhite,
Job 8:2 How long will you say these things [Job]? And how long shall the words of your mouth be as a mighty wind?
Job 8:3 Does God pervert justice? Or does the Almighty pervert righteousness?
Job 8:4 If your children have sinned against Him, then He has delivered them into the power of their transgression.
Job 8:5 If you will seek God diligently and make your supplication to the Almighty,
Job 8:6 Then, if you are pure and upright, surely He will bestir Himself for you and make your righteous dwelling prosperous again.
Job 8:7 And though your beginning was small, yet your latter end would greatly increase.
Job 8:8 For inquire, I pray you, of the former age and apply yourself to that which their fathers have searched out,
Job 8:9 For we are but of yesterday and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow.
Job 8:10 Shall not [the forefathers] teach you and tell you and utter words out of their hearts (the deepest part of their nature)?
Job 8:11 Can the rush {or} papyrus grow up without marsh? Can the flag {or} reed grass grow without water?
Job 8:12 While it is yet green, in flower, and not cut down, it withers before any other herb [when without water].
Job 8:13 So are the ways of all who forget God; and the hope of the godless shall perish.
Job 8:14 For his confidence breaks, and [the object of] his trust is a spider's web.
Job 8:15 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand; he shall hold fast to it, but it shall not last.
Job 8:16 He is green before the sun, and his shoots go forth over his garden.
Job 8:17 [Godless] his roots are wrapped about the [stone] heap, and see their way [promisingly] among the rocks.
Job 8:18 But if [God] snatches him from his property, [then having passed into the hands of others] it [his property] will forget {and} deny him, [saying,] I have never seen you [before, as if ashamed of him--like his former friends].
Job 8:19 See, this is the joy of going the way [of the ungodly]! And from the dust others will spring up [to take his place].
Job 8:20 Behold, as surely as God will never uphold wrongdoers, He will never cast away a blameless man.
Job 8:21 He will yet fill your mouth with laughter [Job] and your lips with joyful shouting.
Job 8:22 Those who hate you will be clothed with shame, and the tents of the wicked shall be no more.
Job 9:1 THEN JOB answered and said,
Job 9:2 Yes, I know it is true. But how can mortal man be right before God?
Job 9:3 If one should want to contend with Him, he cannot answer one [of His questions] in a thousand.
Job 9:4 [God] is wise in heart and mighty in strength; who has [ever] hardened himself against Him and prospered {or} even been safe?
Job 9:5 [God] Who removes the mountains, and they know it not when He overturns them in His anger;
Job 9:6 Who shakes the earth out of its place, and the pillars of it tremble;
Job 9:7 Who commands the sun, and it rises not; Who seals up the stars [from view];
Job 9:8 Who alone stretches out the heavens and treads upon the waves {and} high places of the sea;
Job 9:9 Who made [the constellations] the Bear, Orion, and the [loose cluster] Pleiades, and the [vast starry] spaces of

the south;
Job 9:10 Who does great things past finding out, yes, marvelous things without number.
Job 9:11 Behold, He goes by me, and I see Him not; He passes on also, but I perceive Him not.
Job 9:12 Behold, He snatches away; who can hinder {or} turn Him back? Who will say to Him, What are You doing?
Job 9:13 God will not withdraw His anger; the [proud] helpers of Rahab [arrogant monster of the sea] bow under Him.
Job 9:14 How much less shall I answer Him, choosing out my words to reason with Him
Job 9:15 Whom, though I were righteous (upright and innocent) yet I could not answer? I must appeal for mercy to my Opponent {and} Judge [for my right].
Job 9:16 If I called and He answered me, yet would I not believe that He listened to my voice.
Job 9:17 For He overwhelms {and} breaks me with a tempest and multiplies my wounds without cause.
Job 9:18 He will not allow me to catch my breath, but fills me with bitterness.
Job 9:19 If I speak of strength, behold, He is mighty! And if of justice, Who, says He, will summon Me?
Job 9:20 Though I am innocent {and} in the right, my own mouth would condemn me; though I am blameless, He would prove me perverse.
Job 9:21 Though I am blameless, I regard not myself; I despise my life.
Job 9:22 It is all one; therefore I say, God [does not discriminate, but] destroys the blameless and the wicked.
Job 9:23 When [His] scourge slays suddenly, He mocks at the calamity {and} trial of the innocent.
Job 9:24 The earth is given into the hands of the wicked; He covers the faces of its judges [so that they are blinded to justice]. If it is not [God], who then is it [responsible for all this inequality]?
Job 9:25 Now my days are swifter than a runner; they flee away, they see no good.
Job 9:26 They are passed away like the swift rowboats made of reeds, or like the eagle that swoops down on the prey.
Job 9:27 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will put off my sad countenance, and be of good cheer {and} brighten up,
Job 9:28 I become afraid of all my pains {and} sorrows [yet to come], for I know You will not pronounce me innocent [by removing them].
Job 9:29 I shall be held guilty {and} be condemned; why then should I labor in vain [to appear innocent]?
Job 9:30 If I wash myself with snow and cleanse my hands with lye,
Job 9:31 Yet You will plunge me into the ditch, and my own clothes will abhor me [and refuse to cover so foul a body].
Job 9:32 For [God] is not a [mere] man, as I am, that I should answer Him, that we should come together in court.
Job 9:33 There is no umpire between us, who might lay his hand upon us both, [would that there were!]
Job 9:34 That He might take His rod away from [threatening] me, and that the fear of Him might not terrify me.
Job 9:35 [Then] would I speak and not fear Him, but I am not so in myself [to make me afraid, were only a fair trial given me].
Job 10:1 I AM weary of my life {and} loathe it! I will give free expression to my complaint; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
Job 10:2 I will say to God, Do not condemn me [do not make me guilty]! Show me why You contend with me.
Job 10:3 Does it seem good to You that You should oppress, that You should despise {and} reject the work of Your hands, and favor the schemes of the wicked?
Job 10:4 Have You eyes of flesh? Do You see as man sees?
Job 10:5 Are Your days as the days of man, are Your years as man's [years],
Job 10:6 That You inquire after my iniquity and search for my sin--
Job 10:7 Although You know that I am not wicked {or} guilty and that there is none who can deliver me out of Your hand?
Job 10:8 Your hands have formed me and made me. Would You turn around and destroy me?
Job 10:9 Remember [earnestly], I beseech You, that You have fashioned me as clay [out of the same earth material, exquisitely and elaborately]. And will You bring me into dust again?
Job 10:10 Have You not poured me out like milk and curdled me like cheese?
Job 10:11 You have clothed me with skin and flesh and have knit me together with bones and sinews.
Job 10:12 You have granted me life and favor, and Your providence has preserved my spirit.
Job 10:13 Yet these [the present evils] have You hid in Your heart [for me since my creation]; I know that this was with You [in Your purpose and thought].
Job 10:14 If I sin, then You observe me, and You will not acquit me from my iniquity {and} guilt.
Job 10:15 If I am wicked, woe unto me! And if I am righteous, yet must I not lift up my head, for I am filled with

disgrace and the sight of my affliction.
Job 10:16 If I lift myself up, You hunt me like a lion and again show Yourself [inflicting] marvelous [trials] upon me.
Job 10:17 You renew Your witnesses against me and increase Your indignation toward me; I am as if attacked by a troop time after time.
Job 10:18 Why then did You bring me forth out of the womb? Would that I had perished and no eye had seen me!
Job 10:19 I should have been as though I had not existed; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.
Job 10:20 Are not my days few? Cease then and let me alone, that I may take a little comfort {and} cheer up
Job 10:21 Before I go whence I shall not return, even to the land of darkness and the shadow of death,
Job 10:22 The land of sunless gloom as intense darkness, [the land] of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as thick darkness.
Job 11:1 THEN ZOPHAR the Naamathite replied,
Job 11:2 Should not the multitude of words be answered? And should a man full of talk [and making such great professions] be pronounced free from guilt {or} blame?
Job 11:3 Should your boastings {and} babble make men keep silent? And when you mock {and} scoff, shall no man make you ashamed?
Job 11:4 For you have said, My doctrine [that God afflicts the righteous knowingly] is pure, and I am clean in [God's] eyes.
Job 11:5 But oh, that God would speak, and open His lips against you,
Job 11:6 And that He would show you the secrets of wisdom! For He is manifold in understanding! Know therefore that God exacts of you less than your guilt {and} iniquity [deserve].
Job 11:7 Can you find out the deep things of God, or can you by searching find out the limits of the Almighty [explore His depths, ascend to His heights, extend to His breadths, and comprehend His infinite perfection]?
Job 11:8 His wisdom is as high as the heights of heaven! What can you do? It is deeper than Sheol (the place of the dead)! What can you know?
Job 11:9 Longer in measure [and scope] is it than the earth, and broader than the sea.
Job 11:10 If [God] sweeps in and arrests and calls into judgment, who can hinder Him? [If He is against a man, who shall call Him to account for it?]
Job 11:11 For He recognizes {and} knows hollow, wicked, {and} useless men (men of falsehood); when He sees iniquity, will He not consider it?
Job 11:12 But a stupid man will get wisdom [only] when a wild donkey's colt is born a man [as when he thinks himself free because he is lifted up in pride].
Job 11:13 If you set your heart aright and stretch out your hands to [God],
Job 11:14 If you put sin out of your hand {and} far away from you and let not evil dwell in your tents;
Job 11:15 Then can you lift up your face to Him without stain [of sin, and unashamed]; yes, you shall be steadfast {and} secure; you shall not fear.
Job 11:16 For you shall forget your misery; you shall remember it as waters that pass away.
Job 11:17 And [your] life shall be clearer than the noonday {and} rise above it; though there be darkness, it shall be as the morning.
Job 11:18 And you shall be secure {and} feel confident because there is hope; yes, you shall search about you, and you shall take your rest in safety.
Job 11:19 You shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid; yes, many shall sue for your favor.
Job 11:20 But the eyes of the wicked shall look [for relief] in vain, and they shall not escape [the justice of God]; and their hope shall be to give up the ghost.
Job 12:1 THEN JOB answered,
Job 12:2 No doubt you are the [only wise] people [in the world], and wisdom will die with you!
Job 12:3 But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you. Who does not know such things as these [of God's wisdom and might]?
Job 12:4 I am become one who is a laughingstock to his friend; I, one whom God answered when he called upon Him--a just, upright (blameless) man--laughed to scorn!
Job 12:5 In the thought of him who is at ease there is contempt for misfortune--but it is ready for those whose feet slip.
Job 12:6 The dwellings of robbers prosper; those who provoke God are [apparently] secure; God supplies them abundantly [who have no god but their own hands and power].
Job 12:7 For ask now the animals, and they will teach you [that God does not deal with His creatures according to their character]; ask the birds of the air, and they will tell you;

Job 12:8 Or speak to the earth [with its other forms of life], and it will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare [this truth] to you.
Job 12:9 Who [is so blind as] not to recognize in all these [that good and evil are promiscuously scattered throughout nature and human life] that it is God's hand which does it [and God's way]?
Job 12:10 In His hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind.
Job 12:11 Is it not the task of the ear to discriminate between [wise and unwise] words, just as the mouth distinguishes [between desirable and undesirable] food?
Job 12:12 With the aged [you say] is wisdom, and with length of days comes understanding.
Job 12:13 But [only] with [God] are [perfect] wisdom and might; He [alone] has [true] counsel and understanding.
Job 12:14 Behold, He tears down, and it cannot be built again; He shuts a man in, and none can open.
Job 12:15 He withholds the waters, and the land dries up; again, He sends forth [rains], and they overwhelm the land {or} transform it.
Job 12:16 With Him are might and wisdom; the deceived and the deceiver are His [and in His power].
Job 12:17 He leads [great and scheming] counselors away stripped {and} barefoot and makes the judges fools [in human estimation, by overthrowing their plans].
Job 12:18 He looses the fetters [ordered] by kings and has [the] waistcloth [of a slave] bound about their [own] loins.
Job 12:19 He leads away priests as spoil, and men firmly seated He overturns.
Job 12:20 He deprives of speech those who are trusted and takes away the discernment {and} discretion of the aged.
Job 12:21 He pours contempt on princes and loosens the belt of the strong [disabling them, bringing low the pride of the learned].
Job 12:22 He uncovers deep things out of darkness and brings into light black gloom {and} the shadow of death.
Job 12:23 He makes nations great, and He destroys them; He enlarges nations [and then straitens and shrinks them again], and leads them [away captive].
Job 12:24 He takes away understanding from the leaders of the people of the land {and} of the earth, and causes them to wander in a wilderness where there is no path.
Job 12:25 They grope in the dark without light, and He makes them to stagger {and} wander like a drunken man.
Job 13:1 [JOB CONTINUED:] Behold, my eye has seen all this, my ear has heard and understood it.
Job 13:2 What you know, I also know; I am not inferior to you.
Job 13:3 Surely I wish to speak to the Almighty, and I desire to argue {and} reason my case with God [that He may explain the conflict between what I believe of Him and what I see of Him].
Job 13:4 But you are forgers of lies [you defame my character most untruthfully]; you are all physicians of no value {and} have no remedy to offer.
Job 13:5 Oh, that you would altogether hold your peace! Then you would evidence your wisdom {and} you might pass for wise men.
Job 13:6 Hear now my reasoning, and listen to the pleadings of my lips.
Job 13:7 Will you speak unrighteously for God and talk deceitfully for Him?
Job 13:8 Will you show partiality to Him [be unjust to me in order to gain favor with Him]? Will you act as special pleaders for God?
Job 13:9 Would it be profitable for you if He should investigate your tactics [with me]? Or as one deceives {and} mocks a man, do you deceive {and} mock Him?
Job 13:10 He will surely reprove you if you do secretly show partiality.
Job 13:11 Shall not His majesty make you afraid, and should not your awe for Him restrain you?
Job 13:12 Your memorable sayings are proverbs of ashes [valueless]; your defenses are defenses of clay [and will crumble].
Job 13:13 Hold your peace! Let me alone, so I may speak; and let come on me what may.
Job 13:14 Why should I take my flesh in my teeth and put my life in my hands [incurring the danger of God's wrath]?
Job 13:15 [I do it because, though He slay me, yet will I wait for and trust Him and] behold, He will slay me; I have no hope--nevertheless, I will maintain {and} argue my ways before Him {and} even to His face.
Job 13:16 This will be my salvation, that a polluted {and} godless man shall not come before Him.
Job 13:17 Listen diligently to my speech, and let my declaration be in your ears.
Job 13:18 Behold now, I have prepared my case; I know that I shall be justified {and} vindicated.
Job 13:19 Who is he who will argue against {and} refute me? For then I would hold my peace and expire.
Job 13:20 Only [O Lord] grant two conditions to me, and then will I not hide myself from You:
Job 13:21 Withdraw Your hand and take this bodily suffering far from me; and let not my [reverent] dread of You

terrify me.
Job 13:22 Then [Lord] call and I will answer, or let me speak, and You answer me.
Job 13:23 How many are my iniquities and sins [that so much sorrow should come to me]? Make me recognize {and} know my transgression and my sin.
Job 13:24 Why do You hide Your face [as if offended] and alienate me as if I were Your enemy?
Job 13:25 Will You harass {and} frighten a [poor, helpless] leaf driven to and fro, and will You pursue the chaff of the dry stubble?
Job 13:26 For You write bitter things against me [in Your bill of indictment] and make me inherit {and} be accountable now for the iniquities of my youth.
Job 13:27 You put my feet also in the stocks and observe critically all my paths; You set a circle {and} limit around the soles of my feet [which I must not overstep].
Job 13:28 And he wastes away as a rotten thing, like a garment that is moth-eaten.
Job 14:1 MAN WHO is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble.
Job 14:2 He comes forth like a flower and withers; he flees also like a shadow and continues not.
Job 14:3 And [Lord] do You open Your eyes upon such a one, and bring me into judgment with You?
Job 14:4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? No one!
Job 14:5 Since a man's days are already determined, and the number of his months is wholly in Your control, and he cannot pass the bounds of his allotted time--
Job 14:6 [O God] turn from him [and cease to watch him so pitilessly]; let him rest until he has accomplished as does a hireling the appointed time for his day.
Job 14:7 For there is hope for a tree if it is cut down, that it will sprout again and that the tender shoots of it will not cease. [But there is no such hope for man.]
Job 14:8 Though its roots grow old in the earth and its stock dies in the ground,
Job 14:9 Yet through the scent [and breathing] of water [the stump of the tree] will bud and bring forth boughs like a young plant.
Job 14:10 But [the brave, strong] man must die and lie prostrate; yes, man breathes his last, and where is he?
Job 14:11 As waters evaporate from the lake, and the river drains and dries up,
Job 14:12 So man lies down and does not rise [to his former state]. Till the heavens are no more, men will not awake nor be raised [physically] out of their sleep.
Job 14:13 Oh, that You would hide me in Sheol (the unseen state), that You would conceal me until Your wrath is past, that You would set a definite time and then remember me earnestly [and imprint me on your heart]!
Job 14:14 If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my warfare {and} service I will wait, till my change {and} release shall come.
Job 14:15 [Then] You would call and I would answer You; You would yearn for [me] the work of Your hands.
Job 14:16 But now You number each of my steps and take note of my every sin.
Job 14:17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and You glue up my iniquity [to preserve it in full for the day of reckoning].
Job 14:18 But as a mountain, if it falls, crumbles to nothing, and as the rock is removed out of its place,
Job 14:19 As waters wear away the stones and as floods wash away the soil of the earth, so You [O Lord] destroy the hope of man.
Job 14:20 You prevail forever against him, and he passes on; You change his appearance [in death] and send him away [from the presence of the living].
Job 14:21 His sons come to honor, and he knows it not; they are brought low, and he perceives it not.
Job 14:22 But his body [lamenting its decay in the grave] shall grieve over him, and his soul shall mourn [over the body of clay which it once enlivened].
Job 15:1 THEN ELIPHAZ the Temanite answered [Job],
Job 15:2 Should a wise man utter such windy knowledge [as we have just heard] and fill himself with the east wind [of withering, parching, and violent accusations]?
Job 15:3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk? Or with speeches with which he can do no good?
Job 15:4 Indeed, you are doing away with [reverential] fear, and you are hindering {and} diminishing meditation {and} devotion before God.
Job 15:5 For your iniquity teaches your mouth, and you choose the tongue of the crafty.
Job 15:6 Your own mouth condemns you, and not I; yes, your own lips testify against you.
Job 15:7 Are you the first man that was born [the original wise man]? Or were you created before the hills?

Job 15:8 Were you present to hear the secret counsel of God? And do you limit [the possession of] wisdom to yourself?
Job 15:9 What do you know that we know not? What do you understand that is not equally clear to us?
Job 15:10 Among us are both the gray-haired and the aged, older than your father by far.
Job 15:11 Are God's consolations [as we have interpreted them to you] too trivial for you? Is there any secret thing (any bosom sin) which you have not given up? [Or] were we too gentle [in our first speech] toward you to be effective?
Job 15:12 Why does your heart carry you away [why allow yourself to be controlled by feeling]? And why do your eyes flash [in anger or contempt],
Job 15:13 That you turn your spirit against God and let [such] words [as you have spoken] go out of your mouth?
Job 15:14 What is man, that he could be pure {and} clean? And he who is born of a woman, that he could be right {and} just?
Job 15:15 Behold, [God] puts no trust in His holy ones [the angels]; indeed, the heavens are not clean in His sight--
Job 15:16 How much less that which is abominable and corrupt, a man who drinks iniquity like water?
Job 15:17 I will show you, hear me; and that which I have seen I will relate,
Job 15:18 What wise men have not hid but have freely communicated; it was told to them by their fathers,
Job 15:19 Unto whom alone the land was given, and no stranger intruded {or} passed among them [corrupting the truth].
Job 15:20 The wicked man suffers with [self-inflicted] torment all his days, through all the years that are numbered {and} laid up for him, the oppressor.
Job 15:21 A [dreadful] sound of terrors is in his ears; in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him [the dwellings of robbers are not at peace].
Job 15:22 He believes that he will not return out of darkness, and [because of his guilt] he is waited for by the sword [of God's vengeance].
Job 15:23 He wanders abroad for food, saying, Where is it? He knows that the day of darkness {and} destruction is already close upon him.
Job 15:24 Distress and anguish terrify him; [he knows] they shall prevail against him, like a king ready for battle.
Job 15:25 Because he has stretched out his hand against God and bids defiance {and} behaves himself proudly against the Almighty,
Job 15:26 Running stubbornly against Him with a thickly ornamented shield;
Job 15:27 Because he has covered his face with his fat, adding layers of fat on his loins [giving himself up to animal pleasures],
Job 15:28 And has lived in desolate [God-forsaken] cities and in houses which no man should inhabit, which were destined to become heaps [of ruins];
Job 15:29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his wealth last, neither shall his produce bend to the earth {nor} his possessions be extended on the earth.
Job 15:30 He shall not depart out of darkness [and escape from calamity; the wrath of God] shall consume him as flame consumes a dry tree, and by the blast of His mouth he shall be swept away.
Job 15:31 Let him not deceive himself and trust in vanity (emptiness, falseness, and futility), for these shall be his recompense [for such living].
Job 15:32 It shall be accomplished {and} paid in full while he still lives, and his branch shall not be green [but shall wither away].
Job 15:33 He shall fail to bring his grapes to maturity [leaving them to wither unnourished] on the vine and shall cast off blossoms [and fail to bring forth fruit] like the olive tree.
Job 15:34 For the company of the godless shall be barren, and fire shall consume the tents of bribery (wrong and injustice).
Job 15:35 They conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity, and their inmost soul hatches deceit.
Job 16:1 THEN JOB answered,
Job 16:2 I have heard many such things; wearisome {and} miserable comforters are you all!
Job 16:3 Will your futile words of wind have no end? Or what makes you so bold to answer [me like this]?
Job 16:4 I also could speak as you do, if you were in my stead; I could join words together against you and shake my head at you.
Job 16:5 [But] I would strengthen {and} encourage you with [the words of] my mouth, and the consolation of my lips would soothe your suffering.

Job 16:6 If I speak [to you miserable comforters], my sorrow is not soothed {or} lessened; and if I refrain [from speaking], in what way am I eased? [I hardly know whether to answer you or be silent.]
Job 16:7 But now [God] has taken away my strength. You [O Lord] have made desolate all my family {and} associates.
Job 16:8 You have laid firm hold on me {and} have shriveled me up, which is a witness against me; and my leanness [and wretched state of body] are further evidence [against me]; [they] testify to my face.
Job 16:9 [My adversary Satan] has torn [me] in his wrath and hated {and} persecuted me; he has gnashed upon me with his teeth; my adversary sharpens his eyes against me.
Job 16:10 [The forces of evil] have gaped at me with their mouths; they have struck me upon the cheek insolently; they massed themselves together {and} conspired unanimously against me.
Job 16:11 God has delivered me to the ungodly (to the evil one) and cast me [headlong] into the hands of the wicked (Satan's host).
Job 16:12 I was living at ease, but [Satan] crushed me {and} broke me apart; yes, he seized me by the neck and dashed me in pieces; then he set me up for his target.
Job 16:13 [Satan's] arrows whiz around me. He slashes open my vitals and does not spare; he pours out my gall on the ground.
Job 16:14 [Satan] stabs me, making breach after breach {and} attacking again and again; he runs at me like a giant {and} irresistible warrior.
Job 16:15 I have sewed sackcloth over my skin [as a sign of mourning] and have defiled my horn (my insignia of strength) in the dust.
Job 16:16 My face is red {and} swollen with weeping, and on my eyelids is the shadow of death [my eyes are dimmed],
Job 16:17 Although there is no guilt {or} violence in my hands and my prayer is pure.
Job 16:18 O earth, cover not my blood, and let my cry have no resting-place [where it will cease being heard].
Job 16:19 Even now, behold, my Witness is in heaven, and He who vouches for me is on high.
Job 16:20 My friends scorn me, but my eye pours out tears to God.
Job 16:21 Oh, that there might be one who would plead for a man with God {and} that he would maintain his right with Him, as a son of man pleads with {or} for his neighbor!
Job 16:22 For when a few years are come, I shall go the way from which I shall not return.
Job 17:1 MY SPIRIT is broken, my days are spent (snuffed out); the grave is ready for me.
Job 17:2 Surely there are mockers {and} mockery around me, and my eye dwells on their obstinacy, insults, {and} resistance.
Job 17:3 Give me a pledge with Yourself [acknowledge my innocence before my death]; who is there that will give security for me?
Job 17:4 But their hearts [Lord] You have closed to understanding; therefore You will not let them triumph [by giving them a verdict against me].
Job 17:5 He who denounces his friends [in order to make them] a prey {and} get a share, the eyes of his children shall fail [to find food].
Job 17:6 But He has made me a byword among the people, and they spit before my face.
Job 17:7 My eye has grown dim because of grief, and all my members are [wasted away] like a shadow.
Job 17:8 Upright men shall be astonished {and} appalled at this, and the innocent shall stir himself up against the godless {and} polluted.
Job 17:9 Yet shall the righteous (those upright and in right standing with God) hold to their ways, and he who has clean hands shall grow stronger and stronger.
Job 17:10 But as for you, come on again, all of you, though I find not a wise man among you.
Job 17:11 My days are past, my purposes {and} plans are frustrated; even the thoughts (desires and possessions) of my heart [are broken off].
Job 17:12 These [thoughts] extend from the night into the day, [so that] the light is short because of darkness.
Job 17:13 But if I look to Sheol (the unseen state) as my abode, if I spread my couch in the darkness,
Job 17:14 If I say to the grave {and} corruption, You are my father, and to the worm [that feeds on decay], You are my mother and my sister [because I will soon be closest to you],
Job 17:15 Where then is my hope? And if I have hope, who will see [its fulfillment]?
Job 17:16 [My hope] shall go down to the bars of Sheol (the unseen state) when once there is rest in the dust.
Job 18:1 THEN BILDAD the Shuhite answered,

Job 18:2 How long will you lay snares for words {and} have to hunt for your argument? Do some clear thinking, and then we will reply.
Job 18:3 Why are we counted as beasts [as if we had no sense]? Why are we unclean in your sight?
Job 18:4 You who tear yourself in your anger, shall the earth be forsaken for you, or the rock be removed out of its place?
Job 18:5 Yes, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the flame of his fire shall not shine.
Job 18:6 The light shall be dark in his dwelling, and his lamp beside him shall be put out.
Job 18:7 The steps of his strength shall be shortened, and his own counsel {and} the plans in which he trusted shall bring about his downfall.
Job 18:8 For the wicked is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walks upon a lattice-covered pit.
Job 18:9 A trap will catch him by the heel, and a snare will lay hold on him.
Job 18:10 A noose is hidden for him on the ground and a trap for him in the way.
Job 18:11 Terrors shall make him afraid on every side and shall chase him at his heels.
Job 18:12 The strength [of the wicked] shall be hunger-bitten, and calamity is ready at his side [if he halts].
Job 18:13 By disease his strength {and} his skin shall be devoured; the firstborn of death [the worst of diseases] shall consume his limbs.
Job 18:14 He shall be rooted out of his dwelling place in which he trusted, and he shall be brought to the king of terrors [death].
Job 18:15 There shall dwell in his tent that which is none of his [family]; sulphur shall be scattered over his dwelling [to purify it after his going].
Job 18:16 The roots [of the wicked] shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off {and} wither.
Job 18:17 His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street.
Job 18:18 He shall be thrust from light into darkness and driven out of the world.
Job 18:19 He shall neither have son nor grandson among his people, nor any remaining where he sojourned.
Job 18:20 They [of the west] that come after [the wicked man] shall be astonished {and} appalled at his day, as they [of the east] that went before were seized with horror.
Job 18:21 Surely such are the dwellings of the ungodly, and such is the place of him who knows not (recognizes not and honors not) God.
Job 19:1 THEN JOB answered:
Job 19:2 How long will you vex {and} torment me and break me in pieces with words?
Job 19:3 These ten times you have reproached me; you are not ashamed that you make yourselves strange [harden yourselves against me and deal severely with me].
Job 19:4 And if it were true that I have erred, my error would remain with me [I would be conscious of it].
Job 19:5 If indeed you magnify yourselves against me and plead against me my reproach {and} humiliation,
Job 19:6 Know that God has overthrown {and} put me in the wrong and has closed His net about me.
Job 19:7 Behold, I cry out, Violence! but I am not heard; I cry aloud for help, but there is no justice.
Job 19:8 He has walled up my way so that I cannot pass, and He has set darkness upon my paths.
Job 19:9 He has stripped me of my glory and taken the crown from my head.
Job 19:10 He has broken me down on every side, and I am gone; my hope has He pulled up like a tree.
Job 19:11 He has also kindled His wrath against me, and He counts me as one of His adversaries.
Job 19:12 His troops come together and cast up their way {and} siege works against me and encamp round about my tent.
Job 19:13 He has put my brethren far from me, and my acquaintances are wholly estranged from me.
Job 19:14 My kinsfolk have failed me, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.
Job 19:15 Those who live temporarily in my house and my maids count me as a stranger; I am an alien in their sight.
Job 19:16 I call to my servant, but he gives me no answer, though I beseech him with words.
Job 19:17 I am repulsive to my wife and loathsome to the children of my own mother.
Job 19:18 Even young children despise me; when I get up, they speak against me.
Job 19:19 All the men of my council {and} my familiar friends abhor me; those whom I loved are turned against me.
Job 19:20 My bone clings to my skin and to my flesh, and I have escaped with the skin {or} gums of my teeth.
Job 19:21 Have pity on me! Have pity on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me!
Job 19:22 Why do you, as if you were God, pursue {and} persecute me? [Acting like wild beasts] why are you not satisfied with my flesh?
Job 19:23 Oh, that the words I now speak were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book [carved on a tablet of

stone]!
Job 19:24 That with an iron pen and [molten] lead they were graven in the rock forever!
Job 19:25 For I know that my Redeemer {and} Vindicator lives, and at last He [the Last One] will stand upon the earth.
Job 19:26 And after my skin, even this body, has been destroyed, then from my flesh {or} without it I shall see God,
Job 19:27 Whom I, even I, shall see for myself {and} on my side! And my eyes shall behold Him, and not as a stranger! My heart pines away {and} is consumed within me.
Job 19:28 If you say, How we will pursue him! [and continue to persecute me with the claim] that the root [cause] of all these [afflictions] is found in me,
Job 19:29 Then beware {and} be afraid of the sword [of divine vengeance], for wrathful are the punishments of that sword, that you may know there is a judgment.
Job 20:1 THEN ZOPHAR the Naamathite answered,
Job 20:2 Therefore do my thoughts give me an answer, and I make haste [to offer it] for this reason.
Job 20:3 I have heard the reproof which puts me to shame, but out of my understanding my spirit answers me.
Job 20:4 Do you not know from of old, since the time that man was placed on the earth,
Job 20:5 That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the godless {and} defiled is but for a moment?
Job 20:6 Though his [proud] height mounts up to the heavens and his head reaches to the clouds,
Job 20:7 Yet he will perish forever like his own dung; those who have seen him will say, Where is he?
Job 20:8 He will fly away like a dream and will not be found; yes, he will be chased away as a vision of the night.
Job 20:9 The eye which saw him will see him no more, neither will his [accustomed] place any more behold him.
Job 20:10 The poor will oppress his children, and his hands will give back his [ill-gotten] wealth.
Job 20:11 His bones are full of youthful energy, but it will lie down with him in the dust.
Job 20:12 Though wickedness is sweet in his mouth, though he hides it under his tongue,
Job 20:13 Though he is loath to let it go but keeps it still within his mouth,
Job 20:14 Yet his food turns [to poison] in his stomach; it is the venom of asps within him.
Job 20:15 He has swallowed down [his ill-gotten] riches, and he shall vomit them up again; God will cast them out of his belly.
Job 20:16 He shall suck the poison of asps [which ill-gotten wealth contains]; the viper's tongue shall slay him.
Job 20:17 He shall not look upon the rivers, the flowing streams of honey and butter [to enjoy his wealth].
Job 20:18 That which he labored for shall he give back and shall not swallow it down [to enjoy it]; according to his wealth shall the restitution be, and he shall not rejoice in it.
Job 20:19 For he has oppressed and forsaken the poor; he has violently taken away a house which he did not build.
Job 20:20 Because his desire {and} greed knew no quietness within him, he will not save anything of that in which he delights.
Job 20:21 There was nothing left that he did not devour; therefore his prosperity will not endure.
Job 20:22 In the fullness of his sufficiency [in the time of his great abundance] he shall be poor and in straits; every hand of everyone who is in misery shall come upon him [he is but a wretch on every side].
Job 20:23 When he is about to fill his belly [as in the wilderness when God sent the quails], God will cast the fierceness of His wrath upon him and will rain it upon him while he is eating.
Job 20:24 He will flee from the iron weapon, but the bow of bronze shall strike him through.
Job 20:25 [The arrow] is drawn forth and it comes out after passing through his body; yes, the glittering point comes out of his gall. Terrors march in upon him;
Job 20:26 Every misfortune is laid up for his treasures. A fire not blown by man shall devour him; it shall consume what is left in his tent [and it shall go ill with him who remains there].
Job 20:27 The heavens shall reveal his iniquity, and the earth shall rise up against him.
Job 20:28 The produce {and} increase of his house will go into exile [with the victors], dragged away in the day of [God's] wrath.
Job 20:29 This is the wicked man's portion from God, and the heritage appointed to him by God.
Job 21:1 THEN JOB answered,
Job 21:2 Hear diligently my speech, and let this [your attention] be your consolation [given me].
Job 21:3 Allow me, and I also will speak; and after I have spoken, mock on.
Job 21:4 As for me, is my complaint to man {or} of him? And why should I not be impatient {and} my spirit be troubled?
Job 21:5 Look at me and be astonished (appalled); and lay your hand upon your mouth.

Job 21:6 Even when I remember, I am troubled {and} afraid; horror {and} trembling take hold of my flesh.
Job 21:7 Why do the wicked live, become old, and become mighty in power?
Job 21:8 Their children are established with them in their sight, and their offspring before their eyes.
Job 21:9 Their houses are safe {and} in peace, without fear; neither is the rod of God upon them.
Job 21:10 Their bull breeds and fails not; their cows calve and do not miscarry.
Job 21:11 They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children skip about.
Job 21:12 They themselves lift up their voices {and} sing to the tambourine and the lyre and rejoice to the sound of the pipe.
Job 21:13 They spend their days in prosperity and go down to Sheol (the unseen state) in a moment {and} peacefully.
Job 21:14 Yet they say to God, Depart from us, for we do not desire the knowledge of Your ways.
Job 21:15 Who is the Almighty, that we should serve Him? And what profit do we have if we pray to Him?
Job 21:16 But notice, [you say] the prosperity of the wicked is not in their power; the mystery [of God's dealings] with the ungodly is far from my comprehension.
Job 21:17 How often [then] is it that the lamp of the wicked is put out? That their calamity comes upon them? That God distributes pains {and} sorrows to them in His anger?
Job 21:18 That they are like stubble before the wind and like chaff that the storm steals {and} carries away?
Job 21:19 You say, God lays up [the punishment of the wicked man's] iniquity for his children. Let Him recompense it to the man himself, that he may know {and} feel it.
Job 21:20 Let his own eyes see his destruction, and let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty.
Job 21:21 For what pleasure {or} interest has a man in his house {and} family after he is dead, when the number of his months is cut off?
Job 21:22 Shall any teach God knowledge, seeing that He judges those who are on high?
Job 21:23 One dies in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet;
Job 21:24 His pails are full of milk [his veins are filled with nourishment], and the marrow of his bones is fresh {and} moist,
Job 21:25 Whereas another man dies in bitterness of soul and never tastes of pleasure {or} good fortune.
Job 21:26 They lie down alike in the dust, and the worm spreads a covering over them.
Job 21:27 Behold, I know your thoughts {and} plans and the devices with which you would wrong me.
Job 21:28 For you say, Where is the house of the rich {and} liberal prince [meaning me]? And where is the tent in which the wicked [Job] dwelt?
Job 21:29 Have you not asked those who travel this way, and do you not accept their testimony {and} evidences--
Job 21:30 That the evil man is [now] spared in the day of calamity {and} destruction, and they are led forth {and} away on the day of [God's] wrath?
Job 21:31 But who declares [a man's] way [and rebukes] him to his face? And who pays him back for what he has done?
Job 21:32 When he is borne to the grave, watch is kept over his tomb.
Job 21:33 The clods of the valley are sweet to him, and every man shall follow him to a grave, as innumerable people [have gone] before him.
Job 21:34 How then can you comfort me with empty {and} futile words, since in your replies there lurks falsehood?
Job 22:1 THEN ELIPHAZ the Temanite answered [Job],
Job 22:2 Can a man be profitable to God? Surely he that is wise is profitable to himself.
Job 22:3 Is it any pleasure {or} advantage to the Almighty that you are righteous (upright and in right standing with Him)? Or is it gain to Him that you make your ways perfect?
Job 22:4 Is it for your [reverential] fear of Him that He [thus] reproves you, that He enters with you into judgment?
Job 22:5 Is not your wickedness great? There is no end to your iniquities.
Job 22:6 For you have taken pledges of your brother for nothing, and stripped the naked of their clothing.
Job 22:7 You have not given water to the weary to drink, and you have withheld bread from the hungry.
Job 22:8 But [you, Job] the man with power possessed the land, and the favored {and} accepted man dwelt in it.
Job 22:9 You have sent widows away empty-handed, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken.
Job 22:10 Therefore snares are round about you, and sudden fear troubles {and} overwhelms you;
Job 22:11 Your light is darkened, so that you cannot see, and a flood of water covers you.
Job 22:12 Is not God in the height of heaven? And behold the height of the stars, how high they are!
Job 22:13 Therefore you say, How {and} what does God know [about me]? Can He judge through the thick darkness?
Job 22:14 Thick clouds are a covering to Him, so that He does not see, and He walks on the vault of the heavens.

Job 22:15 Will you pay attention {and} keep to the old way that wicked men trod [in Noah's time],
Job 22:16 Men who were snatched away before their time, whose foundations were poured out like a stream [during the flood]?
Job 22:17 They said to God, Depart from us, and, What can the Almighty do for {or} to us?
Job 22:18 Yet He filled their houses with good [things]. But the counsel of the ungodly is far from me.
Job 22:19 The righteous see it and are glad; and the innocent laugh them to scorn [saying],
Job 22:20 Surely those who rose up against us are cut off, and that which remained to them the fire has consumed.
Job 22:21 Acquaint now yourself with Him [agree with God and show yourself to be conformed to His will] and be at peace; by that [you shall prosper and great] good shall come to you.
Job 22:22 Receive, I pray you, the law {and} instruction from His mouth and lay up His words in your heart.
Job 22:23 If you return to the Almighty [and submit and humble yourself before Him], you will be built up; if you put away unrighteousness far from your tents,
Job 22:24 If you lay gold in the dust, and the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brook [considering them of little worth],
Job 22:25 And make the Almighty your gold and [the Lord] your precious silver treasure,
Job 22:26 Then you will have delight in the Almighty, and you will lift up your face to God.
Job 22:27 You will make your prayer to Him, and He will hear you, and you will pay your vows.
Job 22:28 You shall also decide {and} decree a thing, and it shall be established for you; and the light [of God's favor] shall shine upon your ways.
Job 22:29 When they make [you] low, you will say, [There is] a lifting up; and the humble person He lifts up {and} saves.
Job 22:30 He will even deliver the one [for whom you intercede] who is not innocent; yes, he will be delivered through the cleanness of your hands.
Job 23:1 THEN JOB answered,
Job 23:2 Even today is my complaint rebellious {and} bitter; my stroke is heavier than my groaning.
Job 23:3 Oh, that I knew where I might find Him, that I might come even to His seat!
Job 23:4 I would lay my cause before Him and fill my mouth with arguments.
Job 23:5 I would learn what He would answer me, and understand what He would say to me.
Job 23:6 Would He plead against me with His great power? No, He would give heed to me.
Job 23:7 There the righteous [one who is upright and in right standing with God] could reason with Him; so I should be acquitted by my Judge forever.
Job 23:8 Behold, I go forward [and to the east], but He is not there; I go backward [and to the west], but I cannot perceive Him;
Job 23:9 On the left hand [and to the north] where He works [I seek Him], but I cannot behold Him; He turns Himself to the right hand [and to the south], but I cannot see Him.
Job 23:10 But He knows the way that I take [He has concern for it, appreciates, and pays attention to it]. When He has tried me, I shall come forth as refined gold [pure and luminous].
Job 23:11 My foot has held fast to His steps; His ways have I kept and not turned aside.
Job 23:12 I have not gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have esteemed {and} treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.
Job 23:13 But He is unchangeable, and who can turn Him? And what He wants to do, that He does.
Job 23:14 For He performs [that which He has] planned for me, and of many such matters He is mindful.
Job 23:15 Therefore am I troubled {and} terrified at His presence; when I consider, I am in dread {and} afraid of Him.
Job 23:16 For God has made my heart faint, timid, {and} broken, and the Almighty has terrified me,
Job 23:17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness [of these woes befell me], neither has He covered the thick darkness from my face.
Job 24:1 WHY [seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty] does He not set seasons for judgment? Why do those who know Him see not His days [for punishment of the wicked]?
Job 24:2 Some remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks and pasture them [appropriating land and flocks openly].
Job 24:3 They drive away the donkey of the fatherless; they take the widow's ox for a pledge.
Job 24:4 They crowd the poor {and} needy off the road; the poor {and} meek of the earth all hide themselves.
Job 24:5 Behold, as wild asses in the desert, [the poor] go forth to their work, seeking diligently for prey {and} food;

the wilderness yields them bread for their children [in roots and herbage].
Job 24:6 They reap each one his fodder in a field [that is not his own], and they glean the vintage of the wicked man.
Job 24:7 They lie all night naked, without clothing, and have no covering in the cold.
Job 24:8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains and cling to the rock for want of shelter.
Job 24:9 [The violent men whose wickedness seems unnoticed] pluck the fatherless infants from the breast [to sell or make them slaves], and take [the clothing on] the poor for a pledge,
Job 24:10 So that the needy go about naked for lack of clothing, and though hungry, they must carry [but not eat from] the sheaves.
Job 24:11 Among the olive rows [of the wicked, the poor] make oil; they tread [the fresh juice of the grape from] the presses, but suffer thirst.
Job 24:12 From out of the populous city men groan, and the very life of the wounded cries for help; yet God [seemingly] regards not the wrong done them.
Job 24:13 These wrongdoers are of those who rebel against the light; they know not its ways nor stay in its paths.
Job 24:14 The murderer rises with the light; he kills the poor and the needy, and in the night he becomes as a thief.
Job 24:15 The eye also of the adulterer waits for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me, and he puts a disguise upon his face.
Job 24:16 In the dark, they dig through [the penetrable walls of] houses; by day they shut themselves up; they do not know the sunlight.
Job 24:17 For midnight is morning to all of them; for they are familiar with the terrors of deep darkness.
Job 24:18 [You say] Swiftly such men pass away on the face of the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth; [no treader] turns into their vineyards.
Job 24:19 Drought and heat consume the snow waters; so does Sheol (the place of the dead) those who have sinned.
Job 24:20 The womb shall forget him, the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered, and unrighteousness shall be broken like a tree [which cannot be healed].
Job 24:21 [The evil man] preys upon the barren, childless woman and does no good to the widow.
Job 24:22 Yet [God] prolongs the life of the [wicked] mighty by His power; they rise up when they had despaired of life.
Job 24:23 God gives them security, and they rest on it; and His eyes are upon their ways.
Job 24:24 They are exalted for a little while, and then are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all others are and are cut off as the tops of the ears of grain.
Job 24:25 And if this is not so, who will prove me a liar and make my speech worthless?
Job 25:1 THEN BILDAD the Shuhite answered,
Job 25:2 Dominion and fear are with [God]; He makes peace in His high places.
Job 25:3 Is there any number to His armies? And upon whom does not His light arise?
Job 25:4 How then can man be justified {and} righteous before God? Or how can he who is born of a woman be pure {and} clean?
Job 25:5 Behold, even the moon has no brightness [compared to God's glory] and the stars are not pure in His sight--
Job 25:6 How much less man, who is a maggot! And a son of man, who is a worm!
Job 26:1 BUT JOB answered,
Job 26:2 How you have helped him who is without power! How you have sustained the arm that is without strength!
Job 26:3 How you have counseled him who has no wisdom! And how plentifully you have declared to him sound knowledge!
Job 26:4 With whose assistance have you uttered these words? And whose spirit [inspired what] came forth from you?
Job 26:5 The shades of the dead tremble underneath the waters and their inhabitants.
Job 26:6 Sheol (the place of the dead) is naked before God, and Abaddon (the place of destruction) has no covering [from His eyes].
Job 26:7 He it is Who spreads out the northern skies over emptiness and hangs the earth upon {or} over nothing.
Job 26:8 He holds the waters bound in His clouds [which otherwise would spill on earth all at once], and the cloud is not rent under them.
Job 26:9 He covers the face of His throne and spreads over it His cloud.
Job 26:10 He has placed an enclosing limit [the horizon] upon the waters at the boundary between light and darkness.
Job 26:11 The pillars of the heavens tremble and are astonished at His rebuke.
Job 26:12 He stills {or} stirs up the sea by His power, and by His understanding He smites proud Rahab.
Job 26:13 By His breath the heavens are garnished; His hand pierced the [swiftly] fleeing serpent.

Job 26:14 Yet these are but [a small part of His doings] the outskirts of His ways {or} the mere fringes of His force, the faintest whisper of His voice! Who dares contemplate {or} who can understand the thunders of His full, magnificent power?
Job 27:1 JOB AGAIN took up his discourse and said,
Job 27:2 As God lives, Who has taken away my right {and} denied me justice, and the Almighty, Who has vexed {and} embittered my life,
Job 27:3 As long as my life is still whole within me, and the breath of God is [yet] in my nostrils,
Job 27:4 My lips shall not speak untruth, nor shall my tongue utter deceit.
Job 27:5 God forbid that I should justify you--saying you are right [in your accusations against me]; till I die, I will not put away my integrity from me.
Job 27:6 My uprightness {and} my right standing with God I hold fast and will not let them go; my heart does not reproach me for any of my days {and} it shall not reproach me as long as I live.
Job 27:7 Let my enemy be as the wicked, and let him who rises up against me be as the unrighteous.
Job 27:8 For what is the hope of the godless {and} polluted, even though he has gained [in this world], when God cuts him off {and} takes away his life?
Job 27:9 Will God hear his cry when trouble comes upon him?
Job 27:10 Will he take delight in the Almighty? Will he call upon God at all times?
Job 27:11 I will teach you regarding the hand {and} handiwork of God; that which is with the Almighty [God's actual treatment of the wicked man] will I not conceal.
Job 27:12 Behold, all of you have seen it yourselves; why then have you become altogether vain [cherishing foolish notions]?
Job 27:13 This [which I am about to tell] is the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage which oppressors shall receive from the Almighty:
Job 27:14 If his children are multiplied, it is for the sword; and his offspring will not have sufficient bread.
Job 27:15 Those who survive him, [the pestilence] will bury, and [their] widows will make no lamentation.
Job 27:16 Though he heaps up silver like dust and piles up clothing like clay,
Job 27:17 He may prepare it, but the just will wear it, and the innocent will divide the silver.
Job 27:18 He builds his house like a moth {or} a spider, like a booth which a watchman makes [to last for a season].
Job 27:19 [The wicked] will lie down rich, but does it not again; he opens his eyes, and [his wealth] is gone.
Job 27:20 Terrors overtake him like a [suddenly loosened] flood; a windstorm steals him away in the night.
Job 27:21 The east wind lifts him up, and he is gone; it sweeps him out of his place.
Job 27:22 For [God and the storm] hurl at him without pity {and} unsparingly [their thunderbolts of wrath]; he flees in haste before His power.
Job 27:23 [God causes] men to clap their hands at him [in malignant joy] and hiss him out of his place.
Job 28:1 SURELY THERE is a mine for silver, and a place for gold where they refine it.
Job 28:2 Iron is taken out of the earth, and copper is smelted from the stone ore.
Job 28:3 Man sets an end to darkness, and he searches out the farthest bounds for the ore buried in gloom and deep darkness.
Job 28:4 Men break open shafts away from where people sojourn, in places forgotten by [human] foot; and [descend into them], hanging afar from men, they swing {or} flit to and fro.
Job 28:5 As for the earth, out of it comes bread, but underneath [its surface, down deep in the mine] there is blasting, turning it up as by fire.
Job 28:6 Its stones are the bed of sapphires; it holds dust of gold [which he wins].
Job 28:7 That path no bird of prey knows, and the falcon's eye has not seen it.
Job 28:8 The proud beasts [and their young] have not trodden it, nor has the fierce lion passed over it.
Job 28:9 Man puts forth his hand upon the flinty rock; he overturns the mountains by the roots.
Job 28:10 He cuts out channels {and} passages among the rocks; and his eye sees every precious thing.
Job 28:11 [Man] binds the streams so that they do not trickle [into the mine], and the thing that is hidden he brings forth to light.
Job 28:12 But where shall Wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding?
Job 28:13 Man knows not the price of it; neither is it found in the land of the living.
Job 28:14 The deep says, [Wisdom] is not in me; and the sea says, It is not with me.
Job 28:15 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price of it.
Job 28:16 It cannot be valued in [terms of] the gold of Ophir, in the precious onyx {or} beryl, or the sapphire.

Job 28:17 Gold and glass cannot equal [Wisdom], nor can it be exchanged for jewels {or} vessels of fine gold.
Job 28:18 No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal; for the possession of Wisdom is even above rubies {or} pearls.
Job 28:19 The topaz of Ethiopia cannot compare with it, nor can it be valued in pure gold.
Job 28:20 From where then does Wisdom come? And where is the place of understanding?
Job 28:21 It is hidden from the eyes of all living, and knowledge of it is withheld from the birds of the heavens.
Job 28:22 Abaddon (the place of destruction) and Death say, We have [only] heard the report of it with our ears.
Job 28:23 God understands the way [to Wisdom] and He knows the place of it [Wisdom is with God alone].
Job 28:24 For He looks to the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens.
Job 28:25 When He gave to the wind weight {or} pressure and allotted the waters by measure,
Job 28:26 When He made a decree for the rain and a way for the lightning of the thunder,
Job 28:27 Then He saw [Wisdom] and declared it; He established it, yes, and searched it out [for His own use, and He alone possesses it].
Job 28:28 But to man He said, Behold, the reverential {and} worshipful fear of the Lord--that is Wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.
Job 29:1 AND JOB again took up his discussion and said,
Job 29:2 Oh, that I were as in the months of old, as in the days when God watched over me,
Job 29:3 When His lamp shone above {and} upon my head and by His light I walked through darkness;
Job 29:4 As I was in the [prime] ripeness of my days, when the friendship {and} counsel of God were over my tent,
Job 29:5 When the Almighty was yet with me and my children were about me,
Job 29:6 When my steps [through rich pasturage] were washed with butter and the rock poured out for me streams of oil!
Job 29:7 When I went out to the gate of the city, when I prepared my seat in the street [the broad place for the council at the city's gate],
Job 29:8 The young men saw me and hid themselves; the aged rose up {and} stood;
Job 29:9 The princes refrained from talking and laid their hands on their mouths;
Job 29:10 The voices of the nobles were hushed, and their tongues cleaved to the roof of their mouths.
Job 29:11 For when the ear heard, it called me happy {and} blessed me; and when the eye saw, it testified for me [approvingly],
Job 29:12 Because I delivered the poor who cried, the fatherless and him who had none to help him.
Job 29:13 The blessing of him who was about to perish came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.
Job 29:14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me {or} clothed itself with me; my justice was like a robe and a turban {or} a diadem {or} a crown!
Job 29:15 I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.
Job 29:16 I was a father to the poor {and} needy; the cause of him I did not know I searched out.
Job 29:17 And I broke the jaws {or} the big teeth of the unrighteous and plucked the prey out of his teeth.
Job 29:18 Then I said, I shall die in {or} beside my nest, and I shall multiply my days as the sand.
Job 29:19 My root is spread out {and} open to the waters, and the dew lies all night upon my branch.
Job 29:20 My glory {and} honor are fresh in me [being constantly renewed], and my bow gains [ever] new strength in my hand.
Job 29:21 Men listened to me and waited and kept silence for my counsel.
Job 29:22 After I spoke, they did not speak again, and my speech dropped upon them [like a refreshing shower].
Job 29:23 And they waited for me as for the rain, and they opened their mouths wide as for the spring rain.
Job 29:24 I smiled on them when they had no confidence, and their depression did not cast down the light of my countenance.
Job 29:25 I chose their way [for them] and sat as [their] chief, and dwelt like a king among his soldiers, like one who comforts mourners.
Job 30:1 BUT NOW they who are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I disdained to set with the dogs of my flock.
Job 30:2 Yes, how could the strength of their hands profit me? They were men whose ripe age {and} vigor had perished.
Job 30:3 They are gaunt with want and famine; they gnaw the dry {and} barren ground {or} flee into the wilderness, into the gloom of wasteness and desolation.
Job 30:4 They pluck saltwort {or} mallows among the bushes, and roots of the broom for their food {or} to warm

them.
Job 30:5 They are driven from among men, who shout after them as after a thief.
Job 30:6 They must dwell in the clefts of frightful valleys (gullies made by torrents) and in holes of the earth and of the rocks.
Job 30:7 Among the bushes they bray {and} howl [like wild animals]; beneath the prickly scrub they fling themselves {and} huddle together.
Job 30:8 Sons of the worthless and nameless, they have been scourged {and} crushed out of the land.
Job 30:9 And now I have become their song; yes, I am a byword to them.
Job 30:10 They abhor me, they stand aloof from me, and do not refrain from spitting in my face {or} at the sight of me.
Job 30:11 For God has loosed my bowstring and afflicted {and} humbled me; they have cast off the bridle [of restraint] before me.
Job 30:12 On my right hand rises the rabble brood; they jostle me {and} push away my feet, and they cast up against me their ways of destruction [like an advancing army].
Job 30:13 They break up {and} clutter my path [embarrassing my plans]; they urge on my calamity, even though they have no helper [and are themselves helpless].
Job 30:14 As through a wide breach they come in; amid the crash [of falling walls] they roll themselves upon me.
Job 30:15 Terrors are turned upon me; my honor {and} reputation they chase away like the wind, and my welfare has passed away as a cloud.
Job 30:16 And now my life is poured out within me; the days of affliction have gripped me.
Job 30:17 My bones are pierced [with aching] in the night season, and the pains that gnaw me take no rest.
Job 30:18 By the great force [of my disease] my garment is disguised {and} disfigured; it binds me about like the collar of my coat.
Job 30:19 [God] has cast me into the mire, and I have become like dust and ashes.
Job 30:20 I cry to You, [Lord,] and You do not answer me; I stand up, but You [only] gaze [indifferently] at me.
Job 30:21 You have become harsh {and} cruel to me; with the might of Your hand You [keep me alive only to] persecute me.
Job 30:22 You lift me up on the wind; You cause me to ride upon it, and You toss me about in the tempest.
Job 30:23 For I know that You will bring me to death and to the house [of meeting] appointed for all the living.
Job 30:24 However, does not one falling in a heap of ruins stretch out his hand? Or in his calamity will he not therefore cry for help?
Job 30:25 Did not I weep for him who was in trouble? Was not my heart grieved for the poor {and} needy?
Job 30:26 But when I looked for good, then evil came to me; and when I waited for light, there came darkness.
Job 30:27 My heart is troubled and does not rest; days of affliction come to meet me.
Job 30:28 I go about blackened, but not by the sun; I stand up in the congregation and cry for help.
Job 30:29 I am a brother to jackals [which howl], and a companion to ostriches [which scream dismally].
Job 30:30 My skin falls from me in blackened flakes, and my bones are burned with heat.
Job 30:31 Therefore my lyre is turned to mourning, and my pipe into the voice of those who weep.
Job 31:1 I DICTATED a covenant (an agreement) to my eyes; how then could I look [lustfully] upon a girl?
Job 31:2 For what portion should I have from God above [if I were lewd], and what heritage from the Almighty on high?
Job 31:3 Does not calamity [justly] befall the unrighteous, and disaster the workers of iniquity?
Job 31:4 Does not [God] see my ways and count all my steps?
Job 31:5 If I have walked with falsehood {or} vanity, or if my foot has hastened to deceit--
Job 31:6 Oh, let me be weighed in a just balance {and} let Him weigh me, that God may know my integrity!
Job 31:7 If my step has turned out of [God's] way, and my heart has gone the way my eyes [covetously] invited, and if any spot has stained my hands with guilt,
Job 31:8 Then let me sow and let another eat; yes, let the produce of my field {or} my offspring be rooted out.
Job 31:9 If my heart has been deceived {and} I made a fool by a woman, or if I have [covetously] laid wait at my neighbor's door [until his departure],
Job 31:10 Then let my wife grind [meal, like a bondslave] for another, and let others bow down upon her.
Job 31:11 For [adultery] is a heinous {and} chief crime, an iniquity [to demand action by] the judges {and} punishment.
Job 31:12 For [uncontrolled passion] is a fire which consumes to Abaddon (to destruction, ruin, and the place of final

torment); [that fire once lighted would rage until all is consumed] and would burn to the root all my [life's] increase.
Job 31:13 If I have despised {and} rejected the cause of my manservant or my maidservant when they contended {or} brought a complaint against me,
Job 31:14 What then shall I do when God rises up [to judge]? When He visits [to inquire of me], what shall I answer Him?
Job 31:15 Did not He Who made me in the womb make [my servant]? And did not One fashion us both in the womb?
Job 31:16 If I have withheld from the poor {and} needy what they desired, or have caused the eyes of the widow to look in vain [for relief],
Job 31:17 Or have eaten my morsel alone and have not shared it with the fatherless--
Job 31:18 No, but from my youth [the fatherless] grew up with me as a father, and I have been [the widow's] guide from my mother's womb--
Job 31:19 If I have seen anyone perish for want of clothing, or any poor person without covering,
Job 31:20 If his loins have not blessed me [for clothing them], and if he was not warmed with the fleece of my sheep,
Job 31:21 If I have lifted my hand against the fatherless when I saw [that the judges would be favorable and be] my help at the [council] gate,
Job 31:22 Then let my shoulder fall away from my shoulder blade, and my arm be broken from its socket.
Job 31:23 For calamity from God was a terror to me, and because of His majesty I could not endure [to face Him] {and} could do nothing.
Job 31:24 If I have made gold my trust {and} hope or have said to fine gold, You are my confidence,
Job 31:25 If I rejoiced because my wealth was great and because my [powerful] hand [alone] had gotten much,
Job 31:26 If I beheld [as an object of worship] the sunlight when it shone or the moon walking in its brightness,
Job 31:27 And my heart has been secretly enticed by them or my mouth has kissed my hand [in homage to them],
Job 31:28 This also would have been [a heinous and principal] iniquity to demand the judges' action {and} punishment, for I would have denied {and} been false to the God Who is above.
Job 31:29 If I rejoiced at the destruction of him who hated me or lifted myself up [in malicious triumph] when evil overtook him--
Job 31:30 No, I have let my mouth sin neither by cursing my enemy nor by praying that he might die--
Job 31:31 [Just ask] if the men of my tent will not say, Who can find one in need who has not been satisfied with food he gave them?--
Job 31:32 The temporary resident has not lodged in the street, but I have opened my door to the wayfaring man--
Job 31:33 If like Adam {or} like [other] men I have concealed my transgressions, by hiding my iniquity in my bosom
Job 31:34 Because I feared the great multitude and the contempt of families terrified me so that I kept silence and did not go out of the door--
Job 31:35 Oh, for a hearing! Oh, for an answer from the Almighty! Let my adversary write out His indictment [and put His vague accusations in tangible form] in a book!
Job 31:36 Surely I would [proudly] bear it on my shoulder and wind the scroll about my head as a diadem.
Job 31:37 I would count out to Him the number of my steps [with every detail of my life], approaching His presence as a prince--
Job 31:38 For if my land has cried out against me and its furrows have complained together with tears [that I have no right to them],
Job 31:39 If I have eaten its fruits without paying for them or have caused its [rightful] owners to breathe their last,
Job 31:40 Let thistles grow instead of wheat and cockleburs instead of barley. The [controversial] words of Job [with his friends] are ended.
Job 32:1 SO THESE three men ceased to answer Job, because he was [rigidly] righteous (upright and in right standing with God) in his own eyes. [But there was a fifth man there also.]
Job 32:2 Elihu son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, became indignant. His indignation was kindled against Job because he justified himself rather than God [even made himself out to be better than God].
Job 32:3 Also against [Job's] three friends was [Elihu's] anger kindled, because they had found no answer [were unable to show his real error], and yet they had declared him to be in the wrong [and responsible for his own afflictions].
Job 32:4 Now Elihu had waited to speak to Job because the others were older than he.
Job 32:5 But when Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouths of these three men, he became angry.
Job 32:6 Then Elihu son of Barachel the Buzite said, I am young, and you are aged; for that reason I was timid {and} restrained and dared not declare my opinion to you.
Job 32:7 I said, Age should speak, and a multitude of years should teach wisdom [so let it be heard].

Job 32:8 But there is [a vital force] a spirit [of intelligence] in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives men understanding.
Job 32:9 It is not the great [necessarily] who are wise, nor [always] the aged who understand justice.
Job 32:10 So I say, Listen to me; I also will give you my opinion [about Job's situation] {and} my knowledge.
Job 32:11 You see, I waited for your words, I listened to your wise reasons, while you searched out what to say.
Job 32:12 Yes, I paid attention to what you said, and behold, not one of you convinced Job or made [satisfactory] replies to his words [you could not refute him].
Job 32:13 Beware lest you say, We have found wisdom; God thrusts [Job] down [justly], not man [God alone is dealing with him].
Job 32:14 Now [Job] has not directed his words against me [therefore I have no cause for irritation], neither will I answer him with speeches like yours. [I speak for truth, not for revenge.]
Job 32:15 [Job's friends] are amazed {and} embarrassed, they answer no more; they have not a thing to say [reports Elihu].
Job 32:16 And shall I wait, because they say nothing but stand still and answer no more?
Job 32:17 I also will answer my [God-assigned] part; I also will declare my opinion {and} my knowledge.
Job 32:18 For I am full of words; the spirit within me constrains me.
Job 32:19 My breast is as wine that has no vent; like new wineskins, it is ready to burst.
Job 32:20 I must speak, that I may get relief {and} be refreshed; I will open my lips and answer.
Job 32:21 I will not [I warn you] be influenced by respect for any man's person {and} show partiality, neither will I flatter any man.
Job 32:22 For I know not how to flatter, [wasting my time in mere formalities, for then] my Maker would soon take me away.
Job 33:1 BE THAT as it may, Job, I beg of you to hear what I have to say and give heed to all my words.
Job 33:2 Behold, here I am with open mouth; here is my tongue talking.
Job 33:3 My words shall express the uprightness of my heart, and my lips shall speak what they know with utter sincerity.
Job 33:4 [It is] the Spirit of God that made me [which has stirred me up], and the breath of the Almighty that gives me life [which inspires me].
Job 33:5 Answer me now, if you can; set your words in order before me; take your stand.
Job 33:6 Behold, I am toward God {and} before Him even as you are; I also am formed out of the clay [though I speak with abnormal wisdom because of a divine illumination].
Job 33:7 See my terror [for I am only a fellow mortal, not God]; I shall not make you afraid, neither shall my pressure be heavy upon you.
Job 33:8 Surely you have spoken in my hearing, and I have heard the voice of your words, saying,
Job 33:9 I am clean, without transgression; I am innocent, neither is there iniquity in me.
Job 33:10 But behold, God finds occasions against me {and} causes of alienation {and} indifference; He counts me as His enemy.
Job 33:11 He puts my feet in the stocks; He [untrustingly] watches all my paths [you say].
Job 33:12 I reply to you, Behold, in this you are not just; God is superior to man.
Job 33:13 Why do you contend against Him? For He does not give account of any of His actions. [Sufficient for us it should be to know that it is He Who does them.]
Job 33:14 For God [does reveal His will; He] speaks not only once, but more than once, even though men do not regard it [including you, Job].
Job 33:15 [One may hear God's voice] in a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men while slumbering upon the bed,
Job 33:16 Then He opens the ears of men and seals their instruction [terrifying them with warnings],
Job 33:17 That He may withdraw man from his purpose and cut off pride from him [disgusting him with his own disappointing self-sufficiency].
Job 33:18 He holds him back from the pit [of destruction], and his life from perishing by the sword [of God's destructive judgments].
Job 33:19 [God's voice may be heard by man when] he is chastened with pain upon his bed and with continual strife in his bones {or} while all his bones are firmly set,
Job 33:20 So that his desire makes him loathe food, and even dainty dishes [nauseate him].
Job 33:21 His flesh is so wasted away that it cannot be seen, and his bones that were not seen stick out.

Job 33:22 Yes, his soul draws near to corruption, and his life to the inflicters of death (the destroyers).
Job 33:23 [God's voice may be heard] if there is for the hearer a messenger {or} an angel, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to show to man what is right for him [how to be upright and in right standing with God],
Job 33:24 Then [God] is gracious to him and says, Deliver him from going down into the pit [of destruction]; I have found a ransom (a price of redemption, an atonement)!
Job 33:25 [Then the man's] flesh shall be restored; it becomes fresher {and} more tender than a child's; he returns to the days of his youth.
Job 33:26 He prays to God, and He is favorable to him, so that he sees His face with joy; for [God] restores to him his righteousness (his uprightness and right standing with God--with its joys).
Job 33:27 He looks upon other men {or} sings out to them, I have sinned and perverted that which was right, and it did not profit me, {or} He did not requite me [according to my iniquity]!
Job 33:28 [God] has redeemed my life from going down to the pit [of destruction], and my life shall see the light!
Job 33:29 [Elihu comments] Behold, God does all these things twice, yes, three times, with a man,
Job 33:30 To bring back his life from the pit [of destruction], that he may be enlightened with the light of the living.
Job 33:31 Give heed, O Job, listen to me; hold your peace, and I will speak.
Job 33:32 If you have anything to say, answer me; speak, for I desire to justify you.
Job 33:33 If [you do] not [have anything to say], listen to me; hold your peace, and I will teach you wisdom.
Job 34:1 ELIHU ANSWERED (continued his discourse) and said,
Job 34:2 Hear my words, you wise men, and give ear to me, you who have [so much] knowledge.
Job 34:3 For the ear tries words as the palate tastes food.
Job 34:4 Let us choose for ourselves that which is right; let us know among ourselves what is good.
Job 34:5 For Job has said, I am [innocent and uncompromisingly] righteous, but God has taken away my right;
Job 34:6 Would I lie against my right? Yet, notwithstanding my right, I am counted a liar. My wound is incurable, though I am without transgression.
Job 34:7 What man is like Job, who drinks up scoffing {and} scorning like water,
Job 34:8 Who goes in company with the workers of iniquity and walks with wicked men?
Job 34:9 For he has said, It profits a man nothing that he should delight himself with God {and} consent to Him.
Job 34:10 Therefore hear me, you men of understanding. Far be it from God that He should do wickedness, and from the Almighty that He should commit iniquity.
Job 34:11 For according to the deeds of a man God will [exactly] proportion his pay, and He will cause every man to find [recompense] according to his ways.
Job 34:12 Truly God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert justice.
Job 34:13 Who put [God] in charge over the earth? Or who laid on Him the whole world?
Job 34:14 If [God] should set His heart upon him [man] and withdraw His [life-giving] spirit and His breath [from man] to Himself,
Job 34:15 All flesh would perish together, and man would turn again to dust.
Job 34:16 If now you have understanding, hear this; listen to my words.
Job 34:17 Is it possible that an enemy of right should govern? And will you condemn Him Who is just {and} mighty?
Job 34:18 [God] Who says to a king, You are worthless {and} vile, or to princes {and} nobles, You are ungodly {and} evil?
Job 34:19 [God] is not partial to princes, nor does He regard the rich more than the poor, for they all are the work of His hands.
Job 34:20 In a moment they die; even at midnight the people are shaken and pass away, and the mighty are taken away by no [human] hand.
Job 34:21 For [God's] eyes are upon the ways of a man, and He sees all his steps.
Job 34:22 There is no darkness nor thick gloom where the evildoers may hide themselves.
Job 34:23 [God] sets before man no appointed time, that he should appear before [Him] in judgment.
Job 34:24 He breaks in pieces mighty men without inquiry [before a jury] {and} in ways past finding out and sets others in their stead.
Job 34:25 Therefore He takes knowledge of their works, and He overturns them in the night, so that they are crushed {and} destroyed.
Job 34:26 God strikes them down as wicked men in the open sight of beholders,
Job 34:27 Because they turned aside from Him and would not consider {or} show regard for any of His ways,
Job 34:28 So that they caused the cry of the poor to come to Him, and He heard the cry of the afflicted.

Job 34:29 When He gives quietness (peace and security from oppression), who then can condemn? When He hides His face [withdrawing His favor and help], who then can behold Him [and make Him gracious], whether it be a nation or a man by himself?--
Job 34:30 That the godless man may not reign, that there be no one to ensnare the people.
Job 34:31 For has anyone said to God, I have borne my chastisement; I will not offend any more;
Job 34:32 Teach me what I do not see [in regard to how I have sinned]; if I have done iniquity, I will do it no more?
Job 34:33 Should [God's] recompense [for your sins] be as you will it, when you refuse to accept it? For you must do the choosing, and not I; therefore say what is your truthful conclusion.
Job 34:34 Men of understanding will tell me, indeed, every wise man who hears me [will agree],
Job 34:35 That Job speaks without knowledge, and his words are without wisdom {and} insight.
Job 34:36 [Would that Job's afflictions be continued and] he be tried to the end because of his answering like wicked men!
Job 34:37 For he adds rebellion [in his unsubmissive, defiant attitude toward God] to his unacknowledged sin; he claps his hands [in open mockery and contempt of God] among us, and he multiplies his words of accusation against God.
Job 35:1 ELIHU SPOKE further [to Job] and said,
Job 35:2 Do you think this is your right, {or} are you saying, My righteousness is more than God's,
Job 35:3 That you ask, What advantage have you? How am I profited more than if I had sinned?
Job 35:4 I will answer you and your companions with you.
Job 35:5 Look to the heavens and see; and behold the skies which are higher than you.
Job 35:6 If you have sinned, how does that affect God? And if your transgressions are multiplied, what have you done to Him?
Job 35:7 If you are righteous, what do you [by that] give God? Or what does He receive from your hand?
Job 35:8 Your wickedness touches and affects a man such as you are, and your righteousness is for yourself, one of the human race [but it cannot touch God, Who is above such influence].
Job 35:9 Because of the multitudes of oppressions the people cry out; they cry for help because of the violence of the mighty.
Job 35:10 But no one says, Where is God my Maker, Who gives songs of rejoicing in the night,
Job 35:11 Who teaches us more than the beasts of the earth and makes us wiser than the birds of the heavens?
Job 35:12 [The people] cry out because of the pride of evil men, but He does not answer.
Job 35:13 Surely God will refuse to answer [the cry which is] vanity (vain and empty--instead of abiding trust); neither will the Almighty regard it--
Job 35:14 How much less when [missing His righteous judgment on earth] you say that you do not see Him, that your cause is before Him, and you are waiting for Him!
Job 35:15 But now because God has not [speedily] punished in His anger and seems to be unaware of the wrong {and} oppression [of which a person is guilty],
Job 35:16 Job uselessly opens his mouth and multiplies words without knowledge [drawing the worthless conclusion that the righteous have no more advantage than the wicked].
Job 36:1 ELIHU PROCEEDED and said,
Job 36:2 Bear with me {and} wait a little longer, and I will show you, for I have something still to say on God's behalf.
Job 36:3 I will bring my knowledge from afar and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.
Job 36:4 For truly my words shall not be false; He Who is perfect in knowledge is with you.
Job 36:5 Behold! God is mighty, and yet despises no one nor regards anything as trivial; He is mighty in power of understanding {and} heart.
Job 36:6 He does not prolong the life of the wicked, but gives the needy {and} afflicted their right.
Job 36:7 He withdraws not His eyes from the righteous (the upright in right standing with God); but He sets them forever with kings upon the throne, and they are exalted.
Job 36:8 And if they are bound in fetters [of adversity] and held by cords of affliction,
Job 36:9 Then He shows to them [the true character of] their deeds and their transgressions, that they have acted arrogantly [with presumption and self-sufficiency].
Job 36:10 He also opens their ears to instruction {and} discipline, and commands that they return from iniquity.
Job 36:11 If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity and their years in pleasantness {and} joy.
Job 36:12 But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword [of God's destructive judgments], and they shall die in

ignorance of true knowledge.
Job 36:13 But the godless {and} profane in heart heap up anger [at the divine discipline]; they do not cry to Him when He binds them [with cords of affliction].
Job 36:14 They die in youth, and their life perishes among the unclean (those who are sodomites).
Job 36:15 He delivers the afflicted in their affliction and opens their ears [to His voice] in adversity.
Job 36:16 Indeed, God would have allured you out of the mouth of distress into a broad place where there is no situation of perplexity {or} privation; and that which would be set on your table would be full of fatness.
Job 36:17 But if you [Job] are filled with the judgment of the wicked, judgment and justice will keep hold on you.
Job 36:18 For let not wrath entice you into scorning chastisements; and let not the greatness of the ransom [the suffering, if rightly endured] turn you aside.
Job 36:19 Will your cry be sufficient to keep you from distress, or will all the force of your strength do it?
Job 36:20 Desire not the night, when peoples are cut off from their places;
Job 36:21 Take heed, turn not to iniquity, for this [the iniquity of complaining against God] you have chosen rather than [submission in] affliction.
Job 36:22 Behold, God exalts {and} does loftily in His power; who is a ruler {or} a teacher like Him?
Job 36:23 Who has appointed God His way? Or who can say, You have done unrighteousness?
Job 36:24 Remember that [by submission] you magnify God's work, of which men have sung.
Job 36:25 All men have looked upon God's work; man may behold it afar off.
Job 36:26 Behold, God is great, and we know Him not! The number of His years is unsearchable.
Job 36:27 For He draws up the drops of water, which distil as rain from His vapor,
Job 36:28 Which the skies pour down and drop abundantly upon [the multitudes of] mankind.
Job 36:29 Not only that, but can anyone understand the spreadings of the clouds {or} the thunderings of His pavilion?
Job 36:30 Behold, He spreads His lightning against the dark clouds and covers the roots of the sea.
Job 36:31 For by [His clouds] God executes judgment upon the peoples; He gives food in abundance.
Job 36:32 He covers His hands with the lightning and commands it to strike the mark.
Job 36:33 His thunderings speak [awesomely] concerning Him; the cattle are told of His coming storm.
Job 37:1 INDEED, [at His thunderings] my heart also trembles and leaps out of its place.
Job 37:2 Hear, oh, hear the roar of His voice and the sound of rumbling that goes out of His mouth!
Job 37:3 Under the whole heaven He lets it loose, and His lightning to the ends of the earth.
Job 37:4 After it His voice roars; He thunders with the voice of His majesty, and He restrains not [His lightnings against His adversaries] when His voice is heard.
Job 37:5 God thunders marvelously with His voice; He does great things which we cannot comprehend.
Job 37:6 For He says to the snow, Fall on the earth; likewise He speaks to the showers and to the downpour of His mighty rains.
Job 37:7 God seals up (stops, brings to a standstill by severe weather) the hand of every man [and now under His seal their hands are forced to inactivity], that all men whom He has made may know His doings (His sovereign power and their subjection to it).
Job 37:8 Then the beasts go into dens and remain in their lairs.
Job 37:9 Out of its chamber comes the whirlwind, and cold from the scattering winds.
Job 37:10 By the breath of God ice is given, and the breadth of the waters is frozen over.
Job 37:11 He loads the thick cloud with moisture; He scatters the cloud of His lightning.
Job 37:12 And it is turned round about by His guidance, that they may do whatever He commands them upon the face of the habitable earth.
Job 37:13 Whether it be for correction or for His earth [generally] or for His mercy {and} loving-kindness, He causes it to come.
Job 37:14 Hear this, O Job; stand still and consider the wondrous works of God.
Job 37:15 Do you know how God lays His command upon them and causes the lightning of His [storm] cloud to shine?
Job 37:16 Do you know how the clouds are balanced [and poised in the heavens], the wonderful works of Him Who is perfect in knowledge?
Job 37:17 [Or] why your garments are hot when He quiets the earth [in sultry summer] with the [oppressive] south wind?
Job 37:18 Can you along with Him spread out the sky, [which is] strong as a molten mirror?
Job 37:19 Tell us [Job] with what words of man we may address such a Being; we cannot state our case because we

are in the dark [in the presence of the unsearchable God].
Job 37:20 So shall it be told Him that I wish to speak? If a man speaks, shall he be swallowed up?
Job 37:21 And now men cannot look upon the light when it is bright in the skies, when the wind has passed and cleared them.
Job 37:22 Golden brightness {and} splendor come out of the north; [if men can scarcely look upon it, how much less upon the] terrible splendor {and} majesty God has upon Himself!
Job 37:23 Touching the Almighty, we cannot find Him out; He is excellent in power; and to justice and plenteous righteousness He does no violence [He will disregard no right].
Job 37:24 Men therefore [reverently] fear Him; He regards {and} respects not any who are wise in heart [in their own understanding and conceit].
Job 38:1 THEN THE Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said,
Job 38:2 Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
Job 38:3 Gird up now your loins like a man, and I will demand of you, and you declare to Me.
Job 38:4 Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Declare to Me, if you have {and} know understanding.
Job 38:5 Who determined the measures of the earth, if you know? Or who stretched the measuring line upon it?
Job 38:6 Upon what were the foundations of it fastened, or who laid its cornerstone,
Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
Job 38:8 Or who shut up the sea with doors when it broke forth {and} issued out of the womb?--
Job 38:9 When I made the clouds the garment of it, and thick darkness a swaddling band for it,
Job 38:10 And marked for it My appointed boundary and set bars and doors,
Job 38:11 And said, Thus far shall you come and no farther; and here shall your proud waves be stayed?
Job 38:12 Have you commanded the morning since your days began and caused the dawn to know its place,
Job 38:13 So that [light] may get hold of the corners of the earth and shake the wickedness [of night] out of it?
Job 38:14 It is changed like clay into which a seal is pressed; and things stand out like a many-colored garment.
Job 38:15 From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.
Job 38:16 Have you explored the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in the recesses of the deep?
Job 38:17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you? Or have you seen the doors of deep darkness?
Job 38:18 Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth? Tell Me, if you know it all.
Job 38:19 Where is the way where light dwells? And as for darkness, where is its abode,
Job 38:20 That you may conduct it to its home, and may know the paths to its house?
Job 38:21 You must know, since you were born then! Or because you are so extremely old!
Job 38:22 Have you entered the treasuries of the snow, or have you seen the treasuries of the hail,
Job 38:23 Which I have reserved for the time of trouble, for the day of battle and war?
Job 38:24 By what way is the light distributed, or the east wind spread over the earth?
Job 38:25 Who has prepared a channel for the torrents of rain, or a path for the thunderbolt,
Job 38:26 To cause it to rain on the uninhabited land [and] on the desert where no man lives,
Job 38:27 To satisfy the waste {and} desolate ground and to cause the tender grass to spring forth?
Job 38:28 Has the rain a father? Or who has begotten the drops of dew?
Job 38:29 Out of whose womb came the ice? And the hoary frost of heaven, who has given it birth?
Job 38:30 The waters are congealed like stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.
Job 38:31 Can you bind the chains of [the cluster of stars called] Pleiades, or loose the cords of [the constellation] Orion?
Job 38:32 Can you lead forth the signs of the zodiac in their season? Or can you guide [the stars of] the Bear with her young?
Job 38:33 Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can you establish their rule upon the earth?
Job 38:34 Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that an abundance of waters may cover you?
Job 38:35 Can you send lightnings, that they may go and say to you, Here we are?
Job 38:36 Who has put wisdom in the inward parts [or in the dark clouds]? Or who has given understanding to the mind [or to the meteor]?
Job 38:37 Who can number the clouds by wisdom? Or who can pour out the [water] bottles of the heavens
Job 38:38 When [heat has caused] the dust to run into a mass and the clods to cleave fast together?
Job 38:39 Can you [Job] hunt the prey for the lion? Or satisfy the appetite of the young lions
Job 38:40 When they couch in their dens or lie in wait in their hiding place?

Job 38:41 Who provides for the raven its prey when its young ones cry to God and wander about for lack of food?
Job 39:1 DO YOU know the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth [their young]? [Or] do you observe when the hinds are giving birth? [Do you attend to all this, Job?]
Job 39:2 Can you number the months that they carry their offspring? Or do you know the time when they are delivered,
Job 39:3 When they bow themselves, bring forth their young ones, [and] cast out their pains?
Job 39:4 Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open field; they go forth and return not to them.
Job 39:5 Who has sent out the wild donkey, giving him his freedom? Or who has loosed the bands of the swift donkey [by which his tame brother is bound--he, the shy, the swift-footed, and the untamable],
Job 39:6 Whose home I have made the wilderness, and the salt land his dwelling place?
Job 39:7 He scorns the tumult of the city and hears not the shoutings of the taskmaster.
Job 39:8 The range of the mountains is his pasture, and he searches after every green thing.
Job 39:9 Will the wild ox be willing to serve you, or remain beside your manger?
Job 39:10 Can you bind the wild ox with a harness to the plow in the furrow? Or will he harrow the furrows for you?
Job 39:11 Will you trust him because his strength is great, or to him will you leave your labor?
Job 39:12 Will you depend upon him to bring home your seed and gather the grain of your threshing floor? [Who, Job, was the author of this strange variance in the disposition of animals so alike in appearance? Was it you?]
Job 39:13 The wings of the ostrich wave proudly, [but] are they the pinions and plumage of love?
Job 39:14 The ostrich leaves her eggs on the ground and warms them in the dust,
Job 39:15 Forgetting that a foot may crush them or that the wild beast may trample them.
Job 39:16 She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not hers; her labor is in vain because she has no sense of danger [for her unborn brood],
Job 39:17 For God has deprived her of wisdom, neither has He imparted to her understanding.
Job 39:18 Yet when she lifts herself up in flight, [so swift is she that] she can laugh to scorn the horse and his rider.
Job 39:19 Have you given the horse his might? Have you clothed his neck with quivering {and} a shaking mane?
Job 39:20 Was it you [Job] who made him to leap like a locust? The majesty of his [snorting] nostrils is terrible.
Job 39:21 He paws in the valley and exults in his strength; he goes out to meet the weapons [of armed men].
Job 39:22 He mocks at fear and is not dismayed {or} terrified; neither does he turn back [in battle] from the sword.
Job 39:23 The quiver rattles upon him, as do the glittering spear and the lance [of his rider].
Job 39:24 [He seems in running to] devour the ground with fierceness and rage; neither can he stand still at the sound of the [war] trumpet.
Job 39:25 As often as the trumpet sounds he says, Ha, ha! And he smells the battle from afar, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.
Job 39:26 Is it by your wisdom [Job] that the hawk soars and stretches her wings toward the south [as winter approaches]?
Job 39:27 Does the eagle mount up at your command and make his nest on [a] high [inaccessible place]?
Job 39:28 On the cliff he dwells and remains securely, upon the point of the rock and the stronghold.
Job 39:29 From there he spies out the prey; and his eyes see it afar off.
Job 39:30 His young ones suck up blood, and where the slain are, there is he.
Job 40:1 MOREOVER, THE Lord said to Job,
Job 40:2 Shall he who would find fault with the Almighty contend with Him? He who disputes with God, let him answer it.
Job 40:3 Then Job replied to the Lord:
Job 40:4 Behold, I am of small account {and} vile! What shall I answer You? I lay my hand upon my mouth.
Job 40:5 I have spoken once, but I will not reply again--indeed, twice [have I answered], but I will proceed no further.
Job 40:6 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, saying,
Job 40:7 Gird up your loins now like a man; I will demand of you, and you answer Me.
Job 40:8 Will you also annul (set aside and render void) My judgment? Will you condemn Me [your God], that you may [appear] righteous {and} justified?
Job 40:9 Have you an arm like God? Or can you thunder with a voice like His?
Job 40:10 [Since you question the manner of the Almighty's rule] deck yourself now with the excellency {and} dignity [of the Supreme Ruler, and yourself undertake the government of the world if you are so wise], {and} array yourself with honor and majesty.
Job 40:11 Pour forth the overflowings of your anger, and look on everyone who is proud and abase him;

Job 40:12 Look on everyone who is proud and bring him low, and tread down the wicked where they stand [if you are so able, Job].
Job 40:13 [Bury and] hide them all in the dust together; [and] shut them up [in the prison house of death].
Job 40:14 [If you can do all this, Job, proving yourself of divine might] then will I [God] praise you also [and acknowledge that] your own right hand can save you.
Job 40:15 Behold now the behemoth (the hippopotamus), which I created as I did you; he eats grass like an ox.
Job 40:16 See now, his strength is in his loins, and his power is in the sinews of his belly.
Job 40:17 He moves his tail like a cedar tree; the tendons of his thighs are twisted together [like a rope].
Job 40:18 His bones are like tubes of bronze; his limbs [or ribs] are like bars of iron.
Job 40:19 [The hippopotamus] is the first [in magnitude and power] of the works of God [in animal life]; [only] He Who made him provides him with his [swordlike tusks, or only God Who made him can bring near His sword to master him].
Job 40:20 Surely the mountains bring him food, where all the wild animals play.
Job 40:21 He lies under the lotus trees, in the covert of the reeds in the marsh.
Job 40:22 The lotus trees cover him with their shade; the willows of the brook compass him about.
Job 40:23 Behold, if a river is violent {and} overflows, he does not tremble; he is confident, though the Jordan [River] swells and rushes against his mouth.
Job 40:24 Can any take him when he is on the watch, or pierce through his nose with a snare?
Job 41:1 CAN YOU draw out the leviathan (the crocodile) with a fishhook? Or press down his tongue with a cord?
Job 41:2 Can you put a rope into his nose? Or pierce his jaw through with a hook {or} a spike?
Job 41:3 Will he make many supplications to you [begging to be spared]? Will he speak soft words to you [to coax you to treat him kindly]?
Job 41:4 Will he make a covenant with you to take him for your servant forever?
Job 41:5 Will you play with [the crocodile] as with a bird? Or will you put him on a leash for your maidens?
Job 41:6 Will traders bargain over him? Will they divide him up among the merchants?
Job 41:7 Can you fill his skin with harpoons? Or his head with fishing spears?
Job 41:8 Lay your hand upon him! Remember your battle with him; you will not do [such an ill-advised thing] again!
Job 41:9 Behold, the hope of [his assailant] is disappointed; one is cast down even at the sight of him!
Job 41:10 No one is so fierce [and foolhardy] that he dares to stir up [the crocodile]; who then is he who can stand before Me [the beast's Creator, or dares to contend with Me]?
Job 41:11 Who has first given to Me, that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heavens is Mine. [Therefore, who can have a claim against God, God Who made the unmastered crocodile?]
Job 41:12 I will not keep silence concerning his limbs, nor his mighty strength, nor his goodly frame.
Job 41:13 Who can strip off [the crocodile's] outer garment? [Who can penetrate his double coat of mail?] Who shall come within his jaws?
Job 41:14 Who can open the doors of his [lipless] mouth? His [extended jaws and bare] teeth are terrible round about.
Job 41:15 His scales are [the crocodile's] pride, [for his back is made of rows of shields] shut up together [as with] a tight seal;
Job 41:16 One is so near to another that no air can come between them.
Job 41:17 They are joined one to another; they stick together so that they cannot be separated.
Job 41:18 His sneezings flash forth light, and his eyes are like the [reddish] eyelids of the dawn.
Job 41:19 Out of his mouth go burning torches, [and] sparks of fire leap out.
Job 41:20 Out of his nostrils goes forth smoke, as out of a seething pot over a fire of rushes.
Job 41:21 His breath kindles coals, and a flame goes forth from his mouth.
Job 41:22 In [the crocodile's] neck abides strength, and terror dances before him.
Job 41:23 The folds of his flesh cleave together; they are firm upon him, and they cannot shake [when he moves].
Job 41:24 His heart is as firm as a stone, indeed, as solid as a nether millstone.
Job 41:25 When [the crocodile] raises himself up, the mighty are afraid; because of terror {and} the crashing they are beside themselves.
Job 41:26 Even if one strikes at him with the sword, it cannot get any hold, nor does the spear, the dart, or the javelin.
Job 41:27 He counts iron as straw and bronze as rotten wood.
Job 41:28 The arrow cannot make [the crocodile] flee; slingstones are treated by him as stubble.
Job 41:29 Clubs [also] are counted as stubble; he laughs at the rushing {and} the rattling of the javelin.
Job 41:30 His underparts are like sharp pieces of broken pottery; he spreads [grooves like] a threshing sledge upon the

mire.
Job 41:31 He makes the deep boil like a pot; he makes the sea like a [foaming] pot of ointment.
Job 41:32 [His swift darting] makes a shining track behind him; one would think the deep to be hoary [with foam].
Job 41:33 Upon earth there is not [the crocodile's] equal, a creature made without fear {and} he behaves fearlessly.
Job 41:34 He looks all mighty [beasts of prey] in the face [without terror]; he is monarch over all the sons of pride.
[And now, Job, who are you who dares not arouse the unmastered crocodile, yet who dares resist Me, the beast's Creator, to My face? Everything under the heavens is Mine; therefore, who can have a claim against God?]
Job 42:1 THEN JOB said to the Lord,
Job 42:2 I know that You can do all things, and that no thought {or} purpose of Yours can be restrained {or} thwarted.
Job 42:3 [You said to me] Who is this that darkens {and} obscures counsel [by words] without knowledge? Therefore [I now see] I have [rashly] uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
Job 42:4 [I had virtually said to You what You have said to me:] Hear, I beseech You, and I will speak; I will demand of You, and You declare to me.
Job 42:5 I had heard of You [only] by the hearing of the ear, but now my [spiritual] eye sees You.
Job 42:6 Therefore I loathe [my words] {and} abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes.
Job 42:7 After the Lord had spoken the previous words to Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me the thing that is right, as My servant Job has.
Job 42:8 Now therefore take seven bullocks and seven rams and go to My servant Job and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and My servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept [his prayer] that I deal not with you after your folly, in that you have not spoken of Me the thing that is right, as My servant Job has.
Job 42:9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as the Lord commanded them; and the Lord accepted [Job's prayer].
Job 42:10 And the Lord turned the captivity of Job {and} restored his fortunes, when he prayed for his friends; also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.
Job 42:11 Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; and they sympathized with him and comforted him over all the [distressing] calamities that the Lord had brought upon him. Every man also gave him a piece of money, and every man an earring of gold.
Job 42:12 And the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; for he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys.
Job 42:13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.
Job 42:14 And he called the name of the first Jemimah, and the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-happuch.
Job 42:15 And in all the land there were no women so fair as the daughters of Job, and their father gave them inheritance among their brothers.
Job 42:16 After this, Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons and his sons' sons, even to four generations.
Job 42:17 So Job died, an old man and full of days.
Ps 1:1 BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, prosperous, and enviable) is the man who walks {and} lives not in the counsel of the ungodly [following their advice, their plans and purposes], nor stands [submissive and inactive] in the path where sinners walk, nor sits down [to relax and rest] where the scornful [and the mockers] gather.
Ps 1:2 But his delight {and} desire are in the law of the Lord, and on His law (the precepts, the instructions, the teachings of God) he habitually meditates (ponders and studies) by day and by night.
Ps 1:3 And he shall be like a tree firmly planted [and tended] by the streams of water, ready to bring forth its fruit in its season; its leaf also shall not fade {or} wither; and everything he does shall prosper [and come to maturity].
Ps 1:4 Not so the wicked [those disobedient and living without God are not so]. But they are like the chaff [worthless, dead, without substance] which the wind drives away.
Ps 1:5 Therefore the wicked [those disobedient and living without God] shall not stand [justified] in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous [those who are upright and in right standing with God].
Ps 1:6 For the Lord knows {and} is fully acquainted with the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly [those living outside God's will] shall perish (end in ruin and come to nought).
Ps 2:1 WHY DO the nations assemble with commotion [uproar and confusion of voices], and why do the people imagine (meditate upon and devise) an empty scheme?
Ps 2:2 The kings of the earth take their places; the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and His Anointed One (the Messiah, the Christ). {They say,}

Ps 2:3 Let us break Their bands [of restraint] asunder and cast Their cords [of control] from us.
Ps 2:4 He Who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision [and in supreme contempt He mocks them].
Ps 2:5 He speaks to them in His deep anger and troubles (terrifies and confounds) them in His displeasure {and} fury, {saying,}
Ps 2:6 Yet have I anointed (installed and placed) My King [firmly] on My holy hill of Zion.
Ps 2:7 I will declare the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, You are My Son; this day [I declare] I have begotten You.
Ps 2:8 Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations as Your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth as Your possession.
Ps 2:9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them in pieces like potters' ware.
Ps 2:10 Now therefore, O you kings, act wisely; be instructed {and} warned, O you rulers of the earth.
Ps 2:11 Serve the Lord with reverent awe {and} worshipful fear; rejoice {and} be in high spirits with trembling [lest you displease Him].
Ps 2:12 Kiss the Son [pay homage to Him in purity], lest He be angry and you perish in the way, for soon shall His wrath be kindled. O blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are all those who seek refuge {and} put their trust in Him!
Ps 3:1 LORD, HOW they are increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me.
Ps 3:2 Many are saying of me, There is no help for him in God. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 3:3 But You, O Lord, are a shield for me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.
Ps 3:4 With my voice I cry to the Lord, and He hears and answers me out of His holy hill. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 3:5 I lay down and slept; I wakened again, for the Lord sustains me.
Ps 3:6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me round about.
Ps 3:7 Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheek; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly.
Ps 3:8 Salvation belongs to the Lord; May Your blessing be upon Your people. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 4:1 ANSWER ME when I call, O God of my righteousness (uprightness, justice, and right standing with You)! You have freed me when I was hemmed in {and} enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me and hear my prayer.
Ps 4:2 O you sons of men, how long will you turn my honor {and} glory into shame? How long will you love vanity {and} futility {and} seek after lies? Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 4:3 But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself [and given distinction to] him who is godly [the man of loving-kindness]. The Lord listens {and} heeds when I call to Him.
Ps 4:4 Be angry [or stand in awe] and sin not; commune with your own hearts upon your beds and be silent (sorry for the things you say in your hearts). Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 4:5 Offer just {and} right sacrifices; trust (lean on and be confident) in the Lord.
Ps 4:6 Many say, Oh, that we might see some good! Lift up the light of Your countenance upon us, O Lord.
Ps 4:7 You have put more joy {and} rejoicing in my heart than [they know] when their wheat and new wine have yielded abundantly.
Ps 4:8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep, for You, Lord, alone make me dwell in safety {and} confident trust.
Ps 5:1 LISTEN TO my words, O Lord, give heed to my sighing {and} groaning.
Ps 5:2 Hear the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to You do I pray.
Ps 5:3 In the morning You hear my voice, O Lord; in the morning I prepare [a prayer, a sacrifice] for You and watch {and} wait [for You to speak to my heart].
Ps 5:4 For You are not a God Who takes pleasure in wickedness; neither will the evil [man] so much as dwell [temporarily] with You.
Ps 5:5 Boasters can have no standing in Your sight; You abhor all evildoers.
Ps 5:6 You will destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors [and rejects] the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
Ps 5:7 But as for me, I will enter Your house through the abundance of Your steadfast love {and} mercy; I will worship toward {and} at Your holy temple in reverent fear {and} awe of You.
Ps 5:8 Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; make Your way level (straight and right) before my face.
Ps 5:9 For there is nothing trustworthy {or} steadfast {or} truthful in their talk; their heart is destruction [or a destructive chasm, a yawning gulf]; their throat is an open sepulcher; they flatter and make smooth with their tongue.
Ps 5:10 Hold them guilty, O God; let them fall by their own designs {and} counsels; cast them out because of the

multitude of their transgressions, for they have rebelled against You.
Ps 5:11 But let all those who take refuge {and} put their trust in You rejoice; let them ever sing {and} shout for joy, because You make a covering over them {and} defend them; let those also who love Your name be joyful in You {and} be in high spirits.
Ps 5:12 For You, Lord, will bless the [uncompromisingly] righteous [him who is upright and in right standing with You]; as with a shield You will surround him with goodwill (pleasure and favor).
Ps 6:1 O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger nor discipline {and} chasten me in Your hot displeasure.
Ps 6:2 Have mercy on me {and} be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am weak (faint and withered away); O Lord, heal me, for my bones are troubled.
Ps 6:3 My [inner] self [as well as my body] is also exceedingly disturbed {and} troubled. But You, O Lord, how long [until You return and speak peace to me]?
Ps 6:4 Return [to my relief], O Lord, deliver my life; save me for the sake of Your steadfast love {and} mercy.
Ps 6:5 For in death there is no remembrance of You; in Sheol (the place of the dead) who will give You thanks?
Ps 6:6 I am weary with my groaning; all night I soak my pillow with tears, I drench my couch with my weeping.
Ps 6:7 My eye grows dim because of grief; it grows old because of all my enemies.
Ps 6:8 Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity, for the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping.
Ps 6:9 The Lord has heard my supplication; the Lord receives my prayer.
Ps 6:10 Let all my enemies be ashamed and sorely troubled; let them turn back {and} be put to shame suddenly.
Ps 7:1 O LORD my God, in You I take refuge {and} put my trust; save me from all those who pursue {and} persecute me, and deliver me,
Ps 7:2 Lest my foe tear my life [from my body] like a lion, dragging {me} away while there is none to deliver.
Ps 7:3 O Lord my God, if I have done this, if there is wrong in my hands,
Ps 7:4 If I have paid back with evil him who was at peace with me or without cause have robbed him who was my enemy,
Ps 7:5 Let the enemy pursue my life and take it; yes, let him trample my life to the ground and lay my honor in the dust. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 7:6 Arise, O Lord, in Your anger; lift up Yourself against the rage of my enemies; and awake [and stir up] for me the justice {and} vindication [that] You have commanded.
Ps 7:7 Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered about You, and return on high over them.
Ps 7:8 The Lord judges the people; judge me, O Lord, {and} do me justice according to my righteousness [my rightness, justice, and right standing with You] and according to the integrity that is in me.
Ps 7:9 Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the [uncompromisingly] righteous [those upright and in harmony with You]; for You, Who try the hearts and emotions {and} thinking powers, are a righteous God.
Ps 7:10 My defense {and} shield depend on God, Who saves the upright in heart.
Ps 7:11 God is a righteous Judge, yes, a God Who is indignant every day.
Ps 7:12 If a man does not turn {and} repent, [God] will whet His sword; He has strung {and} bent His [huge] bow and made it ready [by treading it with His foot].
Ps 7:13 He has also prepared for him deadly weapons; He makes His arrows fiery shafts.
Ps 7:14 Behold, [the wicked man] conceives iniquity and is pregnant with mischief and gives birth to lies.
Ps 7:15 He made a pit and hollowed it out and has fallen into the hole which he made [before the trap was completed].
Ps 7:16 His mischief shall fall back in return upon his own head, and his violence come down [with the loose dirt] upon his own scalp.
Ps 7:17 I will give to the Lord the thanks due to His rightness {and} justice, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.
Ps 8:1 O LORD, our Lord, how excellent (majestic and glorious) is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory on [or above] the heavens.
Ps 8:2 Out of the mouths of babes and unweaned infants You have established strength because of Your foes, that You might silence the enemy and the avenger.
Ps 8:3 When I view {and} consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained {and} established,
Ps 8:4 What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of [earthborn] man that You care for him?
Ps 8:5 Yet You have made him but a little lower than God [or heavenly beings], and You have crowned him with glory and honor.

Ps 8:6 You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet:
Ps 8:7 All sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field,
Ps 8:8 The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, {and} whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
Ps 8:9 O Lord, our Lord, how excellent (majestic and glorious) is Your name in all the earth!
Ps 9:1 I WILL praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will show forth (recount and tell aloud) all Your marvelous works {and} wonderful deeds!
Ps 9:2 I will rejoice in You and be in high spirits; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High!
Ps 9:3 When my enemies turned back, they stumbled and perished before You.
Ps 9:4 For You have maintained my right and my cause; You sat on the throne judging righteously.
Ps 9:5 You have rebuked the nations, You have destroyed the wicked; You have blotted out their name forever and ever.
Ps 9:6 The enemy have been cut off {and} have vanished in everlasting ruins, You have plucked up {and} overthrown their cities; the very memory of them has perished {and} vanished.
Ps 9:7 But the Lord shall remain {and} continue forever; He has prepared {and} established His throne for judgment.
Ps 9:8 And He will judge the world in righteousness (rightness and equity); He will minister justice to the peoples in uprightness.
Ps 9:9 The Lord also will be a refuge {and} a high tower for the oppressed, a refuge {and} a stronghold in times of trouble (high cost, destitution, and desperation).
Ps 9:10 And they who know Your name [who have experience and acquaintance with Your mercy] will lean on {and} confidently put their trust in You, for You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek (inquire of and for) You [on the authority of God's Word and the right of their necessity].
Ps 9:11 Sing praises to the Lord, Who dwells in Zion! Declare among the peoples His doings!
Ps 9:12 For He Who avenges the blood [of His people shed unjustly] remembers them; He does not forget the cry of the afflicted (the poor and the humble).
Ps 9:13 Have mercy upon me {and} be gracious {to me,} O Lord; consider how I am afflicted by those who hate me, You Who lift me up from the gates of death,
Ps 9:14 That I may show forth (recount and tell aloud) all Your praises! In the gates of the Daughter of Zion I will rejoice in Your salvation {and} Your saving help.
Ps 9:15 The nations have sunk down in the pit that they made; in the net which they hid is their own foot caught.
Ps 9:16 The Lord has made Himself known; He executes judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. Higgaion [meditation]. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 9:17 The wicked shall be turned back [headlong into premature death] into Sheol (the place of the departed spirits of the wicked), even all the nations that forget {or} are forgetful of God.
Ps 9:18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the expectation {and} hope of the meek {and} the poor shall not perish forever.
Ps 9:19 Arise, O Lord! Let not man prevail; let the nations be judged before You.
Ps 9:20 Put them in fear [make them realize their frail nature], O Lord, that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 10:1 WHY DO You stand afar off, O Lord? Why do You hide Yourself, [veiling Your eyes] in times of trouble (distress and desperation)?
Ps 10:2 The wicked in pride {and} arrogance hotly pursue {and} persecute the poor; let them be taken in the schemes which they have devised.
Ps 10:3 For the wicked {man} boasts (sings the praises) of his own heart's desire, and the one greedy for gain curses {and} spurns, yes, renounces {and} despises the Lord.
Ps 10:4 The wicked one in the pride of his countenance will not seek, inquire for, {and} yearn for God; all his thoughts are that there is no God [so He never punishes].
Ps 10:5 His ways are grievous [or persist] at all times; Your judgments [Lord] are far above {and} on high out of his sight [so he never thinks about them]; as for all his foes, he sniffs {and} sneers at them.
Ps 10:6 He thinks in his heart, I shall not be moved; for throughout all generations I shall not come to want {or} be in adversity.
Ps 10:7 His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, oppression (fraud); under his tongue are trouble and sin (mischief and iniquity).
Ps 10:8 He sits in ambush in the villages; in hiding places he slays the innocent; he watches stealthily for the poor (the helpless and unfortunate).

Ps 10:9 He lurks in secret places like a lion in his thicket; he lies in wait that he may seize the poor (the helpless and the unfortunate); he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.
Ps 10:10 [The prey] is crushed, sinks down; and the helpless falls by his mighty [claws].
Ps 10:11 [The foe] thinks in his heart, God has quite forgotten; He has hidden His face; He will never see [my deed].
Ps 10:12 Arise, O Lord! O God, lift up Your hand; forget not the humble [patient and crushed].
Ps 10:13 Why does the wicked [man] condemn (spurn and renounce) God? Why has he thought in his heart, You will not call to account?
Ps 10:14 You have seen it; yes, You note trouble and grief (vexation) to requite it with Your hand. The unfortunate commits himself to You; You are the helper of the fatherless.
Ps 10:15 Break the arm of the wicked man; and as for the evil man, search out his wickedness until You find no more.
Ps 10:16 The Lord is King forever and ever; the nations will perish out of His land.
Ps 10:17 O Lord, You have heard the desire {and} the longing of the humble {and} oppressed; You will prepare {and} strengthen {and} direct their hearts, You will cause Your ear to hear,
Ps 10:18 To do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man, who is of the earth, may not terrify them any more.
Ps 11:1 IN THE Lord I take refuge [and put my trust]; how can you say to me, Flee like a bird to your mountain?
Ps 11:2 For see, the wicked are bending the bow; they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they [furtively] in darkness may shoot at the upright in heart.
Ps 11:3 If the foundations are destroyed, what can the [unyieldingly] righteous do, {or} what has He [the Righteous One] wrought {or} accomplished?
Ps 11:4 The Lord is in His holy temple; the Lord's throne is in heaven. His eyes behold; His eyelids test {and} prove the children of men.
Ps 11:5 The Lord tests {and} proves the [unyieldingly] righteous, but His soul abhors the wicked and him who loves violence.
Ps 11:6 Upon the wicked He will rain quick burning coals {or} snares; fire, brimstone, and a [dreadful] scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.
Ps 11:7 For the Lord is [rigidly] righteous, He loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold His face, {or} He beholds the upright.
Ps 12:1 HELP, LORD! For principled {and} godly people are here no more; faithfulness {and} the faithful vanish from among the sons of men.
Ps 12:2 To his neighbor each one speaks words without use {or} worth {or} truth; with flattering lips and double heart [deceitfully] they speak.
Ps 12:3 May the Lord cut off all flattering lips {and} the tongues that speak proud boasting,
Ps 12:4 Those who say, With our tongues we prevail; our lips are our own [to command at our will]--who is lord {and} master over us?
Ps 12:5 Now will I arise, says the Lord, because the poor are oppressed, because of the groans of the needy; I will set him in safety {and} in the salvation for which he pants.
Ps 12:6 The words {and} promises of the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in an earthen furnace, purified seven times over.
Ps 12:7 You will keep them and preserve them, O Lord; You will guard {and} keep us from this [evil] generation forever.
Ps 12:8 The wicked walk {or} prowl about on every side, as vileness is exalted [and baseness is rated high] among the sons of men.
Ps 13:1 HOW LONG will You forget me, O Lord? Forever? How long will You hide Your face from me?
Ps 13:2 How long must I lay up cares within me and have sorrow in my heart day after day? How long shall my enemy exalt himself over me?
Ps 13:3 Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; lighten the eyes [of my faith to behold Your face in the pitchlike darkness], lest I sleep the sleep of death,
Ps 13:4 Lest my enemy say, I have prevailed over him, {and} those that trouble me rejoice when I am shaken.
Ps 13:5 But I have trusted, leaned on, {and} been confident in Your mercy {and} loving-kindness; my heart shall rejoice {and} be in high spirits in Your salvation.
Ps 13:6 I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me.
Ps 14:1 THE [empty-headed] fool has said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable deeds; there is none that does good {or} right.

Ps 14:2 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men to see if there were any who understood, dealt wisely, {and} sought after God, inquiring for {and} of Him {and} requiring Him [of vital necessity].
Ps 14:3 They are all gone aside, they have {all} together become filthy; there is none that does good {or} right, no, not one.
Ps 14:4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread and who do not call on the Lord?
Ps 14:5 There they shall be in great fear [literally--dreading a dread], for God is with the generation of the [uncompromisingly] righteous (those upright and in right standing with Him).
Ps 14:6 You [evildoers] would put to shame {and} confound the plans of the poor {and} patient, but the Lord is his safe refuge.
Ps 14:7 Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord shall restore the fortunes of His people, then Jacob shall rejoice {and} Israel shall be glad.
Ps 15:1 LORD, WHO shall dwell [temporarily] in Your tabernacle? Who shall dwell [permanently] on Your holy hill?
Ps 15:2 He who walks {and} lives uprightly {and} blamelessly, who works rightness {and} justice and speaks {and} thinks the truth in his heart,
Ps 15:3 He who does not slander with his tongue, nor does evil to his friend, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;
Ps 15:4 In whose eyes a vile person is despised, but he who honors those who fear the Lord (who revere and worship Him); who swears to his own hurt and does not change;
Ps 15:5 [He who] does not put out his money for interest [to one of his own people] and who will not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.
Ps 16:1 KEEP {and} protect me, O God, for in You I have found refuge, {and} in You do I put my trust {and} hide myself.
Ps 16:2 I say to the Lord, You are my Lord; I have no good beside {or} beyond You.
Ps 16:3 As for the godly (the saints) who are in the land, they are the excellent, the noble, {and} the glorious, in whom is all my delight.
Ps 16:4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied who choose another god; their drink offerings of blood will I not offer or take their names upon my lips.
Ps 16:5 The Lord is my chosen {and} assigned portion, my cup; You hold {and} maintain my lot.
Ps 16:6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; yes, I have a good heritage.
Ps 16:7 I will bless the Lord, Who has given me counsel; yes, my heart instructs me in the night seasons.
Ps 16:8 I have set the Lord continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
Ps 16:9 Therefore my heart is glad and my glory [my inner self] rejoices; my body too shall rest {and} confidently dwell in safety,
Ps 16:10 For You will not abandon me to Sheol (the place of the dead), neither will You suffer Your holy one [Holy One] to see corruption.
Ps 16:11 You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.
Ps 17:1 HEAR THE right (my righteous cause), O Lord; listen to my shrill, piercing cry! Give ear to my prayer, that comes from unfeigned {and} guileless lips.
Ps 17:2 Let my sentence of vindication come from You! May Your eyes behold the things that are just {and} upright.
Ps 17:3 You have proved my heart; You have visited {me} in the night; You have tried me and find nothing [no evil purpose in me]; I have purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.
Ps 17:4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of Your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent (the paths of the destroyer).
Ps 17:5 My steps have held closely to Your paths [to the tracks of the One Who has gone on before]; my feet have not slipped.
Ps 17:6 I have called upon You, O God, for You will hear me; incline Your ear to me {and} hear my speech.
Ps 17:7 Show Your marvelous loving-kindness, O You Who save by Your right hand those who trust {and} take refuge in You from those who rise up against them.
Ps 17:8 Keep {and} guard me as the pupil of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings
Ps 17:9 From the wicked who despoil {and} oppress me, my deadly adversaries who surround me.
Ps 17:10 They are enclosed in their own prosperity {and} have shut up their hearts to pity; with their mouths they make exorbitant claims {and} proudly {and} arrogantly speak.

Ps 17:11 They track us down in each step we take; now they surround us; they set their eyes to cast us to the ground,
Ps 17:12 Like a lion greedy {and} eager to tear his prey, and as a young lion lurking in hidden places.
Ps 17:13 Arise, O Lord! Confront {and} forestall them, cast them down! Deliver my life from the wicked by Your sword,
Ps 17:14 From men by Your hand, O Lord, from men of {this} world [these poor moths of the night] whose portion in life is idle {and} vain. Their bellies are filled with Your hidden treasure [what You have stored up]; their children are satiated, and they leave the rest [of their] wealth to their babes.
Ps 17:15 As for me, I will continue beholding Your face in righteousness (rightness, justice, and right standing with You); I shall be fully satisfied, when I awake [to find myself] beholding Your form [and having sweet communion with You].
Ps 18:1 I LOVE You fervently {and} devotedly, O Lord, my Strength.
Ps 18:2 The Lord is my Rock, my Fortress, and my Deliverer; my God, my keen {and} firm Strength in Whom I will trust {and} take refuge, my Shield, and the Horn of my salvation, my High Tower.
Ps 18:3 I will call upon the Lord, Who is to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.
Ps 18:4 The cords {or} bands of death surrounded me, and the streams of ungodliness {and} the torrents of ruin terrified me.
Ps 18:5 The cords of Sheol (the place of the dead) surrounded me; the snares of death confronted {and} came upon me.
Ps 18:6 In my distress [when seemingly closed in] I called upon the Lord and cried to my God; He heard my voice out of His temple (heavenly dwelling place), and my cry came before Him, into His [very] ears.
Ps 18:7 Then the earth quaked and rocked, the foundations also of the mountains trembled; they moved {and} were shaken because He was indignant {and} angry.
Ps 18:8 There went up smoke from His nostrils; and lightning out of His mouth devoured; coals were kindled by it.
Ps 18:9 He bowed the heavens also and came down; and thick darkness was under His feet.
Ps 18:10 And He rode upon a cherub [a storm] and flew [swiftly]; yes, He sped on with the wings of the wind.
Ps 18:11 He made darkness His secret hiding place; as His pavilion (His canopy) round about Him were dark waters {and} thick clouds of the skies.
Ps 18:12 Out of the brightness before Him there broke forth through His thick clouds hailstones and coals of fire.
Ps 18:13 The Lord also thundered from the heavens, and the Most High uttered His voice, amid hailstones and coals of fire.
Ps 18:14 And He sent out His arrows and scattered them; and He flashed forth lightnings and put them to rout.
Ps 18:15 Then the beds of the sea appeared and the foundations of the world were laid bare at Your rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.
Ps 18:16 He reached from on high, He took me; He drew me out of many waters.
Ps 18:17 He delivered me from my strong enemy and from those who hated {and} abhorred me, for they were too strong for me.
Ps 18:18 They confronted {and} came upon me in the day of my calamity, but the Lord was my stay {and} support.
Ps 18:19 He brought me forth also into a large place; He was delivering me because He was pleased with me {and} delighted in me.
Ps 18:20 The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness (my conscious integrity and sincerity with Him); according to the cleanness of my hands has He recompensed me.
Ps 18:21 For I have kept the ways of the Lord and have not wickedly departed from my God.
Ps 18:22 For all His ordinances were before me, and I put not away His statutes from me.
Ps 18:23 I was upright before Him {and} blameless with Him, ever [on guard] to keep myself free from my sin {and} guilt.
Ps 18:24 Therefore has the Lord recompensed me according to my righteousness (my uprightness and right standing with Him), according to the cleanness of my hands in His sight.
Ps 18:25 With the kind {and} merciful You will show Yourself kind {and} merciful, with an upright man You will show Yourself upright,
Ps 18:26 With the pure You will show Yourself pure, and with the perverse You will show Yourself contrary.
Ps 18:27 For You deliver an afflicted {and} humble people but will bring down those with haughty looks.
Ps 18:28 For You cause my lamp to be lighted {and} to shine; the Lord my God illumines my darkness.
Ps 18:29 For by You I can run through a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.
Ps 18:30 As for God, His way is perfect! The word of the Lord is tested {and} tried; He is a shield to all those who take refuge {and} put their trust in Him.

Ps 18:31 For who is God except the Lord? Or who is the Rock save our God,
Ps 18:32 The God who girds me with strength and makes my way perfect?
Ps 18:33 He makes my feet like hinds' feet [able to stand firmly or make progress on the dangerous heights of testing and trouble]; He sets me securely upon my high places.
Ps 18:34 He teaches my hands to war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
Ps 18:35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation, and Your right hand has held me up; Your gentleness {and} condescension have made me great.
Ps 18:36 You have given plenty of room for my steps under me, that my feet would not slip.
Ps 18:37 I pursued my enemies and overtook them; neither did I turn again till they were consumed.
Ps 18:38 I smote them so that they were not able to rise; they fell wounded under my feet.
Ps 18:39 For You have girded me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me and caused to bow down those who rose up against me.
Ps 18:40 You have also made my enemies turn their backs to me, that I might cut off those who hate me.
Ps 18:41 They cried [for help], but there was none to deliver--even unto the Lord, but He answered them not.
Ps 18:42 Then I beat them small as the dust before the wind; I emptied them out as the dirt {and} mire of the streets.
Ps 18:43 You have delivered me from the strivings of the people; You made me the head of the nations; a people I had not known served me.
Ps 18:44 As soon as they heard of me, they obeyed me; foreigners submitted themselves cringingly {and} yielded feigned obedience to me.
Ps 18:45 Foreigners lost heart and came trembling out of their caves {or} strongholds.
Ps 18:46 The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted,
Ps 18:47 The God Who avenges me and subdues peoples under me,
Ps 18:48 Who delivers me from my enemies; yes, You lift me up above those who rise up against me; You deliver me from the man of violence.
Ps 18:49 Therefore will I give thanks {and} extol You, O Lord, among the nations, and sing praises to Your name.
Ps 18:50 Great deliverances {and} triumphs gives He to His king; and He shows mercy {and} steadfast love to His anointed, to David and his offspring forever.
Ps 19:1 THE HEAVENS declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows {and} proclaims His handiwork.
Ps 19:2 Day after day pours forth speech, and night after night shows forth knowledge.
Ps 19:3 There is no speech nor spoken word [from the stars]; their voice is not heard.
Ps 19:4 Yet their voice [in evidence] goes out through all the earth, their sayings to the end of the world. Of the heavens has God made a tent for the sun,
Ps 19:5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber; and it rejoices as a strong man to run his course.
Ps 19:6 Its going forth is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the ends of it; and nothing [yes, no one] is hidden from the heat of it.
Ps 19:7 The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the [whole] person; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
Ps 19:8 The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure {and} bright, enlightening the eyes.
Ps 19:9 The [reverent] fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
Ps 19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, even than much fine gold; they are sweeter also than honey and drippings from the honeycomb.
Ps 19:11 Moreover, by them is Your servant warned (reminded, illuminated, and instructed); and in keeping them there is great reward.
Ps 19:12 Who can discern his lapses {and} errors? Clear me from hidden [and unconscious] faults.
Ps 19:13 Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then shall I be blameless, and I shall be innocent {and} clear of great transgression.
Ps 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my [firm, impenetrable] Rock and my Redeemer.
Ps 20:1 MAY THE Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob set you up on high [and defend you];
Ps 20:2 Send you help from the sanctuary and support, refresh, {and} strengthen you from Zion;
Ps 20:3 Remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah [pause, and think of that]!

Ps 20:4 May He grant you according to your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans.
Ps 20:5 We will [shout in] triumph at your salvation {and} victory, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.
Ps 20:6 Now I know that the Lord saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand.
Ps 20:7 Some trust in {and} boast of chariots and some of horses, but we will trust in {and} boast of the name of the Lord our God.
Ps 20:8 They are bowed down and fallen, but we are risen and stand upright.
Ps 20:9 O Lord, give victory; let the King answer us when we call.
Ps 21:1 THE KING [David] shall joy in Your strength, O Lord; and in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!
Ps 21:2 You have given him his heart's desire and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah [pause, and think of that]!
Ps 21:3 For You send blessings of good things to meet him; You set a crown of pure gold on his head.
Ps 21:4 He asked life of You, {and} You gave it to him--long life forever and evermore.
Ps 21:5 His glory is great because of Your aid; splendor and majesty You bestow upon him.
Ps 21:6 For You make him to be blessed {and} a blessing forever; You make him exceedingly glad with the joy of Your presence.
Ps 21:7 For the king trusts, relies on, {and} is confident in the Lord, and through the mercy {and} steadfast love of the Most High he will never be moved.
Ps 21:8 Your hand shall find all Your enemies; Your right hand shall find all those who hate You.
Ps 21:9 You will make them as if in a blazing oven in the time of Your anger; the Lord will swallow them up in His wrath, and the fire will utterly consume them.
Ps 21:10 Their offspring You will destroy from the earth, and their sons from among the children of men.
Ps 21:11 For they planned evil against You; they conceived a mischievous plot which they are not able to perform.
Ps 21:12 For You will make them turn their backs; You will aim Your bow [of divine justice] at their faces.
Ps 21:13 Be exalted, Lord, in Your strength; we will sing and praise Your power.
Ps 22:1 MY GOD, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from helping me, and from the words of my groaning?
Ps 22:2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but You answer not; and by night I am not silent {or} find no rest.
Ps 22:3 But You are holy, O You Who dwell in [the holy place where] the praises of Israel [are offered].
Ps 22:4 Our fathers trusted in You; they trusted (leaned on, relied on You, and were confident) and You delivered them.
Ps 22:5 They cried to You and were delivered; they trusted in, leaned on, {and} confidently relied on You, and were not ashamed {or} confounded {or} disappointed.
Ps 22:6 But I am a worm, and no man; I am the scorn of men, and despised by the people.
Ps 22:7 All who see me laugh at me {and} mock me; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,
Ps 22:8 He trusted {and} rolled himself on the Lord, that He would deliver him. Let Him deliver him, seeing that He delights in him!
Ps 22:9 Yet You are He Who took me out of the womb; You made me hope {and} trust when I was on my mother's breasts.
Ps 22:10 I was cast upon You from my very birth; from my mother's womb You have been my God.
Ps 22:11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near and there is none to help.
Ps 22:12 Many [foes like] bulls have surrounded me; strong bulls of Bashan have hedged me in.
Ps 22:13 Against me they opened their mouths wide, like a ravening and roaring lion.
Ps 22:14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart is like wax; it is softened [with anguish] {and} melted down within me.
Ps 22:15 My strength is dried up like a fragment of clay pottery; [with thirst] my tongue cleaves to my jaws; and You have brought me into the dust of death.
Ps 22:16 For [like a pack of] dogs they have encompassed me; a company of evildoers has encircled me, they pierced my hands and my feet.
Ps 22:17 I can count all my bones; [the evildoers] gaze at me.
Ps 22:18 They part my clothing among them and cast lots for my raiment (a long, shirtlike garment, a seamless undertunic).)
Ps 22:19 But be not far from me, O Lord; O my Help, hasten to aid me!

Ps 22:20 Deliver my life from the sword, my dear life [my only one] from the power of the dog [the agent of execution].
Ps 22:21 Save me from the lion's mouth; for You have answered me [kindly] from the horns of the wild oxen.
Ps 22:22 I will declare Your name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation will I praise You.
Ps 22:23 You who fear (revere and worship) the Lord, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him. Fear (revere and worship) Him, all you offspring of Israel.
Ps 22:24 For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither has He hidden His face from him, but when he cried to Him, He heard.
Ps 22:25 My praise shall be of You in the great congregation. I will pay to Him my vows [made in the time of trouble] before them who fear (revere and worship) Him.
Ps 22:26 The poor {and} afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; they shall praise the Lord--they who [diligently] seek for, inquire of {and} for Him, {and} require Him [as their greatest need]. May your hearts be quickened now {and} forever!
Ps 22:27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow down {and} worship before You,
Ps 22:28 For the kingship {and} the kingdom are the Lord's, and He is the ruler over the nations.
Ps 22:29 All the mighty ones upon earth shall eat [in thanksgiving] and worship; all they that go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who cannot keep himself alive.
Ps 22:30 Posterity shall serve Him; they shall tell of the Lord to the next generation.
Ps 22:31 They shall come and shall declare His righteousness to a people yet to be born--that He has done it [that it is finished]!
Ps 23:1 THE LORD is my Shepherd [to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not lack.
Ps 23:2 He makes me lie down in [fresh, tender] green pastures; He leads me beside the still {and} restful waters.
Ps 23:3 He refreshes {and} restores my life (my self); He leads me in the paths of righteousness [uprightness and right standing with Him--not for my earning it, but] for His name's sake.
Ps 23:4 Yes, though I walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I will fear {or} dread no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort me.
Ps 23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my [brimming] cup runs over.
Ps 23:6 Surely {or} only goodness, mercy, {and} unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and through the length of my days the house of the Lord [and His presence] shall be my dwelling place.
Ps 24:1 THE EARTH is the Lord's, and the fullness of it, the world and they who dwell in it.
Ps 24:2 For He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the currents {and} the rivers.
Ps 24:3 Who shall go up into the mountain of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His Holy Place?
Ps 24:4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted himself up to falsehood {or} to what is false, nor sworn deceitfully.
Ps 24:5 He shall receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
Ps 24:6 This is the generation [description] of those who seek Him [who inquire of and for Him and of necessity require Him], who seek Your face, [O God of] Jacob. Selah [pause, and think of that]!
Ps 24:7 Lift up your heads, O you gates; and be lifted up, you age-abiding doors, that the King of glory may come in.
Ps 24:8 Who is the King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
Ps 24:9 Lift up your heads, O you gates; yes, lift them up, you age-abiding doors, that the King of glory may come in.
Ps 24:10 Who is [He then] this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah [pause, and think of that]!
Ps 25:1 UNTO YOU, O Lord, do I bring my life.
Ps 25:2 O my God, I trust, lean on, rely on, {and} am confident in You. Let me not be put to shame {or} [my hope in You] be disappointed; let not my enemies triumph over me.
Ps 25:3 Yes, let none who trust {and} wait hopefully {and} look for You be put to shame {or} be disappointed; let them be ashamed who forsake the right {or} deal treacherously without cause.
Ps 25:4 Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.
Ps 25:5 Guide me in Your truth {and} faithfulness and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You [You only and altogether] do I wait [expectantly] all the day long.
Ps 25:6 Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercy and loving-kindness; for they have been ever from of old.
Ps 25:7 Remember not the sins (the lapses and frailties) of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your mercy

{and} steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Lord.
Ps 25:8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore will He instruct sinners in [His] way.
Ps 25:9 He leads the humble in what is right, and the humble He teaches His way.
Ps 25:10 All the paths of the Lord are mercy {and} steadfast love, even truth {and} faithfulness are they for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.
Ps 25:11 For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my iniquity {and} my guilt, for [they are] great.
Ps 25:12 Who is the man who reverently fears {and} worships the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way that he should choose.
Ps 25:13 He himself shall dwell at ease, and his offspring shall inherit the land.
Ps 25:14 The secret [of the sweet, satisfying companionship] of the Lord have they who fear (revere and worship) Him, and He will show them His covenant {and} reveal to them its [deep, inner] meaning.
Ps 25:15 My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He will pluck my feet out of the net.
Ps 25:16 [Lord] turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.
Ps 25:17 The troubles of my heart are multiplied; bring me out of my distresses.
Ps 25:18 Behold my affliction and my pain and forgive all my sins [of thinking and doing].
Ps 25:19 Consider my enemies, for they abound; they hate me with cruel hatred.
Ps 25:20 O keep me, Lord, and deliver me; let me not be ashamed {or} disappointed, for my trust {and} my refuge are in You.
Ps 25:21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for {and} expect You.
Ps 25:22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all their troubles.
Ps 26:1 VINDICATE ME, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity; I have [expectantly] trusted in, leaned on, {and} relied on the Lord without wavering {and} I shall not slide.
Ps 26:2 Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; test my heart and my mind.
Ps 26:3 For Your loving-kindness is before my eyes, and I have walked in Your truth [faithfully].
Ps 26:4 I do not sit with false persons, nor fellowship with pretenders;
Ps 26:5 I hate the company of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked.
Ps 26:6 I will wash my hands in innocence, and go about Your altar, O Lord,
Ps 26:7 That I may make the voice of thanksgiving heard and may tell of all Your wondrous works.
Ps 26:8 Lord, I love the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells.
Ps 26:9 Gather me not with sinners {and} sweep me not away [with them], nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
Ps 26:10 In whose hands is wickedness, and their right hands are full of bribes.
Ps 26:11 But as for me, I will walk in my integrity; redeem me and be merciful {and} gracious to me.
Ps 26:12 My foot stands on an even place; in the congregations will I bless the Lord.
Ps 27:1 THE LORD is my Light and my Salvation--whom shall I fear {or} dread? The Lord is the Refuge {and} Stronghold of my life--of whom shall I be afraid?
Ps 27:2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.
Ps 27:3 Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, [even then] in this will I be confident.
Ps 27:4 One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek, inquire for, {and} [insistently] require: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord [in His presence] all the days of my life, to behold {and} gaze upon the beauty [the sweet attractiveness and the delightful loveliness] of the Lord and to meditate, consider, {and} inquire in His temple.
Ps 27:5 For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His shelter; in the secret place of His tent will He hide me; He will set me high upon a rock.
Ps 27:6 And now shall my head be lifted up above my enemies round about me; in His tent I will offer sacrifices {and} shouting of joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.
Ps 27:7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; have mercy {and} be gracious to me and answer me!
Ps 27:8 You have said, Seek My face [inquire for and require My presence as your vital need]. My heart says to You, Your face (Your presence), Lord, will I seek, inquire for, {and} require [of necessity and on the authority of Your Word].
Ps 27:9 Hide not Your face from me; turn not Your servant away in anger, You Who have been my help! Cast me not off, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation!
Ps 27:10 Although my father and my mother have forsaken me, yet the Lord will take me up [adopt me as His child].
Ps 27:11 Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain {and} even path because of my enemies [those who lie in wait for me].

Ps 27:12 Give me not up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me; they breathe out cruelty {and} violence.
Ps 27:13 [What, what would have become of me] had I not believed that I would see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living!
Ps 27:14 Wait {and} hope for {and} expect the Lord; be brave {and} of good courage and let your heart be stout {and} enduring. Yes, wait for {and} hope for {and} expect the Lord.
Ps 28:1 UNTO YOU do I cry, O Lord my Rock, be not deaf {and} silent to me, lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those going down to the pit [the grave].
Ps 28:2 Hear the voice of my supplication as I cry to You for help, as I lift up my hands toward Your innermost sanctuary (the Holy of Holies).
Ps 28:3 Drag me not away with the wicked, with the workers of iniquity, who speak peace with their neighbors, but malice {and} mischief are in their hearts.
Ps 28:4 Repay them according to their work and according to the wickedness of their doings; repay them according to the work of their hands; render to them what they deserve.
Ps 28:5 Because they regard not the works of the Lord nor the operations of His hands, He will break them down and not rebuild them.
Ps 28:6 Blessed be the Lord, because He has heard the voice of my supplications.
Ps 28:7 The Lord is my Strength and my [impenetrable] Shield; my heart trusts in, relies on, {and} confidently leans on Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song will I praise Him.
Ps 28:8 The Lord is their [unyielding] Strength, and He is the Stronghold of salvation to [me] His anointed.
Ps 28:9 Save Your people and bless Your heritage; nourish {and} shepherd them and carry them forever.
Ps 29:1 ASCRIBE TO the Lord, O sons of the mighty, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ps 29:2 Give to the Lord the glory due to His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness {or} in holy array.
Ps 29:3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon many (great) waters.
Ps 29:4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
Ps 29:5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; yes, the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
Ps 29:6 He makes them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion (Mount Hermon) like a young, wild ox.
Ps 29:7 The voice of the Lord splits {and} flashes forth forked lightning.
Ps 29:8 The voice of the Lord makes the wilderness tremble; the Lord shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.
Ps 29:9 The voice of the Lord makes the hinds bring forth their young, and His voice strips bare the forests, while in His temple everyone is saying, Glory!
Ps 29:10 The Lord sat as King over the deluge; the Lord [still] sits as King [and] forever!
Ps 29:11 The Lord will give [unyielding and impenetrable] strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.
Ps 30:1 I WILL extol You, O Lord, for You have lifted me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
Ps 30:2 O Lord my God, I cried to You and You have healed me.
Ps 30:3 O Lord, You have brought my life up from Sheol (the place of the dead); You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit (the grave).
Ps 30:4 Sing to the Lord, O you saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.
Ps 30:5 For His anger is but for a moment, but His favor is for a lifetime {or} in His favor is life. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.
Ps 30:6 As for me, in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.
Ps 30:7 By Your favor, O Lord, You have established me as a strong mountain; You hid Your face, and I was troubled.
Ps 30:8 I cried to You, O Lord, and to the Lord I made supplication.
Ps 30:9 What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit (the grave)? Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth {and} faithfulness to men?
Ps 30:10 Hear, O Lord, have mercy {and} be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!
Ps 30:11 You have turned my mourning into dancing for me; You have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness,
Ps 30:12 To the end that my tongue {and} my heart {and} everything glorious within me may sing praise to You and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever.
Ps 31:1 IN YOU, O Lord, do I put my trust {and} seek refuge; let me never be put to shame {or} [have my hope in You] disappointed; deliver me in Your righteousness!

Ps 31:2 Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily! Be my Rock of refuge, a strong Fortress to save me!
Ps 31:3 Yes, You are my Rock and my Fortress; therefore for Your name's sake lead me and guide me.
Ps 31:4 Draw me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, for You are my Strength {and} my Stronghold.
Ps 31:5 Into Your hands I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord, the God of truth {and} faithfulness.
Ps 31:6 [You and] I abhor those who pay regard to vain idols; but I trust in, rely on, {and} confidently lean on the Lord.
Ps 31:7 I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy {and} steadfast love, because You have seen my affliction, You have taken note of my life's distresses,
Ps 31:8 And You have not given me into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a broad place.
Ps 31:9 Have mercy {and} be gracious unto me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; with grief my eye is weakened, also my inner self and my body.
Ps 31:10 For my life is spent with sorrow and my years with sighing; my strength has failed because of my iniquity, and even my bones have wasted away.
Ps 31:11 To all my enemies I have become a reproach, but especially to my neighbors, and a dread to my acquaintances, who flee from me on the street.
Ps 31:12 I am forgotten like a dead man, and out of mind; like a broken vessel am I.
Ps 31:13 For I have heard the slander of many; terror is on every side! While they schemed together against me, they plotted to take my life.
Ps 31:14 But I trusted in, relied on, {and} was confident in You, O Lord; I said, You are my God.
Ps 31:15 My times are in Your hands; deliver me from the hands of my foes and those who pursue me {and} persecute me.
Ps 31:16 Let Your face shine on Your servant; save me for Your mercy's sake {and} in Your loving-kindness.
Ps 31:17 Let me not be put to shame, O Lord, {or} disappointed, for I am calling upon You; let the wicked be put to shame, let them be silent in Sheol (the place of the dead).
Ps 31:18 Let the lying lips be silenced, which speak insolently against the [consistently] righteous with pride and contempt.
Ps 31:19 Oh, how great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear, revere, {and} worship You, goodness which You have wrought for those who trust {and} take refuge in You before the sons of men!
Ps 31:20 In the secret place of Your presence You hide them from the plots of men; You keep them secretly in Your pavilion from the strife of tongues.
Ps 31:21 Blessed be the Lord! For He has shown me His marvelous loving favor when I was beset as in a besieged city.
Ps 31:22 As for me, I said in my haste {and} alarm, I am cut off from before Your eyes. But You heard the voice of my supplications when I cried to You for aid.
Ps 31:23 O love the Lord, all you His saints! The Lord preserves the faithful, and plentifully pays back him who deals haughtily.
Ps 31:24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for {and} hope for {and} expect the Lord!
Ps 32:1 BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, to be envied) is he who has forgiveness of his transgression continually exercised upon him, whose sin is covered.
Ps 32:2 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
Ps 32:3 When I kept silence [before I confessed], my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long.
Ps 32:4 For day and night Your hand [of displeasure] was heavy upon me; my moisture was turned into the drought of summer. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 32:5 I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord [continually unfolding the past till all is told]--then You [instantly] forgave me the guilt {and} iniquity of my sin. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 32:6 For this [forgiveness] let everyone who is godly pray--pray to You in a time when You may be found; surely when the great waters [of trial] overflow, they shall not reach [the spirit in] him.
Ps 32:7 You are a hiding place for me; You, Lord, preserve me from trouble, You surround me with songs {and} shouts of deliverance. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 32:8 I [the Lord] will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.
Ps 32:9 Be not like the horse or the mule, which lack understanding, which must have their mouths held firm with bit

and bridle, or else they will not come with you.
Ps 32:10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but he who trusts in, relies on, {and} confidently leans on the Lord shall be compassed about with mercy {and} with loving-kindness.
Ps 32:11 Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you [uncompromisingly] righteous [you who are upright and in right standing with Him]; shout for joy, all you upright in heart!
Ps 33:1 REJOICE IN the Lord, O you [uncompromisingly] righteous [you upright in right standing with God]; for praise is becoming {and} appropriate for those who are upright [in heart].
Ps 33:2 Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; sing praises to Him with the harp of ten strings.
Ps 33:3 Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully [on the strings] with a loud {and} joyful sound.
Ps 33:4 For the word of the Lord is right; and all His work is done in faithfulness.
Ps 33:5 He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.
Ps 33:6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all their host by the breath of His mouth.
Ps 33:7 He gathers the waters of the sea as in a bottle; He puts the deeps in storage places.
Ps 33:8 Let all the earth fear the Lord [revere and worship Him]; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.
Ps 33:9 For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.
Ps 33:10 The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nought; He makes the thoughts {and} plans of the peoples of no effect.
Ps 33:11 The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of His heart through all generations.
Ps 33:12 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His heritage.
Ps 33:13 The Lord looks from heaven, He beholds all the sons of men;
Ps 33:14 From His dwelling place He looks [intently] upon all the inhabitants of the earth--
Ps 33:15 He Who fashions the hearts of them all, Who considers all their doings.
Ps 33:16 No king is saved by the great size {and} power of his army; a mighty man is not delivered by [his] much strength.
Ps 33:17 A horse is devoid of value for victory; neither does he deliver any by his great power.
Ps 33:18 Behold, the Lord's eye is upon those who fear Him [who revere and worship Him with awe], who wait for Him {and} hope in His mercy {and} loving-kindness,
Ps 33:19 To deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.
Ps 33:20 Our inner selves wait [earnestly] for the Lord; He is our Help and our Shield.
Ps 33:21 For in Him does our heart rejoice, because we have trusted (relied on and been confident) in His holy name.
Ps 33:22 Let Your mercy {and} loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, in proportion to our waiting {and} hoping for You.
Ps 34:1 I WILL bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
Ps 34:2 My life makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble {and} afflicted hear and be glad.
Ps 34:3 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.
Ps 34:4 I sought (inquired of) the Lord {and} required Him [of necessity and on the authority of His Word], and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
Ps 34:5 They looked to Him and were radiant; their faces shall never blush for shame {or} be confused.
Ps 34:6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.
Ps 34:7 The Angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him [who revere and worship Him with awe] and each of them He delivers.
Ps 34:8 O taste and see that the Lord [our God] is good! Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who trusts {and} takes refuge in Him.
Ps 34:9 O fear the Lord, you His saints [revere and worship Him]! For there is no want to those who truly revere {and} worship Him {with} godly fear.
Ps 34:10 The young lions lack food and suffer hunger, but they who seek (inquire of and require) the Lord [by right of their need and on the authority of His Word], none of them shall lack any beneficial thing.
Ps 34:11 Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you to revere {and} worshipfully fear the Lord.
Ps 34:12 What man is he who desires life {and} longs for many days, that he may see good?
Ps 34:13 Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.
Ps 34:14 Depart from evil and do good; seek, inquire for, {and} crave peace and pursue (go after) it!
Ps 34:15 The eyes of the Lord are toward the [uncompromisingly] righteous and His ears are open to their cry.

Ps 34:16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
Ps 34:17 When the {righteous} cry for help, the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their distress {and} troubles.
Ps 34:18 The Lord is close to those who are of a broken heart and saves such as are crushed with sorrow for sin {and} are humbly {and} thoroughly penitent.
Ps 34:19 Many evils confront the [consistently] righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.
Ps 34:20 He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.
Ps 34:21 Evil shall cause the death of the wicked; and they who hate the just {and} righteous shall be held guilty {and} shall be condemned.
Ps 34:22 The Lord redeems the lives of His servants, and none of those who take refuge {and} trust in Him shall be condemned {or} held guilty.
Ps 35:1 CONTEND, O Lord, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me!
Ps 35:2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for my help!
Ps 35:3 Draw out also the spear and javelin {and} close up the way of those who pursue {and} persecute me. Say to me, I am your deliverance!
Ps 35:4 Let them be put to shame and dishonor who seek {and} require my life; let them be turned back and confounded who plan my hurt!
Ps 35:5 Let them be as chaff before the wind, with the Angel of the Lord driving them on!
Ps 35:6 Let their way be through dark and slippery places, with the Angel of the Lord pursuing {and} afflicting them.
Ps 35:7 For without cause they hid for me their net; a pit of destruction without cause they dug for my life.
Ps 35:8 Let destruction befall [my foe] unawares; let the net he hid for me catch him; let him fall into that very destruction.
Ps 35:9 Then I shall be joyful in the Lord; I shall rejoice in His deliverance.
Ps 35:10 All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like You, You Who deliver the poor {and} the afflicted from him who is too strong for him, yes, the poor and the needy from him who snatches away his goods?
Ps 35:11 Malicious {and} unrighteous witnesses rise up; they ask me of things that I know not.
Ps 35:12 They reward me evil for good to my personal bereavement.
Ps 35:13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; I afflicted myself with fasting, and I prayed with head bowed on my breast.
Ps 35:14 I behaved as if grieving for my friend {or} my brother; I bowed down in sorrow, as one who bewails his mother.
Ps 35:15 But in my stumbling {and} limping they rejoiced and gathered together [against me]; the smiters (slanderers and revilers) gathered against me, and I knew them not; they ceased not to slander {and} revile me.
Ps 35:16 Like profane mockers at feasts [making sport for the price of a cake] they gnashed at me with their teeth.
Ps 35:17 Lord, how long will You look on [without action]? Rescue my life from their destructions, my dear {and} only life from the lions!
Ps 35:18 I will give You thanks in the great assembly; I will praise You among a mighty throng.
Ps 35:19 Let not those who are wrongfully my foes rejoice over me; neither let them wink with the eye who hate me without cause.
Ps 35:20 For they do not speak peace, but they devise deceitful matters against those who are quiet in the land.
Ps 35:21 Yes, they open their mouths wide against me; they say, Aha! Aha! Our eyes have seen it!
Ps 35:22 You have seen this, O Lord; keep not silence! O Lord, be not far from me!
Ps 35:23 Arouse Yourself, awake to the justice due me, even to my cause, my God and my Lord!
Ps 35:24 Judge {and} vindicate me, O Lord my God, according to Your righteousness (Your rightness and justice); and let [my foes] not rejoice over me!
Ps 35:25 Let them not say in their hearts, Aha, that is what we wanted! Let them not say, We have swallowed him up {and} utterly destroyed him.
Ps 35:26 Let them be put to shame and confusion together who rejoice at my calamity! Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor who magnify {and} exalt themselves over me!
Ps 35:27 Let those who favor my righteous cause {and} have pleasure in my uprightness shout for joy and be glad and say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, Who takes pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.
Ps 35:28 And my tongue shall talk of Your righteousness, rightness, {and} justice, and of [my reasons for] Your praise all the day long.
Ps 36:1 TRANSGRESSION [like an oracle] speaks to the wicked deep in his heart. There is no fear {or} dread of God before his eyes.

Ps 36:2 For he flatters {and} deceives himself in his own eyes that his iniquity will not be found out and be hated.
Ps 36:3 The words of his mouth are wrong and deceitful; he has ceased to be wise {and} to do good.
Ps 36:4 He plans wrongdoing on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good; he does not reject {or} despise evil.
Ps 36:5 Your mercy {and} loving-kindness, O Lord, extend to the skies, {and} Your faithfulness to the clouds.
Ps 36:6 Your righteousness is like the mountains of God, Your judgments are like the great deep. O Lord, You preserve man and beast.
Ps 36:7 How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of men take refuge {and} put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.
Ps 36:8 They relish {and} feast on the abundance of Your house; and You cause them to drink of the stream of Your pleasures.
Ps 36:9 For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.
Ps 36:10 O continue Your loving-kindness to those who know You, Your righteousness (salvation) to the upright in heart.
Ps 36:11 Let not the foot of pride overtake me, and let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.
Ps 36:12 There the workers of iniquity fall {and} lie prostrate; they are thrust down and shall not be able to rise.
Ps 37:1 FRET NOT yourself because of evildoers, neither be envious against those who work unrighteousness (that which is not upright or in right standing with God).
Ps 37:2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.
Ps 37:3 Trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) in the Lord and do good; so shall you dwell in the land and feed surely on His faithfulness, {and} truly you shall be fed.
Ps 37:4 Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He will give you the desires {and} secret petitions of your heart.
Ps 37:5 Commit your way to the Lord [roll and repose each care of your load on Him]; trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) also in Him and He will bring it to pass.
Ps 37:6 And He will make your uprightness {and} right standing with God go forth as the light, and your justice {and} right as [the shining sun of] the noonday.
Ps 37:7 Be still {and} rest in the Lord; wait for Him {and} patiently lean yourself upon Him; fret not yourself because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked devices to pass.
Ps 37:8 Cease from anger and forsake wrath; fret not yourself--it tends only to evildoing.
Ps 37:9 For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait {and} hope {and} look for the Lord [in the end] shall inherit the earth.
Ps 37:10 For yet a little while, and the evildoers will be no more; though you look with care where they used to be, they will not be found.
Ps 37:11 But the meek [in the end] shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
Ps 37:12 The wicked plot against the [uncompromisingly] righteous (the upright in right standing with God); they gnash at them with their teeth.
Ps 37:13 The Lord laughs at [the wicked], for He sees that their own day [of defeat] is coming.
Ps 37:14 The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows to cast down the poor and needy, to slay those who walk uprightly (blameless in conduct and in conversation).
Ps 37:15 The swords [of the wicked] shall enter their own hearts, and their bows shall be broken.
Ps 37:16 Better is the little that the [uncompromisingly] righteous have than the abundance [of possessions] of many who are wrong {and} wicked.
Ps 37:17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the Lord upholds the [consistently] righteous.
Ps 37:18 The Lord knows the days of the upright {and} blameless, and their heritage will abide forever.
Ps 37:19 They shall not be put to shame in the time of evil; and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
Ps 37:20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs [that is consumed in smoke] {and} as the glory of the pastures. They shall vanish; like smoke shall they consume away.
Ps 37:21 The wicked borrow and pay not again [for they may be unable], but the [uncompromisingly] righteous deal kindly and give [for they are able].
Ps 37:22 For such as are blessed of God shall [in the end] inherit the earth, but they that are cursed of Him shall be cut off.
Ps 37:23 The steps of a [good] man are directed {and} established by the Lord when He delights in his way [and He busies Himself with his every step].
Ps 37:24 Though he falls, he shall not be utterly cast down, for the Lord grasps his hand in support {and} upholds him.
Ps 37:25 I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the [uncompromisingly] righteous forsaken or their

seed begging bread.
Ps 37:26 All day long they are merciful {and} deal graciously; they lend, and their offspring are blessed.
Ps 37:27 Depart from evil and do good; and you will dwell forever [securely].
Ps 37:28 For the Lord delights in justice and forsakes not His saints; they are preserved forever, but the offspring of the wicked [in time] shall be cut off.
Ps 37:29 [Then] the [consistently] righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.
Ps 37:30 The mouth of the [uncompromisingly] righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks with justice.
Ps 37:31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.
Ps 37:32 The wicked lie in wait for the [uncompromisingly] righteous and seek to put them to death.
Ps 37:33 The Lord will not leave them in their hands, or [suffer them to] condemn them when they are judged.
Ps 37:34 Wait for {and} expect the Lord and keep {and} heed His way, and He will exalt you to inherit the land; [in the end] when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.
Ps 37:35 I have seen a wicked man in great power and spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil,
Ps 37:36 Yet he passed away, and behold, he was not; yes, I sought {and} inquired for him, but he could not be found.
Ps 37:37 Mark the blameless man and behold the upright, for there is a happy end for the man of peace.
Ps 37:38 As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together; in the end the wicked shall be cut off.
Ps 37:39 But the salvation of the [consistently] righteous is of the Lord; He is their Refuge {and} secure Stronghold in the time of trouble.
Ps 37:40 And the Lord helps them and delivers them; He delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they trust {and} take refuge in Him.
Ps 38:1 O LORD, rebuke me not in Your wrath, neither chasten me in Your hot displeasure.
Ps 38:2 For Your arrows have sunk into me {and} stick fast, and Your hand has come down upon me {and} pressed me sorely.
Ps 38:3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation; neither is there any health {or} rest in my bones because of my sin.
Ps 38:4 For my iniquities have gone over my head [like waves of a flood]; as a heavy burden they weigh too much for me.
Ps 38:5 My wounds are loathsome and corrupt because of my foolishness.
Ps 38:6 I am bent and bowed down greatly; I go about mourning all the day long.
Ps 38:7 For my loins are filled with burning; and there is no soundness in my flesh.
Ps 38:8 I am faint and sorely bruised [deadly cold and quite worn out]; I groan by reason of the disquiet {and} moaning of my heart.
Ps 38:9 Lord, all my desire is before You; and my sighing is not hidden from You.
Ps 38:10 My heart throbs, my strength fails me; as for the light of my eyes, it also is gone from me.
Ps 38:11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my plague; and my neighbors {and} my near ones stand afar off.
Ps 38:12 They also that seek {and} demand my life lay snares for me, and they that seek {and} require my hurt speak crafty {and} mischievous things; they meditate treachery {and} deceit all the day long.
Ps 38:13 But I, like a deaf man, hear not; and I am like a dumb man who opens not his mouth.
Ps 38:14 Yes, I have become like a man who hears not, in whose mouth are no arguments {or} replies.
Ps 38:15 For in You, O Lord, do I hope; You will answer, O Lord my God.
Ps 38:16 For I pray, Let them not rejoice over me, who when my foot slips boast against me.
Ps 38:17 For I am ready to halt {and} fall; my pain {and} sorrow are continually before me.
Ps 38:18 For I do confess my guilt {and} iniquity; I am filled with sorrow for my sin.
Ps 38:19 But my enemies are vigorous {and} strong, and those who hate me wrongfully are multiplied.
Ps 38:20 They also that render evil for good are adversaries to me, because I follow the thing that is good.
Ps 38:21 Forsake me not, O Lord; O my God, be not far from me.
Ps 38:22 Make haste to help me, O Lord, my Salvation.
Ps 39:1 I SAID, I will take heed {and} guard my ways, that I may sin not with my tongue; I will muzzle my mouth as with a bridle while the wicked are before me.
Ps 39:2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace without profit and had no comfort away from good, while my distress was renewed.
Ps 39:3 My heart was hot within me. While I was musing, the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue:
Ps 39:4 Lord, make me to know my end and [to appreciate] the measure of my days--what it is; let me know {and} realize how frail I am [how transient is my stay here].

Ps 39:5 Behold, You have made my days as [short as] handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing in Your sight. Truly every man at his best is merely a breath! Selah [pause, and think calmly of that]!
Ps 39:6 Surely every man walks to and fro--like a shadow in a pantomime; surely for futility {and} emptiness he is in turmoil; each one heaps up riches, not knowing who will gather them.
Ps 39:7 And now, Lord, what do I wait for {and} expect? My hope {and} expectation are in You.
Ps 39:8 Deliver me from all my transgressions; make me not the scorn {and} reproach of the [self-confident] fool!
Ps 39:9 I am dumb, I open not my mouth, for it is You Who has done it.
Ps 39:10 Remove Your stroke away from me; I am consumed by the conflict {and} the blow of Your hand.
Ps 39:11 When with rebukes You correct {and} chasten man for sin, You waste his beauty like a moth {and} what is dear to him consumes away; surely every man is a mere breath. Selah [pause, and think calmly of that]!
Ps 39:12 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not Your peace at my tears! For I am Your passing guest, a temporary resident, as all my fathers were.
Ps 39:13 O look away from me {and} spare me, that I may recover cheerfulness {and} encouraging strength {and} know gladness before I go and am no more!
Ps 40:1 I WAITED patiently {and} expectantly for the Lord; and He inclined to me and heard my cry.
Ps 40:2 He drew me up out of a horrible pit [a pit of tumult and of destruction], out of the miry clay (froth and slime), and set my feet upon a rock, steadying my steps {and} establishing my goings.
Ps 40:3 And He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many shall see and fear (revere and worship) and put their trust {and} confident reliance in the Lord.
Ps 40:4 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who makes the Lord his refuge {and} trust, and turns not to the proud or to followers of false gods.
Ps 40:5 Many, O Lord my God, are the wonderful works which You have done, and Your thoughts toward us; no one can compare with You! If I should declare and speak of them, they are too many to be numbered.
Ps 40:6 Sacrifice and offering You do not desire, {nor} have You delight in them; You have given me the capacity to hear {and} obey [Your law, a more valuable service than] burnt offerings and sin offerings [which] You do not require.
Ps 40:7 Then said I, Behold, I come; in the volume of the book it is written of me;
Ps 40:8 I delight to do Your will, O my God; yes, Your law is within my heart.
Ps 40:9 I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great assembly [tidings of uprightness and right standing with God]. Behold, I have not restrained my lips, as You know, O Lord.
Ps 40:10 I have not concealed Your righteousness within my heart; I have proclaimed Your faithfulness and Your salvation. I have not hid away Your steadfast love and Your truth from the great assembly.
Ps 40:11 Withhold not Your tender mercy from me, O Lord; let Your loving-kindness and Your truth continually preserve me!
Ps 40:12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about; my iniquities have taken such hold on me that I am not able to look up. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart has failed me {and} forsaken me.
Ps 40:13 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me!
Ps 40:14 Let them be put to shame and confounded together who seek {and} require my life to destroy it; let them be driven backward and brought to dishonor who wish me evil {and} delight in my hurt!
Ps 40:15 Let them be desolate by reason of their shame who say to me, Aha, aha!
Ps 40:16 Let all those that seek {and} require You rejoice and be glad in You; let such as love Your salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified!
Ps 40:17 [As for me] I am poor and needy, yet the Lord takes thought {and} plans for me. You are my Help and my Deliverer. O my God, do not tarry!
Ps 41:1 BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, to be envied) is he who considers the weak {and} the poor; the Lord will deliver him in the time of evil {and} trouble.
Ps 41:2 The Lord will protect him and keep him alive; he shall be called blessed in the land; and You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.
Ps 41:3 The Lord will sustain, refresh, {and} strengthen him on his bed of languishing; all his bed You [O Lord] will turn, change, {and} transform in his illness.
Ps 41:4 I said, Lord, be merciful {and} gracious to me; heal my inner self, for I have sinned against You.
Ps 41:5 My enemies speak evil of me, [saying], When will he die and his name perish?
Ps 41:6 And when one comes to see me, he speaks falsehood {and} empty words, while his heart gathers mischievous gossip [against me]; when he goes away, he tells it abroad.

Ps 41:7 All who hate me whisper together about me; against me do they devise my hurt [imagining the worst for me].
Ps 41:8 An evil disease, say they, is poured out upon him {and} cleaves fast to him; and now that he is bedfast, he will not rise up again.
Ps 41:9 Even my own familiar friend, in whom I trusted (relied on and was confident), who ate of my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.
Ps 41:10 But You, O Lord, be merciful {and} gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.
Ps 41:11 By this I know that You favor {and} delight in me, because my enemy does not triumph over me.
Ps 41:12 And as for me, You have upheld me in my integrity and set me in Your presence forever.
Ps 41:13 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting and to everlasting [from this age to the next, and forever]! Amen and Amen (so be it).
Ps 42:1 AS THE hart pants {and} longs for the water brooks, so I pant {and} long for You, O God.
Ps 42:2 My inner self thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?
Ps 42:3 My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me all day long, Where is your God?
Ps 42:4 These things I [earnestly] remember and pour myself out within me: how I went slowly before the throng and led them in procession to the house of God [like a bandmaster before his band, timing the steps to the sound of music and the chant of song], with the voice of shouting and praise, a throng keeping festival.
Ps 42:5 Why are you cast down, O my inner self? And why should you moan over me {and} be disquieted within me? Hope in God {and} wait expectantly for Him, for I shall yet praise Him, my Help and my God.
Ps 42:6 O my God, my life is cast down upon me [and I find the burden more than I can bear]; therefore will I [earnestly] remember You from the land of the Jordan [River] and the [summits of Mount] Hermon, from the little mountain Mizar.
Ps 42:7 [Roaring] deep calls to [roaring] deep at the thunder of Your waterspouts; all Your breakers and Your rolling waves have gone over me.
Ps 42:8 Yet the Lord will command His loving-kindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
Ps 42:9 I will say to God my Rock, Why have You forgotten me? Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
Ps 42:10 As with a sword [crushing] in my bones, my enemies taunt {and} reproach me, while they say continually to me, Where is your God?
Ps 42:11 Why are you cast down, O my inner self? And why should you moan over me {and} be disquieted within me? Hope in God {and} wait expectantly for Him, for I shall yet praise Him, Who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
Ps 43:1 JUDGE {and} vindicate me, O God; plead and defend my cause against an ungodly nation. O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man!
Ps 43:2 For You are the God of my strength [my Stronghold--in Whom I take refuge]; why have You cast me off? Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
Ps 43:3 O send out Your light and Your truth, let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling.
Ps 43:4 Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my exceeding joy; yes, with the lyre will I praise You, O God, my God!
Ps 43:5 Why are you cast down, O my inner self? And why should you moan over me {and} be disquieted within me? Hope in God {and} wait expectantly for Him, for I shall yet praise Him, Who is the help of my [sad] countenance, and my God.
Ps 44:1 WE HAVE heard with our ears, O God; our fathers have told us [what] work You did in their days, in the days of old.
Ps 44:2 You drove out the nations with Your hand {and} it was Your power that gave [Israel] a home by rooting out the [heathen] peoples, but [Israel] You spread out.
Ps 44:3 For they got not the land [of Canaan] in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them; but Your right hand and Your arm and the light of Your countenance [did it], because You were favorable toward {and} did delight in them.
Ps 44:4 You are my King, O God; command victories {and} deliverance for Jacob (Israel).
Ps 44:5 Through You shall we push down our enemies; through Your name shall we tread them under who rise up against us.
Ps 44:6 For I will not trust in {and} lean on my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

Ps 44:7 But You have saved us from our foes and have put them to shame who hate us.
Ps 44:8 In God we have made our boast all the day long, and we will give thanks to Your name forever. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 44:9 But now You have cast us off and brought us to dishonor, and You go not out with our armies.
Ps 44:10 You make us to turn back from the enemy, and they who hate us take spoil for themselves.
Ps 44:11 You have made us like sheep intended for mutton and have scattered us in exile among the nations.
Ps 44:12 You sell Your people for nothing, and have not increased Your wealth by their price.
Ps 44:13 You have made us the taunt of our neighbors, a scoffing and a derision to those who are round about us.
Ps 44:14 You make us a byword among the nations, a shaking of the heads among the people.
Ps 44:15 My dishonor is before me all day long, and shame has covered my face
Ps 44:16 At the words of the taunter and reviler, by reason of the enemy and the revengeful.
Ps 44:17 All this is come upon us, yet have we not forgotten You, neither have we been false to Your covenant [which You made with our fathers].
Ps 44:18 Our hearts are not turned back, neither have our steps declined from Your path,
Ps 44:19 Though You have distressingly broken us in the place of jackals and covered us with deep darkness, even with the shadow of death.
Ps 44:20 If we had forgotten the name of our God or stretched out our hands to a strange god,
Ps 44:21 Would not God discover this? For He knows the secrets of the heart.
Ps 44:22 No, but for Your sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
Ps 44:23 Awake! Why do You sleep, O Lord? Arouse Yourself, cast us not off forever!
Ps 44:24 Why do You hide Your face {and} forget our affliction and our oppression?
Ps 44:25 For our lives are bowed down to the dust; our bodies cleave to the ground.
Ps 44:26 Rise up! Come to our help, and deliver us for Your mercy's sake {and} because of Your steadfast love!
Ps 45:1 MY HEART overflows with a goodly theme; I address my psalm to a King. My tongue is like the pen of a ready writer.
Ps 45:2 You are fairer than the children of men; graciousness is poured upon Your lips; therefore God has blessed You forever.
Ps 45:3 Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O mighty One, in Your glory and Your majesty!
Ps 45:4 And in Your majesty ride on triumphantly for the cause of truth, humility, {and} righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God); and let Your right hand guide You to tremendous things.
Ps 45:5 Your arrows are sharp; the peoples fall under You; Your darts pierce the hearts of the King's enemies.
Ps 45:6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; the scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.
Ps 45:7 You love righteousness, uprightness, {and} right standing with God and hate wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness above Your fellows.
Ps 45:8 Your garments are all fragrant with myrrh, aloes, {and} cassia; stringed instruments make You glad.
Ps 45:9 Kings' daughters are among Your honorable women; at Your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Ps 45:10 Hear, O daughter, consider, submit, {and} consent to my instruction: forget also your own people and your father's house;
Ps 45:11 So will the King desire your beauty; because He is your Lord, be submissive {and} reverence {and} honor Him.
Ps 45:12 And, O daughter of Tyre, the richest of the people shall entreat your favor with a gift.
Ps 45:13 The King's daughter in the inner part [of the palace] is all glorious; her clothing is inwrought with gold.
Ps 45:14 She shall be brought to the King in raiment of needlework; with the virgins, her companions that follow her, she shall be brought to You.
Ps 45:15 With gladness and rejoicing will they be brought; they will enter into the King's palace.
Ps 45:16 Instead of Your fathers shall be Your sons, whom You will make princes in all the land.
Ps 45:17 I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore shall the people praise and give You thanks forever and ever.
Ps 46:1 GOD IS our Refuge and Strength [mighty {and} impenetrable to temptation], a very present {and} well-proved help in trouble.
Ps 46:2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains be shaken into the midst of the seas,
Ps 46:3 Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling {and} tumult. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!

Ps 46:4 There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.
Ps 46:5 God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God will help her right early [at the dawn of the morning].
Ps 46:6 The nations raged, the kingdoms tottered {and} were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted.
Ps 46:7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our Refuge (our Fortress and High Tower). Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 46:8 Come, behold the works of the Lord, Who has wrought desolations {and} wonders in the earth.
Ps 46:9 He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow into pieces and snaps the spear in two; He burns the chariots in the fire.
Ps 46:10 Let be {and} be still, and know (recognize and understand) that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations! I will be exalted in the earth!
Ps 46:11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our Refuge (our High Tower and Stronghold). Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 47:1 O CLAP your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph {and} songs of joy!
Ps 47:2 For the Lord Most High excites terror, awe, {and} dread; He is a great King over all the earth.
Ps 47:3 He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.
Ps 47:4 He chose our inheritance for us, the glory {and} pride of Jacob, whom He loves. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 47:5 God has ascended amid shouting, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Ps 47:6 Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
Ps 47:7 For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises in a skillful psalm {and} with understanding.
Ps 47:8 God reigns over the nations; God sits upon His holy throne.
Ps 47:9 The princes {and} nobles of the peoples are gathered together, a [united] people for the God of Abraham, for the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted.
Ps 48:1 GREAT IS the Lord, and highly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain,
Ps 48:2 Fair {and} beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth--Mount Zion [the City of David], to the northern side [Mount Moriah and the temple], the [whole] city of the Great King!
Ps 48:3 God has made Himself known in her palaces as a Refuge (a High Tower and a Stronghold).
Ps 48:4 For, behold, the kings assembled, they came onward {and} they passed away together.
Ps 48:5 They looked, they were amazed; they were stricken with terror {and} took to flight [affrighted and dismayed].
Ps 48:6 Trembling took hold of them there, and pain as of a woman in childbirth.
Ps 48:7 With the east wind You shattered the ships of Tarshish.
Ps 48:8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it forever. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 48:9 We have thought of Your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of Your temple.
Ps 48:10 As is Your name, O God, so is Your praise to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is full of righteousness (rightness and justice).
Ps 48:11 Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your [righteous] judgments!
Ps 48:12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her, number her towers (her lofty and noble deeds of past days),
Ps 48:13 Consider well her ramparts, go through her palaces {and} citadels, that you may tell the next generation [and cease recalling disappointments].
Ps 48:14 For this God is our God forever and ever; He will be our guide [even] until death.
Ps 49:1 HEAR THIS, all you peoples; give ear, all you inhabitants of the world,
Ps 49:2 Both low and high, rich and poor together:
Ps 49:3 My mouth shall speak wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
Ps 49:4 I will submit {and} consent to a parable {or} proverb; to the music of a lyre I will unfold my riddle (my problem).
Ps 49:5 Why should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of those who would supplant me surrounds me on every side,
Ps 49:6 Even of those who trust in {and} lean on their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?
Ps 49:7 None of them can by any means redeem [either himself or] his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him--
Ps 49:8 For the ransom of a life is too costly, and [the price one can pay] can never suffice--
Ps 49:9 So that he should live on forever {and} never see the pit (the grave) {and} corruption.
Ps 49:10 For he sees that even wise men die; the [self-confident] fool and the stupid alike perish and leave their

wealth to others.
Ps 49:11 Their inward thought is that their houses will continue forever, {and} their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands their own [apart from God] {and} after their own names.
Ps 49:12 But man, with all his honor {and} pomp, does not remain; he is like the beasts that perish.
Ps 49:13 This is the fate of those who are foolishly confident, yet after them men approve their sayings. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 49:14 Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol (the place of the dead); death shall be their shepherd. And the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their form {and} beauty shall be consumed, for Sheol shall be their dwelling.
Ps 49:15 But God will redeem me from the power of Sheol (the place of the dead); for He will receive me. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 49:16 Be not afraid when [an ungodly] one is made rich, when the wealth {and} glory of his house are increased;
Ps 49:17 For when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not descend after him.
Ps 49:18 Though while he lives he counts himself happy {and} prosperous, and though a man gets praise when he does well [for himself],
Ps 49:19 He will go to the generation of his fathers, who will nevermore see the light.
Ps 49:20 A man who is held in honor and understands not is like the beasts that perish.
Ps 50:1 THE MIGHTY One, God, the Lord, speaks and calls the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Ps 50:2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
Ps 50:3 Our God comes and does not keep silence; a fire devours before Him, and round about Him a mighty tempest rages.
Ps 50:4 He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people:
Ps 50:5 Gather together to Me My saints [those who have found grace in My sight], those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.
Ps 50:6 And the heavens declare His righteousness (rightness and justice), for God, He is judge. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 50:7 Hear, O My people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify to you {and} against you: I am God, your God.
Ps 50:8 I do not reprove you for your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are continually before Me.
Ps 50:9 I will accept no bull from your house nor he-goat out of your folds.
Ps 50:10 For every beast of the forest is Mine, {and} the cattle upon a thousand hills {or} upon the mountains where thousands are.
Ps 50:11 I know {and} am acquainted with all the birds of the mountains, and the wild animals of the field are Mine {and} are with Me, in My mind.
Ps 50:12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are Mine.
Ps 50:13 Shall I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?
Ps 50:14 Offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High,
Ps 50:15 And call on Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor {and} glorify Me.
Ps 50:16 But to the wicked, God says: What right have you to recite My statutes or take My covenant {or} pledge on your lips,
Ps 50:17 Seeing that you hate instruction {and} correction and cast My words behind you [discarding them]?
Ps 50:18 When you see a thief, you associate with him, and you have taken part with adulterers.
Ps 50:19 You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue frames deceit.
Ps 50:20 You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son.
Ps 50:21 These things you have done and I kept silent; you thought I was once entirely like you. But [now] I will reprove you and put [the charge] in order before your eyes.
Ps 50:22 Now consider this, you who forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.
Ps 50:23 He who brings an offering of praise {and} thanksgiving honors {and} glorifies Me; and he who orders his way aright [who prepares the way that I may show him], to him I will demonstrate the salvation of God.
Ps 51:1 HAVE MERCY upon me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to the multitude of Your tender mercy {and} loving-kindness blot out my transgressions.
Ps 51:2 Wash me thoroughly [and repeatedly] from my iniquity {and} guilt and cleanse me {and} make me wholly pure from my sin!
Ps 51:3 For I am conscious of my transgressions {and} I acknowledge them; my sin is ever before me.
Ps 51:4 Against You, You only, have I sinned and done that which is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified in

Your sentence and faultless in Your judgment.
Ps 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in [a state of] iniquity; my mother was sinful who conceived me [and I too am sinful].
Ps 51:6 Behold, You desire truth in the inner being; make me therefore to know wisdom in my inmost heart.
Ps 51:7 Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean [ceremonially]; wash me, and I shall [in reality] be whiter than snow.
Ps 51:8 Make me to hear joy and gladness {and} be satisfied; let the bones which You have broken rejoice.
Ps 51:9 Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my guilt {and} iniquities.
Ps 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right, persevering, {and} steadfast spirit within me.
Ps 51:11 Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Ps 51:12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.
Ps 51:13 Then will I teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted {and} return to You.
Ps 51:14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness {and} death, O God, the God of my salvation, {and} my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness (Your rightness and Your justice).
Ps 51:15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise.
Ps 51:16 For You delight not in sacrifice, or else would I give it; You find no pleasure in burnt offering.
Ps 51:17 My sacrifice [the sacrifice acceptable] to God is a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart [broken down with sorrow for sin and humbly and thoroughly penitent], such, O God, You will not despise.
Ps 51:18 Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
Ps 51:19 Then will You delight in the sacrifices of righteousness, justice, {and} right, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering; then bullocks will be offered upon Your altar.
Ps 52:1 WHY BOAST you of mischief done against the loving-kindness of God [and the godly], O mighty [sinful] man, day after day?
Ps 52:2 Your tongue devises wickedness; it is like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.
Ps 52:3 You love evil more than good, and lying rather than to speak righteousness, justice, {and} right. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 52:4 You love all destroying {and} devouring words, O deceitful tongue.
Ps 52:5 God will likewise break you down {and} destroy you forever; He will lay hold of you and pluck you out of your tent and uproot you from the land of the living. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 52:6 The [uncompromisingly] righteous also shall see [it] and be in reverent fear {and} awe, but about you they will [scoffingly] laugh, saying,
Ps 52:7 See, this is the man who made not God his strength (his stronghold and high tower) but trusted in {and} confidently relied on the abundance of his riches, seeking refuge {and} security for himself through his wickedness.
Ps 52:8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in {and} confidently rely on the loving-kindness {and} the mercy of God forever and ever.
Ps 52:9 I will thank You {and} confide in You forever, because You have done it [delivered me and kept me safe]. I will wait on, hope in {and} expect in Your name, for it is good, in the presence of Your saints (Your kind and pious ones).
Ps 53:1 THE [empty-headed] fool has said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt {and} evil are they, and doing abominable iniquity; there is none who does good.
Ps 53:2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men to see if there were any who understood, who sought (inquired after and desperately required) God.
Ps 53:3 Every one of them has gone back [backslidden and fallen away]; they have altogether become filthy {and} corrupt; there is none who does good, no, not one.
Ps 53:4 Have those who work evil no knowledge (no understanding)? They eat up My people as they eat bread; they do not call upon God.
Ps 53:5 There they are, in terror {and} dread, where there was [and had been] no terror {and} dread! For God has scattered the bones of him who encamps against you; you have put them to shame, because God has rejected them.
Ps 53:6 Oh, that the salvation {and} deliverance of Israel would come out of Zion! When God restores the fortunes of His people, then will Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.
Ps 54:1 SAVE ME, O God, by Your name; judge {and} vindicate me by Your mighty strength {and} power.
Ps 54:2 Hear my pleading {and} my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.
Ps 54:3 For strangers {and} insolent men are rising up against me, and violent men {and} ruthless ones seek {and} demand my life; they do not set God before them. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!

Ps 54:4 Behold, God is my helper {and} ally; the Lord is my upholder {and} is with them who uphold my life.
Ps 54:5 He will pay back evil to my enemies; in Your faithfulness [Lord] put an end to them.
Ps 54:6 With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You; I will give thanks {and} praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.
Ps 54:7 For He has delivered me out of every trouble, and my eye has looked [in triumph] on my enemies.
Ps 55:1 LISTEN TO my prayer, O God, and hide not Yourself from my supplication!
Ps 55:2 Attend to me and answer me; I am restless {and} distraught in my complaint and must moan
Ps 55:3 [And I am distracted] at the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression {and} threats of the wicked; for they would cast trouble upon me, and in wrath they persecute me.
Ps 55:4 My heart is grievously pained within me, and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
Ps 55:5 Fear and trembling have come upon me; horror {and} fright have overwhelmed me.
Ps 55:6 And I say, Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest.
Ps 55:7 Yes, I would wander far away, I would lodge in the wilderness. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 55:8 I would hasten to escape {and} to find a shelter from the stormy wind and tempest.
Ps 55:9 Destroy [their schemes], O Lord, confuse their tongues, for I have seen violence and strife in the city.
Ps 55:10 Day and night they go about on its walls; iniquity and mischief are in its midst.
Ps 55:11 Violence {and} ruin are within it; fraud and guile do not depart from its streets {and} marketplaces.
Ps 55:12 For it is not an enemy who reproaches {and} taunts me--then I might bear it; nor is it one who has hated me who insolently vaunts himself against me--then I might hide from him.
Ps 55:13 But it was you, a man my equal, my companion and my familiar friend.
Ps 55:14 We had sweet fellowship together and used to walk to the house of God in company.
Ps 55:15 Let desolations {and} death come suddenly upon them; let them go down alive to Sheol (the place of the dead), for evils are in their habitations, in their hearts, {and} their inmost part.
Ps 55:16 As for me, I will call upon God, and the Lord will save me.
Ps 55:17 Evening and morning and at noon will I utter my complaint and moan {and} sigh, and He will hear my voice.
Ps 55:18 He has redeemed my life in peace from the battle that was against me [so that none came near me], for they were many who strove with me.
Ps 55:19 God will hear and humble them, even He Who abides of old--Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!--because in them there has been no change [of heart], and they do not fear, revere, {and} worship God.
Ps 55:20 [My companion] has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him; he has broken {and} profaned his agreement [of friendship and loyalty].
Ps 55:21 The words of his mouth were smoother than cream {or} butter, but war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords.
Ps 55:22 Cast your burden on the Lord [releasing the weight of it] and He will sustain you; He will never allow the [consistently] righteous to be moved (made to slip, fall, or fail).
Ps 55:23 But You, O God, will bring down the wicked into the pit of destruction; men of blood and treachery shall not live out half their days. But I will trust in, lean on, {and} confidently rely on You.
Ps 56:1 BE MERCIFUL {and} gracious to me, O God, for man would trample me {or} devour me; all the day long the adversary oppresses me.
Ps 56:2 They that lie in wait for me would swallow me up {or} trample me all day long, for they are many who fight against me, O Most High!
Ps 56:3 What time I am afraid, I will have confidence in {and} put my trust {and} reliance in You.
Ps 56:4 By [the help of] God I will praise His word; on God I lean, rely, {and} confidently put my trust; I will not fear. What can man, who is flesh, do to me?
Ps 56:5 All day long they twist my words {and} trouble my affairs; all their thoughts are against me for evil {and} my hurt.
Ps 56:6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they watch my steps, even as they have [expectantly] waited for my life.
Ps 56:7 They think to escape with iniquity, {and} shall they? In Your indignation bring down the peoples, O God.
Ps 56:8 You number {and} record my wanderings; put my tears into Your bottle--are they not in Your book?
Ps 56:9 Then shall my enemies turn back in the day that I cry out; this I know, for God is for me.
Ps 56:10 In God, Whose word I praise, in the Lord, Whose word I praise,
Ps 56:11 In God have I put my trust {and} confident reliance; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

Ps 56:12 Your vows are upon me, O God; I will render praise to You {and} give You thank offerings.
Ps 56:13 For You have delivered my life from death, yes, and my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life {and} of the living.
Ps 57:1 BE MERCIFUL {and} gracious to me, O God, be merciful {and} gracious to me, for my soul takes refuge {and} finds shelter {and} confidence in You; yes, in the shadow of Your wings will I take refuge {and} be confident until calamities {and} destructive storms are passed.
Ps 57:2 I will cry to God Most High, Who performs on my behalf {and} rewards me [Who brings to pass His purposes for me and surely completes them]!
Ps 57:3 He will send from heaven and save me from the slanders {and} reproaches of him who would trample me down {or} swallow me up, {and} He will put him to shame. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]! God will send forth His mercy {and} loving-kindness {and} His truth {and} faithfulness.
Ps 57:4 My life is among lions; I must lie among those who are aflame--the sons of men whose teeth are spears and arrows, their tongues sharp swords.
Ps 57:5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth!
Ps 57:6 They set a net for my steps; my very life was bowed down. They dug a pit in my way; into the midst of it they themselves have fallen. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 57:7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is steadfast {and} confident! I will sing and make melody.
Ps 57:8 Awake, my glory (my inner self); awake, harp and lyre! I will awake right early [I will awaken the dawn]!
Ps 57:9 I will praise {and} give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations.
Ps 57:10 For Your mercy {and} loving-kindness are great, reaching to the heavens, and Your truth {and} faithfulness to the clouds.
Ps 57:11 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Your glory be over all the earth.
Ps 58:1 DO YOU indeed in silence speak righteousness, O you mighty ones? [Or is the righteousness, rightness, and justice you should speak quite dumb?] Do you judge fairly {and} uprightly, O you sons of men?
Ps 58:2 No, in your heart you devise wickedness; you deal out in the land the violence of your hands.
Ps 58:3 The ungodly are perverse {and} estranged from the womb; they go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.
Ps 58:4 Their poison is like the venom of a serpent; they are like the deaf adder {or} asp that stops its ear,
Ps 58:5 Which listens not to the voice of charmers {or} of the enchanter never casting spells so cunningly.
Ps 58:6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouths; break out the fangs of the young lions, O Lord.
Ps 58:7 Let them melt away as water which runs on apace; when he aims his arrows, let them be as if they were headless {or} split apart.
Ps 58:8 Let them be as a snail dissolving slime as it passes on {or} as a festering sore which wastes away, like [the child to which] a woman gives untimely birth that has not seen the sun.
Ps 58:9 Before your pots can feel the thorns [that are placed under them for fuel], He will take them away as with a whirlwind, the green and the burning ones alike.
Ps 58:10 The [unyieldingly] righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance; he will bathe his feet in the blood of the wicked.
Ps 58:11 Men will say, Surely there is a reward for the [uncompromisingly] righteous; surely there is a God Who judges on the earth.
Ps 59:1 DELIVER ME from my enemies, O my God; defend {and} protect me from those who rise up against me.
Ps 59:2 Deliver me from {and} lift me above those who work evil and save me from bloodthirsty men.
Ps 59:3 For, behold, they lie in wait for my life; fierce {and} mighty men are banding together against me, not for my transgression nor for any sin of mine, O Lord.
Ps 59:4 They run and prepare themselves, though there is no fault in me; rouse Yourself [O Lord] to meet {and} help me, and see!
Ps 59:5 You, O Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, arise to visit all the nations; spare none {and} be not merciful to any who treacherously plot evil. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 59:6 They return at evening, they howl {and} snarl like dogs, and go [prowling] about the city.
Ps 59:7 Behold, they belch out [insults] with their mouths; swords [of sarcasm, ridicule, slander, and lies] are in their lips, for who, they think, hears us?
Ps 59:8 But You, O Lord, will laugh at them [in scorn]; You will hold all the nations in derision.
Ps 59:9 O my Strength, I will watch {and} give heed to You {and} sing praises; for God is my Defense (my Protector

and High Tower).
Ps 59:10 My God in His mercy {and} steadfast love will meet me; God will let me look [triumphantly] on my enemies (those who lie in wait for me).
Ps 59:11 Slay them not, lest my people forget; scatter them by Your power {and} make them wander to and fro, and bring them down, O Lord our Shield!
Ps 59:12 For the sin of their mouths and the words of their lips, let them even be trapped {and} taken in their pride, and for the cursing and lying which they utter.
Ps 59:13 Consume them in wrath, consume them so that they shall be no more; and let them know unto the ends of the earth that God rules over Jacob (Israel). Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 59:14 And at evening let them return; let them howl {and} snarl like dogs, and go prowling about the city.
Ps 59:15 Let them wander up and down for food and tarry all night if they are not satisfied (not getting their fill).
Ps 59:16 But I will sing of Your mighty strength {and} power; yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy {and} loving-kindness in the morning; for You have been to me a defense (a fortress and a high tower) and a refuge in the day of my distress.
Ps 59:17 Unto You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; for God is my Defense, my Fortress, {and} High Tower, the God Who shows me mercy {and} steadfast love.
Ps 60:1 O GOD, You have rejected us {and} cast us off, broken down [our defenses], {and} scattered us; You have been angry--O restore us {and} turn Yourself to us again!
Ps 60:2 You have made the land to quake {and} tremble, You have rent it [open]; repair its breaches, for it shakes {and} totters.
Ps 60:3 You have made Your people suffer hard things; You have given us to drink wine that makes us reel {and} be dazed.
Ps 60:4 [But now] You have set up a banner for those who fear {and} worshipfully revere You [to which they may flee from the bow], a standard displayed because of the truth. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 60:5 That Your beloved ones may be delivered, save with Your right hand and answer us [or me].
Ps 60:6 God has spoken in His holiness [in His promises]: I will rejoice, I will divide and portion out [the land] Shechem and the Valley of Succoth [west to east].
Ps 60:7 Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine; Ephraim also is My helmet (the defense of My head); Judah is My scepter {and} My lawgiver.
Ps 60:8 Moab is My washpot [reduced to vilest servitude]; upon Edom I cast My shoe in triumph; over Philistia I raise the shout of victory.
Ps 60:9 Who will bring me [David] into the strong city [of Petra]? Who will lead me into Edom?
Ps 60:10 Have You not rejected us, O God? And will You not go forth, O God, with our armies?
Ps 60:11 O give us help against the adversary, for vain (ineffectual and to no purpose) is the help or salvation of man.
Ps 60:12 Through God we shall do valiantly, for He it is Who shall tread down our adversaries.
Ps 61:1 HEAR MY cry, O God; listen to my prayer.
Ps 61:2 From the end of the earth will I cry to You, when my heart is overwhelmed {and} fainting; lead me to the rock that is higher than I [yes, a rock that is too high for me].
Ps 61:3 For You have been a shelter {and} a refuge for me, a strong tower against the adversary.
Ps 61:4 I will dwell in Your tabernacle forever; let me find refuge {and} trust in the shelter of Your wings. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 61:5 For You, O God, have heard my vows; You have given me the heritage of those who fear, revere, {and} honor Your name.
Ps 61:6 May You prolong the [true] King's life [adding days upon days], and may His years be to the last generation [of this world and the generations of the world to come].
Ps 61:7 May He sit enthroned forever before [the face of] God; O ordain that loving-kindness and faithfulness may watch over Him!
Ps 61:8 So will I sing praise to Your name forever, paying my vows day by day.
Ps 62:1 FOR GOD alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.
Ps 62:2 He only is my Rock and my Salvation, my Defense {and} my Fortress, I shall not be greatly moved.
Ps 62:3 How long will you set upon a man that you may slay him, all of you, like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence?
Ps 62:4 They only consult to cast him down from his height [to dishonor him]; they delight in lies. They bless with their mouths, but they curse inwardly. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 62:5 My soul, wait only upon God {and} silently submit to Him; for my hope {and} expectation are from Him.

Ps 62:6 He only is my Rock and my Salvation; He is my Defense {and} my Fortress, I shall not be moved.
Ps 62:7 With God rests my salvation and my glory; He is my Rock of unyielding strength {and} impenetrable hardness, and my refuge is in God!
Ps 62:8 Trust in, lean on, rely on, {and} have confidence in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts before Him. God is a refuge for us (a fortress and a high tower). Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 62:9 Men of low degree [in the social scale] are emptiness (futility, a breath) {and} men of high degree [in the same scale] are a lie {and} a delusion. In the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.
Ps 62:10 Trust not in {and} rely confidently not on extortion {and} oppression, and do not vainly hope in robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.
Ps 62:11 God has spoken once, twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God.
Ps 62:12 Also to You, O Lord, belong mercy {and} loving-kindness, for You render to every man according to his work.
Ps 63:1 O GOD, You are my God, earnestly will I seek You; my inner self thirsts for You, my flesh longs {and} is faint for You, in a dry and weary land where no water is.
Ps 63:2 So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary to see Your power and Your glory.
Ps 63:3 Because Your loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You.
Ps 63:4 So will I bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.
Ps 63:5 My whole being shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips
Ps 63:6 When I remember You upon my bed and meditate on You in the night watches.
Ps 63:7 For You have been my help, and in the shadow of Your wings will I rejoice.
Ps 63:8 My whole being follows hard after You {and} clings closely to You; Your right hand upholds me.
Ps 63:9 But those who seek {and} demand my life to ruin {and} destroy it shall [themselves be destroyed and] go into the lower parts of the earth [into the underworld of the dead].
Ps 63:10 They shall be given over to the power of the sword; they shall be a prey for foxes {and} jackals.
Ps 63:11 But the king shall rejoice in God; everyone who swears by Him [that is, who binds himself by God's authority, acknowledging His supremacy, and devoting himself to His glory and service alone; every such one] shall glory, for the mouths of those who speak lies shall be stopped.
Ps 64:1 HEAR MY voice, O God, in my complaint; guard {and} preserve my life from the terror of the enemy.
Ps 64:2 Hide me from the secret counsel {and} conspiracy of the ungodly, from the scheming of evildoers,
Ps 64:3 Who whet their tongues like a sword, who aim venomous words like arrows,
Ps 64:4 Who shoot from ambush at the blameless man; suddenly do they shoot at him, without self-reproach {or} fear.
Ps 64:5 They encourage themselves in an evil purpose, they talk of laying snares secretly; they say, Who will discover {us} ?
Ps 64:6 They think out acts of injustice and say, We have accomplished a well-devised thing! For the inward thought of each one [is unsearchable] and his heart is deep.
Ps 64:7 But God will shoot an unexpected arrow at them; and suddenly shall they be wounded.
Ps 64:8 And they will be made to stumble, their own tongues turning against them; all who gaze upon them will shake their heads {and} flee away.
Ps 64:9 And all men shall [reverently] fear {and} be in awe; and they will declare the work of God, for they will wisely consider {and} acknowledge that it is His doing.
Ps 64:10 The [uncompromisingly] righteous shall be glad in the Lord and shall trust {and} take refuge in Him; and all the upright in heart shall glory {and} offer praise.
Ps 65:1 TO YOU belongs silence (the submissive wonder of reverence which bursts forth into praise) {and} praise is due {and} fitting to You, O God, in Zion; and to You shall the vow be performed.
Ps 65:2 O You Who hear prayer, to You shall all flesh come.
Ps 65:3 Iniquities {and} much varied guilt prevail against me; [yet] as for our transgressions, You forgive {and} purge them away [make atonement for them and cover them out of Your sight]!
Ps 65:4 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man whom You choose and cause to come near, that he may dwell in Your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple.
Ps 65:5 By fearful {and} glorious things [that terrify the wicked but make the godly sing praises] do You answer us in righteousness (rightness and justice), O God of our salvation, You Who are the confidence and hope of all the ends of the earth and of those far off on the seas;
Ps 65:6 Who by [Your] might have founded the mountains, being girded with power,
Ps 65:7 Who still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples,

Ps 65:8 So that those who dwell in earth's farthest parts are afraid of [nature's] signs of Your presence. You make the places where morning and evening have birth to shout for joy.
Ps 65:9 You visit the earth and saturate it with water; You greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; You provide them with grain when You have so prepared the earth.
Ps 65:10 You water the field's furrows abundantly, You settle the ridges of it; You make the soil soft with showers, blessing the sprouting of its vegetation.
Ps 65:11 You crown the year with Your bounty {and} goodness, and the tracks of Your [chariot wheels] drip with fatness.
Ps 65:12 The [luxuriant] pastures in the uncultivated country drip [with moisture], and the hills gird themselves with joy.
Ps 65:13 The meadows are clothed with flocks, the valleys also are covered with grain; they shout for joy and sing together.
Ps 66:1 MAKE A joyful noise unto God, all the earth;
Ps 66:2 Sing forth the honor {and} glory of His name; make His praise glorious!
Ps 66:3 Say to God, How awesome {and} fearfully glorious are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power shall Your enemies submit themselves to You [with feigned and reluctant obedience].
Ps 66:4 All the earth shall bow down to You and sing [praises] to You; they shall praise Your name in song. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 66:5 Come and see the works of God; see how [to save His people He smites their foes; He is] terrible in His doings toward the children of men.
Ps 66:6 He turned the sea into dry land, they crossed through the river on foot; there did we rejoice in Him.
Ps 66:7 He rules by His might forever, His eyes observe {and} keep watch {over} the nations; let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 66:8 Bless our God, O peoples, give Him grateful thanks {and} make the voice of His praise be heard,
Ps 66:9 Who put {and} kept us among the living, and has not allowed our feet to slip.
Ps 66:10 For You, O God, have proved us; You have tried us as silver is tried, refined, {and} purified.
Ps 66:11 You brought us into the net (the prison fortress, the dungeon); You laid a heavy burden upon our loins.
Ps 66:12 You caused men to ride over our heads [when we were prostrate]; we went through fire and through water, but You brought us out into a broad, moist place [to abundance and refreshment and the open air].
Ps 66:13 I will come into Your house with burnt offerings [of entire consecration]; I will pay You my vows,
Ps 66:14 Which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in distress.
Ps 66:15 I will offer to You burnt offerings of fat lambs, with rams consumed in sweet-smelling smoke; I will offer bullocks and he-goats. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 66:16 Come and hear, all you who reverently {and} worshipfully fear God, and I will declare what He has done for me!
Ps 66:17 I cried aloud to Him; He was extolled {and} high praise was under my tongue.
Ps 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me;
Ps 66:19 But certainly God has heard me; He has given heed to the voice of my prayer.
Ps 66:20 Blessed be God, Who has not rejected my prayer nor removed His mercy {and} loving-kindness from being [as it always is] with me.
Ps 67:1 GOD BE merciful {and} gracious to us and bless us and cause His face to shine upon us {and} among us--Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!--
Ps 67:2 That Your way may be known upon earth, Your saving power (Your deliverances and Your salvation) among all nations.
Ps 67:3 Let the peoples praise You [turn away from their idols] {and} give thanks to You, O God; let all the peoples praise {and} give thanks to You.
Ps 67:4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You will judge the peoples fairly and guide, lead, {or} drive the nations upon earth. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 67:5 Let the peoples praise You [turn away from their idols] {and} give thanks to You, O God; let all the peoples praise {and} give thanks to You!
Ps 67:6 The earth has yielded its harvest [in evidence of God's approval]; God, even our own God, will bless us.
Ps 67:7 God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall reverently fear Him.
Ps 68:1 GOD IS [already] beginning to arise, and His enemies to scatter; let them also who hate Him flee before Him!
Ps 68:2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish before the

presence of God.
Ps 68:3 But let the [uncompromisingly] righteous be glad; let them be in high spirits {and} glory before God, yes, let them [jubilantly] rejoice!
Ps 68:4 Sing to God, sing praises to His name, cast up a highway for Him Who rides through the deserts--His name is the Lord--be in high spirits {and} glory before Him!
Ps 68:5 A father of the fatherless and a judge {and} protector of the widows {is} God in His holy habitation.
Ps 68:6 God places the solitary in families {and} gives the desolate a home in which to dwell; He leads the prisoners out to prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.
Ps 68:7 O God, when You went forth before Your people, when You marched through the wilderness--Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!--
Ps 68:8 The earth trembled, the heavens also poured down [rain] at the presence of God; yonder Sinai quaked at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
Ps 68:9 You, O God, did send a plentiful rain; You did restore {and} confirm Your heritage when it languished {and} was weary.
Ps 68:10 Your flock found a dwelling place in it; You, O God, in Your goodness did provide for the poor {and} needy.
Ps 68:11 The Lord gives the word [of power]; the women who bear {and} publish [the news] are a great host.
Ps 68:12 The kings of the enemies' armies, they flee, they flee! She who tarries at home divides the spoil [left behind].
Ps 68:13 Though you [the slackers] may lie among the sheepfolds [in slothful ease, yet for Israel] the wings of a dove are covered with silver, its pinions excessively green with gold [are trophies taken from the enemy].
Ps 68:14 When the Almighty scattered kings in [the land], it was as when it snows on Zalmon [a wooded hill near Shechem].
Ps 68:15 Is Mount Bashan the high mountain of summits, Mount Bashan [east of the Jordan] the mount of God?
Ps 68:16 Why do you look with grudging {and} envy, you many-peaked mountains, at the mountain [of the city called Zion] which God has desired for His dwelling place? Yes, the Lord will dwell in it forever.
Ps 68:17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands upon thousands. The Lord is among them as He was in Sinai, [so also] in the Holy Place (the sanctuary in Jerusalem).
Ps 68:18 You have ascended on high. You have led away captive a train of vanquished foes; You have received gifts of men, yes, of the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell there with them.
Ps 68:19 Blessed be the Lord, Who bears our burdens {and} carries us day by day, even the God Who is our salvation! Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 68:20 God is to us a God of deliverances {and} salvation; and to God the Lord belongs escape from death [setting us free].
Ps 68:21 But God will shatter the heads of His enemies, the hairy scalp of such a one as goes on still in his trespasses {and} guilty ways.
Ps 68:22 The Lord said, I will bring back [your enemies] from Bashan; I will bring them back from the depths of the [Red] Sea,
Ps 68:23 That you may crush them, dipping your foot in blood, that the tongues of your dogs may have their share from the foe.
Ps 68:24 They see Your goings, O God, even the [solemn processions] of my God, my King, into the sanctuary [in holiness].
Ps 68:25 The singers go in front, the players on instruments last; between them the maidens are playing on tambourines.
Ps 68:26 Bless, give thanks, {and} gratefully praise God in full congregations, even the Lord, O you who are from [Jacob] the fountain of Israel.
Ps 68:27 There is little Benjamin in the lead [in the procession], the princes of Judah and their company, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.
Ps 68:28 Your God has commanded your strength [your might in His service and impenetrable hardness to temptation]; O God, display Your might {and} strengthen what You have wrought for us!
Ps 68:29 [Out of respect] for Your temple at Jerusalem kings shall bring gifts to You.
Ps 68:30 Rebuke the wild beasts dwelling among the reeds [in Egypt], the herd of bulls (the leaders) with the calves of the peoples; trample underfoot those who lust for tribute money; scatter the peoples who delight in war.
Ps 68:31 Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall hasten to stretch out her hands [with the offerings of submission] to God.
Ps 68:32 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth, sing praises to the Lord! Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!

Ps 68:33 [Sing praises] to Him Who rides upon the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, He sends forth His voice, His mighty voice.
Ps 68:34 Ascribe power {and} strength to God; His majesty is over Israel, and His strength {and} might are in the skies.
Ps 68:35 O God, awe-inspiring, profoundly impressive, {and} terrible are You out of Your holy places; the God of Israel Himself gives strength and fullness of might to His people. Blessed be God!
Ps 69:1 SAVE ME, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck [they threaten my life].
Ps 69:2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, where the floods overwhelm me.
Ps 69:3 I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched; my eyes fail with waiting [hopefully] for my God.
Ps 69:4 Those who hate me without cause are more than the hairs of my head; those who would cut me off {and} destroy me, being my enemies wrongfully, are many {and} mighty. I am [forced] to restore what I did not steal.
Ps 69:5 O God, You know my folly {and} blundering; my sins {and} my guilt are not hidden from You.
Ps 69:6 Let not those who wait {and} hope {and} look for You, O Lord of hosts, be put to shame through me; let not those who seek {and} inquire for {and} require You [as their vital necessity] be brought to confusion {and} dishonor through me, O God of Israel.
Ps 69:7 Because for Your sake I have borne taunt {and} reproach; confusion {and} shame have covered my face.
Ps 69:8 I have become a stranger to my brethren, and an alien to my mother's children.
Ps 69:9 For zeal for Your house has eaten me up, and the reproaches {and} insults of those who reproach {and} insult You have fallen upon me.
Ps 69:10 When I wept {and} humbled myself with fasting, I was jeered at {and} humiliated;
Ps 69:11 When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword (an object of scorn) to them.
Ps 69:12 They who sit in [the city's] gate talk about me, and I am the song of the drunkards.
Ps 69:13 But as for me, my prayer is to You, O Lord. At an acceptable {and} opportune time, O God, in the multitude of Your mercy {and} the abundance of Your loving-kindness hear me, {and} in the truth {and} faithfulness of Your salvation answer me.
Ps 69:14 Rescue me out of the mire, and let me not sink; let me be delivered from those who hate me and from out of the deep waters.
Ps 69:15 Let not the floodwaters overflow {and} overwhelm me, neither let the deep swallow me up nor the [dug] pit [with water perhaps in the bottom] close its mouth over me.
Ps 69:16 Hear {and} answer me, O Lord, for Your loving-kindness is sweet {and} comforting; according to Your plenteous tender mercy {and} steadfast love turn to me.
Ps 69:17 Hide not Your face from Your servant, for I am in distress; O answer me speedily!
Ps 69:18 Draw close to me and redeem me; ransom {and} set me free because of my enemies [lest they glory in my prolonged distress]!
Ps 69:19 You know my reproach and my shame and my dishonor; my adversaries are all before You [fully known to You].
Ps 69:20 Insults {and} reproach have broken my heart; I am full of heaviness {and} I am distressingly sick. I looked for pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none.
Ps 69:21 They gave me also gall [poisonous and bitter] for my food, and in my thirst they gave me vinegar (a soured wine) to drink.
Ps 69:22 Let their own table [with all its abundance and luxury] become a snare to them; and when they are secure in peace [or at their sacrificial feasts, let it become] a trap to them.
Ps 69:23 Let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see, and make their loins tremble continually [from terror, dismay, and feebleness].
Ps 69:24 Pour out Your indignation upon them, and let the fierceness of Your burning anger catch up with them.
Ps 69:25 Let their habitation {and} their encampment be a desolation; let no one dwell in their tents.
Ps 69:26 For they pursue {and} persecute him whom You have smitten, and they gossip about those whom You have wounded, [adding] to their grief {and} pain.
Ps 69:27 Let one [unforgiven] perverseness {and} iniquity accumulate upon another for them [in Your book], and let them not come into Your righteousness {or} be justified and acquitted by You.
Ps 69:28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living {and} the book of life and not be enrolled among the [uncompromisingly] righteous (those upright and in right standing with God).
Ps 69:29 But I am poor, sorrowful, and in pain; let Your salvation, O God, set me up on high.
Ps 69:30 I will praise the name of God with a song and will magnify Him with thanksgiving,

Ps 69:31 And it will please the Lord better than an ox or a bullock that has horns and hoofs.
Ps 69:32 The humble shall see it and be glad; you who seek God, inquiring for {and} requiring Him [as your first need], let your hearts revive {and} live!
Ps 69:33 For the Lord hears the poor {and} needy and despises not His prisoners (His miserable and wounded ones).
Ps 69:34 Let heaven and earth praise Him, the seas and everything that moves in them.
Ps 69:35 For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; and [His servants] shall remain {and} dwell there and have it in their possession;
Ps 69:36 The children of His servants shall inherit it, and those who love His name shall dwell in it.
Ps 70:1 MAKE HASTE, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord!
Ps 70:2 Let them be put to shame {and} confounded that seek {and} demand my life; let them be turned backward and brought to confusion {and} dishonor who desire {and} delight in my hurt.
Ps 70:3 Let them be turned back {and} appalled because of their shame {and} disgrace who say, Aha, aha!
Ps 70:4 May all those who seek, inquire of {and} for You, {and} require You [as their vital need] rejoice and be glad in You; and may those who love Your salvation say continually, Let God be magnified!
Ps 70:5 But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my Help and my Deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry!
Ps 71:1 IN YOU, O Lord, do I put my trust {and} confidently take refuge; let me never be put to shame {or} confusion!
Ps 71:2 Deliver me in Your righteousness and cause me to escape; bow down Your ear to me and save me!
Ps 71:3 Be to me a rock of refuge in which to dwell, {and} a sheltering stronghold to which I may continually resort, which You have appointed to save me, for You are my Rock and my Fortress.
Ps 71:4 Rescue me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the grasp of the unrighteous and ruthless man.
Ps 71:5 For You are my hope; O Lord God, You are my trust from my youth {and} the source of my confidence.
Ps 71:6 Upon You have I leaned {and} relied from birth; You are He Who took me from my mother's womb {and} You have been my benefactor from that day. My praise is continually of You.
Ps 71:7 I am as a wonder {and} surprise to many, but You are my strong refuge.
Ps 71:8 My mouth shall be filled with Your praise and with Your honor all the day.
Ps 71:9 Cast me not off {nor} send me away in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent {and} my powers fail.
Ps 71:10 For my enemies talk against me; those who watch for my life consult together,
Ps 71:11 Saying, God has forsaken him; pursue {and} persecute and take him, for there is none to deliver him.
Ps 71:12 O God, be not far from me! O my God, make haste to help me!
Ps 71:13 Let them be put to shame and consumed who are adversaries to my life; let them be covered with reproach, scorn, {and} dishonor who seek {and} require my hurt.
Ps 71:14 But I will hope continually, and will praise You yet more and more.
Ps 71:15 My mouth shall tell of Your righteous acts {and} of Your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is more than I know.
Ps 71:16 I will come in the strength {and} with the mighty acts of the Lord God; I will mention {and} praise Your righteousness, even Yours alone.
Ps 71:17 O God, You have taught me from my youth, and hitherto have I declared Your wondrous works.
Ps 71:18 Yes, even when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not, [but keep me alive] until I have declared Your mighty strength to [this] generation, and Your might {and} power to all that are to come.
Ps 71:19 Your righteousness also, O God, is very high [reaching to the heavens], You Who have done great things; O God, who is like You, {or} who is Your equal?
Ps 71:20 You Who have shown us [all] troubles great and sore will quicken us again and will bring us up again from the depths of the earth.
Ps 71:21 Increase my greatness (my honor) and turn and comfort me.
Ps 71:22 I will also praise You with the harp, even Your truth and faithfulness, O my God; unto You will I sing praises with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.
Ps 71:23 My lips shall shout for joy when I sing praises to You, and my inner being, which You have redeemed.
Ps 71:24 My tongue also shall talk of Your righteousness all the day long; for they are put to shame, for they are confounded, who seek {and} demand my hurt.
Ps 72:1 GIVE THE king [knowledge of] Your [way of] judging, O God, and [the spirit of] Your righteousness to the king's son [to control all his actions].
Ps 72:2 Let him judge {and} govern Your people with righteousness, and Your poor {and} afflicted ones with

judgment {and} justice.
Ps 72:3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the hills, through [the general establishment of] righteousness.
Ps 72:4 May he judge {and} defend the poor of the people, deliver the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor,
Ps 72:5 So that they may revere {and} fear You while the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.
Ps 72:6 May he [Solomon as a type of King David's greater Son] be like rain that comes down upon the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.
Ps 72:7 In His [Christ's] days shall the [uncompromisingly] righteous flourish and peace abound till there is a moon no longer.
Ps 72:8 He [Christ] shall have dominion also from sea to sea and from the River [Euphrates] to the ends of the earth.
Ps 72:9 Those who dwell in the wilderness shall bow before Him and His enemies shall lick the dust.
Ps 72:10 The kings of Tarshish and of the coasts shall bring offerings; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
Ps 72:11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him, all nations shall serve Him.
Ps 72:12 For He delivers the needy when he calls out, the poor also and him who has no helper.
Ps 72:13 He will have pity on the poor {and} weak and needy and will save the lives of the needy.
Ps 72:14 He will redeem their lives from oppression {and} fraud and violence, and precious {and} costly shall their blood be in His sight.
Ps 72:15 And He shall live; and to Him shall be given gold of Sheba; prayer also shall be made for Him {and} through Him continually, {and} they shall bless {and} praise Him all the day long.
Ps 72:16 There shall be abundance of grain in the soil upon the top of the mountains [the least fruitful places in the land]; the fruit of it shall wave like [the forests of] Lebanon, and [the inhabitants of] the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.
Ps 72:17 His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun [indeed, His name continues before the sun]. And men shall be blessed {and} bless themselves by Him; all nations shall call Him blessed!
Ps 72:18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who alone does wondrous things!
Ps 72:19 Blessed be His glorious name forever; let the whole earth be filled with His glory! Amen and Amen!
Ps 72:20 The prayers of David son of Jesse are ended.
Ps 73:1 TRULY GOD is [only] good to Israel, even to those who are upright {and} pure in heart.
Ps 73:2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone, my steps had well-nigh slipped.
Ps 73:3 For I was envious of the foolish {and} arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
Ps 73:4 For they suffer no violent pangs in their death, but their strength is firm.
Ps 73:5 They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they smitten {and} plagued like other men.
Ps 73:6 Therefore pride is about their necks like a chain; violence covers them like a garment [like a long, luxurious robe].
Ps 73:7 Their eyes stand out with fatness, they have more than heart could wish; {and} the imaginations of their minds overflow [with follies].
Ps 73:8 They scoff, and wickedly utter oppression; they speak loftily [from on high, maliciously and blasphemously].
Ps 73:9 They set their mouths against {and} speak down from heaven, and their tongues swagger through the earth [invading even heaven with blasphemy and smearing earth with slanders].
Ps 73:10 Therefore His people return here, and waters of a full cup [offered by the wicked] are [blindly] drained by them.
Ps 73:11 And they say, How does God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?
Ps 73:12 Behold, these are the ungodly, who always prosper {and} are at ease in the world; they increase in riches.
Ps 73:13 Surely then in vain have I cleansed my heart and washed my hands in innocency.
Ps 73:14 For all the day long have I been smitten {and} plagued, and chastened every morning.
Ps 73:15 Had I spoken thus [and given expression to my feelings], I would have been untrue {and} have dealt treacherously against the generation of Your children.
Ps 73:16 But when I considered how to understand this, it was too great an effort for me {and} too painful
Ps 73:17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I understood [for I considered] their end.
Ps 73:18 [After all] You do set the [wicked] in slippery places; You cast them down to ruin {and} destruction.
Ps 73:19 How they become a desolation in a moment! They are utterly consumed with terrors!
Ps 73:20 As a dream [which seems real] until one awakens, so, O Lord, when You arouse Yourself [to take note of the wicked], You will despise their outward show.
Ps 73:21 For my heart was grieved, embittered, {and} in a state of ferment, and I was pricked in my heart [as with the

sharp fang of an adder].
Ps 73:22 So foolish, stupid, {and} brutish was I, and ignorant; I was like a beast before You.
Ps 73:23 Nevertheless I am continually with You; You do hold my right hand.
Ps 73:24 You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me to honor {and} glory.
Ps 73:25 Whom have I in heaven but You? And I have no delight {or} desire on earth besides You.
Ps 73:26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the Rock {and} firm Strength of my heart and my Portion forever.
Ps 73:27 For behold, those who are far from You shall perish; You will destroy all who are false to You {and} like [spiritual] harlots depart from You.
Ps 73:28 But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord God {and} made Him my refuge, that I may tell of all Your works.
Ps 74:1 O GOD, why do You cast us off forever? Why does Your anger burn {and} smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?
Ps 74:2 [Earnestly] remember Your congregation which You have acquired of old, which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage; remember Mount Zion, where You have dwelt.
Ps 74:3 Direct Your feet [quickly] to the perpetual ruins {and} desolations; the foe has devastated {and} desecrated everything in the sanctuary.
Ps 74:4 In the midst of Your Holy Place Your enemies have roared [with their battle cry]; they set up their own [idol] emblems for signs [of victory].
Ps 74:5 They seemed like men who lifted up axes upon a thicket of trees to make themselves a record.
Ps 74:6 And then all the carved wood of the Holy Place they broke down with hatchets and hammers.
Ps 74:7 They have set Your sanctuary on fire; they have profaned the dwelling place of Your Name by casting it to the ground.
Ps 74:8 They said in their hearts, Let us make havoc [of such places] altogether. They have burned up all God's meetinghouses in the land.
Ps 74:9 We do not see our symbols; there is no longer any prophet, neither does any among us know for how long.
Ps 74:10 O God, how long is the adversary to scoff {and} reproach? Is the enemy to blaspheme {and} revile Your name forever?
Ps 74:11 Why do You hold back Your hand, even Your right hand? Draw it out of Your bosom {and} consume them [make an end of them]!
Ps 74:12 Yet God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.
Ps 74:13 You did divide the [Red] Sea by Your might; You broke the heads of the [Egyptian] dragons in the waters.
Ps 74:14 You crushed the heads of Leviathan (Egypt); You did give him as food for the creatures inhabiting the wilderness.
Ps 74:15 You did cleave open [the rock bringing forth] fountains and streams; You dried up mighty, ever-flowing rivers (the Jordan).
Ps 74:16 The day is Yours, the night also is Yours; You have established the [starry] light and the sun.
Ps 74:17 You have fixed all the borders of the earth [the divisions of land and sea and of the nations]; You have made summer and winter. [Acts17:26.]
Ps 74:18 [Earnestly] remember how the enemy has scoffed, O Lord, {and} reproached You, and how a foolish {and} impious people has blasphemed Your name.
Ps 74:19 Oh, do not deliver the life of your turtledove to the wild beast (to the greedy multitude); forget not the life [of the multitude] of Your poor forever.
Ps 74:20 Have regard for the covenant [You made with Abraham], for the dark places of the land are full of the habitations of violence.
Ps 74:21 Oh, let not the downtrodden return in shame; let the oppressed and needy praise Your name.
Ps 74:22 Arise, O God, plead Your own cause; remember [earnestly] how the foolish {and} impious man scoffs {and} reproaches You day after day {and} all day long.
Ps 74:23 Do not forget the [clamoring] voices of Your adversaries, the tumult of those who rise up against You, which ascends continually.
Ps 75:1 WE GIVE praise {and} thanks to You, O God, we praise {and} give thanks; Your wondrous works declare that Your Name is near {and} they who invoke Your Name rehearse Your wonders.
Ps 75:2 When the proper time has come [for executing My judgments], I will judge uprightly [says the Lord].
Ps 75:3 When the earth totters, and all the inhabitants of it, it is I Who will poise {and} keep steady its pillars. Selah

[pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 75:4 I said to the arrogant {and} boastful, Deal not arrogantly [do not boast]; and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn [of personal aggrandizement].
Ps 75:5 Lift not up your [aggressive] horn on high, speak not with a stiff neck {and} insolent arrogance.
Ps 75:6 For not from the east nor from the west nor from the south come promotion {and} lifting up.
Ps 75:7 But God is the Judge! He puts down one and lifts up another.
Ps 75:8 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup [of His wrath], and the wine foams {and} is red, well mixed; and He pours out from it, and all the wicked of the earth must drain it and drink its dregs.
Ps 75:9 But I will declare {and} rejoice forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
Ps 75:10 All the horns of the ungodly also will I cut off [says the Lord], but the horns of the [uncompromisingly] righteous shall be exalted.
Ps 76:1 IN JUDAH God is known {and} renowned; His name is highly praised {and} is great in Israel.
Ps 76:2 In [Jeru]Salem also is His tabernacle, and His dwelling place is in Zion.
Ps 76:3 There He broke the bow's flashing arrows, the shield, the sword, and the weapons of war. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 76:4 Glorious {and} excellent are You from the mountains of prey [splendid and majestic, more than the everlasting mountains].
Ps 76:5 The stouthearted are stripped of their spoil, they have slept the sleep [of death]; and none of the men of might could raise their hands.
Ps 76:6 At Your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both chariot [rider] and horse are cast into a dead sleep [of death].
Ps 76:7 You, even You, are to be feared [with awe and reverence]! Who may stand in Your presence when once Your anger is roused?
Ps 76:8 You caused sentence to be heard from heaven; the earth feared and was still--
Ps 76:9 When God arose to [establish] judgment, to save all the meek {and} oppressed of the earth. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 76:10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise You; the remainder of wrath shall You restrain {and} gird {and} arm Yourself with it.
Ps 76:11 Vow and pay to the Lord your God; let all who are round about Him bring presents to Him Who ought to be [reverently] feared.
Ps 76:12 He will cut off the spirit [of pride and fury] of princes; He is terrible to the [ungodly] kings of the earth.
Ps 77:1 I WILL cry to God with my voice, even to God with my voice, and He will give ear {and} hearken to me.
Ps 77:2 In the day of my trouble I seek (inquire of and desperately require) the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out [in prayer] without slacking up; I refuse to be comforted.
Ps 77:3 I [earnestly] remember God; I am disquieted {and} I groan; I muse in prayer, and my spirit faints [overwhelmed]. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 77:4 You hold my eyes from closing; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
Ps 77:5 I consider the days of old, the years of bygone times [of prosperity].
Ps 77:6 I call to remembrance my song in the night; with my heart I meditate and my spirit searches diligently:
Ps 77:7 Will the Lord cast off forever? And will He be favorable no more?
Ps 77:8 Have His mercy {and} loving-kindness ceased forever? Have His promises ended for all time?
Ps 77:9 Has God [deliberately] abandoned {or} forgotten His graciousness? Has He in anger shut up His compassion? Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 77:10 And I say, This [apparent desertion of Israel by God] is my appointed lot {and} trial, but I will recall the years of the right hand of the Most High [in loving-kindness extended toward us], for this is my grief, that the right hand of the Most High changes.
Ps 77:11 I will [earnestly] recall the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will [earnestly] remember the wonders [You performed for our fathers] of old.
Ps 77:12 I will meditate also upon all Your works and consider all Your [mighty] deeds.
Ps 77:13 Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary [in holiness, away from sin and guilt]. Who is a great God like our God?
Ps 77:14 You are the God Who does wonders; You have demonstrated Your power among the peoples.
Ps 77:15 You have with Your [mighty] arm redeemed Your people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 77:16 When the waters [at the Red Sea and the Jordan] saw You, O God, they were afraid; the deep shuddered also,

for [all] the waters saw You.
Ps 77:17 The clouds poured down water, the skies sent out a sound [of rumbling thunder]; Your arrows went forth [in forked lightning].
Ps 77:18 The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind, the lightnings illumined the world; the earth trembled and shook.
Ps 77:19 Your way [in delivering Your people] was through the sea, and Your paths through the great waters, yet Your footsteps were not traceable, {but} were obliterated.
Ps 77:20 You led Your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.
Ps 78:1 GIVE EAR, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
Ps 78:2 I will open my mouth in a parable (in instruction by numerous examples); I will utter dark sayings of old [that hide important truth]--
Ps 78:3 Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.
Ps 78:4 We will not hide them from their children, but we will tell to the generation to come the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, and His might, and the wonderful works that He has performed.
Ps 78:5 For He established a testimony (an express precept) in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, commanding our fathers that they should make [the great facts of God's dealings with Israel] known to their children,
Ps 78:6 That the generation to come might know them, that the children still to be born might arise and recount them to their children,
Ps 78:7 That they might set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but might keep His commandments
Ps 78:8 And might not be as their fathers--a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that set not their hearts aright {nor} prepared their hearts to know God, and whose spirits were not steadfast {and} faithful to God.
Ps 78:9 The children of Ephraim were armed and carrying bows, yet they turned back in the day of battle.
Ps 78:10 They kept not the covenant of God and refused to walk according to His law
Ps 78:11 And forgot His works and His wonders that He had shown them.
Ps 78:12 Marvelous things did He in the sight of their fathers in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan [where Pharaoh resided].
Ps 78:13 He divided the [Red] Sea and caused them to pass through it, and He made the waters stand like a heap.
Ps 78:14 In the daytime also He led them with a [pillar of] cloud and all the night with a light of fire.
Ps 78:15 He split rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink abundantly as out of the deep.
Ps 78:16 He brought streams also out of the rock [at Rephidim and Kadesh] and caused waters to run down like rivers.
Ps 78:17 Yet they still went on to sin against Him by provoking {and} rebelling against the Most High in the wilderness (in the land of drought).
Ps 78:18 And they tempted God in their hearts by asking for food according to their [selfish] desire {and} appetite.
Ps 78:19 Yes, they spoke against God; they said, Can God furnish [the food for] a table in the wilderness?
Ps 78:20 Behold, He did smite the rock so that waters gushed out and the streams overflowed; but can He give bread also? Can He provide flesh for His people?
Ps 78:21 Therefore, when the Lord heard, He was [full of] wrath; a fire was kindled against Jacob, His anger mounted up against Israel,
Ps 78:22 Because in God they believed not [they relied not on Him, they adhered not to Him], and they trusted not in His salvation (His power to save).
Ps 78:23 Yet He commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven;
Ps 78:24 And He rained down upon them manna to eat and gave them heaven's grain.
Ps 78:25 Everyone ate the bread of the mighty [man ate angels' food]; God sent them meat in abundance.
Ps 78:26 He let forth the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by His power He guided the south wind.
Ps 78:27 He rained flesh also upon them like the dust, and winged birds [quails] like the sand of the seas.
Ps 78:28 And He let [the birds] fall in the midst of their camp, round about their tents.
Ps 78:29 So they ate and were well filled; He gave them what they craved {and} lusted after.
Ps 78:30 But scarce had they stilled their craving, and while their meat was yet in their mouths,
Ps 78:31 The wrath of God came upon them and slew the strongest {and} sturdiest of them and smote down Israel's chosen youth.
Ps 78:32 In spite of all this, they sinned still more, for they believed not in (relied not on and adhered not to Him for) His wondrous works.
Ps 78:33 Therefore their days He consumed like a breath [in emptiness, falsity, and futility] and their years in terror {and} sudden haste.

Ps 78:34 When He slew [some of] them, [the remainder] inquired after Him diligently, and they repented {and} sincerely sought God [for a time].
Ps 78:35 And they [earnestly] remembered that God was their Rock, and the Most High God their Redeemer.
Ps 78:36 Nevertheless they flattered Him with their mouths and lied to Him with their tongues.
Ps 78:37 For their hearts were not right {or} sincere with Him, neither were they faithful {and} steadfast to His covenant.
Ps 78:38 But He, full of [merciful] compassion, forgave their iniquity and destroyed them not; yes, many a time He turned His anger away and did not stir up all His wrath {and} indignation.
Ps 78:39 For He [earnestly] remembered that they were but flesh, a wind that goes and does not return.
Ps 78:40 How often they defied {and} rebelled against Him in the wilderness {and} grieved Him in the desert!
Ps 78:41 And time and again they turned back {and} tempted God, provoking {and} incensing the Holy One of Israel.
Ps 78:42 They remembered not [seriously the miracles of the working of] His hand, nor the day when He delivered them from the enemy,
Ps 78:43 How He wrought His miracles in Egypt and His wonders in the field of Zoan [where Pharaoh resided]
Ps 78:44 And turned their rivers into blood, and their streams, so that they could not drink from them.
Ps 78:45 He sent swarms of [venomous] flies among them which devoured them, and frogs which destroyed them.
Ps 78:46 He gave also their crops to the caterpillar and [the fruit of] their labor to the locust.
Ps 78:47 He destroyed their vines with hail and their sycamore trees with frost {and} [great chunks of] ice.
Ps 78:48 He [caused them to shut up their cattle or] gave them up also to the hail and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.
Ps 78:49 He let loose upon them the fierceness of His anger, His wrath and indignation and distress, by sending [a mission of] angels of calamity {and} woe among them.
Ps 78:50 He leveled {and} made a straight path for His anger [to give it free course]; He did not spare [the Egyptian families] from death but gave their beasts over to the pestilence {and} the life [of their eldest] over to the plague.
Ps 78:51 He smote all the firstborn in Egypt, the chief of their strength in the tents [of the land of the sons] of Ham.
Ps 78:52 But [God] led His own people forth like sheep and guided them [with a shepherd's care] like a flock in the wilderness.
Ps 78:53 And He led them on safely {and} in confident trust, so that they feared not; but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
Ps 78:54 And He brought them to His holy border, the border of [Canaan] His sanctuary, even to this mountain [Zion] which His right hand had acquired.
Ps 78:55 He drove out the nations also before [Israel] and allotted their land as a heritage, measured out {and} partitioned; and He made the tribes of Israel to dwell in the tents of those dispossessed.
Ps 78:56 Yet they tempted and provoked {and} rebelled against the Most High God and kept not His testimonies.
Ps 78:57 But they turned back and dealt unfaithfully {and} treacherously like their fathers; they were twisted like a warped {and} deceitful bow [that will not respond to the archer's aim].
Ps 78:58 For they provoked Him to [righteous] anger with their high places [for idol worship] and moved Him to jealousy with their graven images.
Ps 78:59 When God heard this, He was full of [holy] wrath; and He utterly rejected Israel, greatly abhorring {and} loathing [her ways],
Ps 78:60 So that He forsook the tabernacle at Shiloh, the tent in which He had dwelt among men [and never returned to it again],
Ps 78:61 And delivered His strength {and} power (the ark of the covenant) into captivity, and His glory into the hands of the foe (the Philistines).
Ps 78:62 He gave His people over also to the sword and was wroth with His heritage [Israel].
Ps 78:63 The fire [of war] devoured their young men, and their bereaved virgins were not praised in a wedding song.
Ps 78:64 Their priests [Hophni and Phinehas] fell by the sword, and their widows made no lamentation [for the bodies came not back from the scene of battle, and the widow of Phinehas also died that day].
Ps 78:65 Then the Lord awakened as from sleep, as a strong man whose consciousness of power is heightened by wine.
Ps 78:66 And He smote His adversaries in the back [as they fled]; He put them to lasting shame {and} reproach.
Ps 78:67 Moreover, He rejected the tent of Joseph and chose not the tribe of Ephraim [in which the tabernacle had been accustomed to stand].
Ps 78:68 But He chose the tribe of Judah [as Israel's leader], Mount Zion, which He loved [to replace Shiloh as His capital].

Ps 78:69 And He built His sanctuary [exalted] like the heights [of the heavens] and like the earth which He established forever.
Ps 78:70 He chose David His servant and took him from the sheepfolds;
Ps 78:71 From tending the ewes that had their young He brought him to be the shepherd of Jacob His people, of Israel His inheritance.
Ps 78:72 So [David] was their shepherd with an upright heart; he guided them by the discernment {and} skillfulness [which controlled] his hands.
Ps 79:1 O GOD, the nations have come into [the land of Your people] Your inheritance; Your sacred temple have they defiled; they have made Jerusalem heaps of ruins.
Ps 79:2 The dead bodies of Your servants they have given as food to the birds of the heavens, the flesh of Your saints to the beasts of the earth.
Ps 79:3 Their blood they have poured out like water round about Jerusalem, and there was none to bury them.
Ps 79:4 [Because of such humiliation] we have become a taunt {and} reproach to our neighbors, a mocking and derision to those who are round about us.
Ps 79:5 How long, O Lord? Will You be angry forever? Shall Your jealousy [which cannot endure a divided allegiance] burn like fire?
Ps 79:6 Pour out Your wrath on the Gentile nations who do not acknowledge You, and upon the kingdoms that do not call on Your name.
Ps 79:7 For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his dwelling {and} his pasture.
Ps 79:8 O do not [earnestly] remember against us the iniquities {and} guilt of our forefathers! Let Your compassion {and} tender mercy speedily come to meet us, for we are brought very low.
Ps 79:9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name! Deliver us, forgive us, {and} purge away our sins for Your name's sake.
Ps 79:10 Why should the Gentile nations say, Where is their God? Let vengeance for the blood of Your servants which is poured out be known among the nations in our sight [not delaying until some future generation].
Ps 79:11 Let the groaning {and} sighing of the prisoner come before You; according to the greatness of Your power {and} Your arm spare those who are appointed to die!
Ps 79:12 And return into the bosom of our neighbors sevenfold the taunts with which they have taunted {and} scoffed at You, O Lord!
Ps 79:13 Then we Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give You thanks forever; we will show forth {and} publish Your praise from generation to generation.
Ps 80:1 GIVE EAR, O Shepherd of Israel, You Who lead Joseph like a flock; You Who sit enthroned upon the cherubim [of the ark of the covenant], shine forth
Ps 80:2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh! Stir up Your might, and come to save us!
Ps 80:3 Restore us again, O God; and cause Your face to shine [in pleasure and approval on us], and we shall be saved!
Ps 80:4 O Lord God of hosts, how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?
Ps 80:5 You have fed them with the bread of tears, and You have given them tears to drink in large measure.
Ps 80:6 You make us a strife {and} scorn to our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.
Ps 80:7 Restore us again, O God of hosts; and cause Your face to shine [upon us with favor as of old], and we shall be saved!
Ps 80:8 You brought a vine [Israel] out of Egypt; You drove out the [heathen] nations and planted it [in Canaan].
Ps 80:9 You prepared room before it, and it took deep root and it filled the land.
Ps 80:10 The mountains were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs of it were like the great cedars [cedars of God].
Ps 80:11 [Israel] sent out its boughs to the [Mediterranean] Sea and its branches to the [Euphrates] River.
Ps 80:12 Why have You broken down its hedges {and} walls so that all who pass by pluck from its fruit?
Ps 80:13 The boar out of the wood wastes it and the wild beast of the field feeds on it.
Ps 80:14 Turn again, we beseech You, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven and see, visit, {and} have regard for this vine!
Ps 80:15 [Protect and maintain] the stock which Your right hand planted, and the branch (the son) that You have reared {and} made strong for Yourself.
Ps 80:16 They have burned it with fire, it is cut down; may they perish at the rebuke of Your countenance.
Ps 80:17 Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand, upon the son of man whom You have made strong for

Yourself.
Ps 80:18 Then will we not depart from You; revive us (give us life) and we will call upon Your name.
Ps 80:19 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; cause Your face to shine [in pleasure, approval, and favor on us], and we shall be saved!
Ps 81:1 SING ALOUD to God our Strength! Shout for joy to the God of Jacob!
Ps 81:2 Raise a song, sound the timbrel, the sweet lyre with the harp.
Ps 81:3 Blow the trumpet at the New Moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.
Ps 81:4 For this is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.
Ps 81:5 This He ordained in Joseph [the savior] for a testimony when He went out over the land of Egypt. The speech of One Whom I knew not did I hear [saying],
Ps 81:6 I removed his shoulder from the burden; his hands were freed from the basket.
Ps 81:7 You called in distress and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 81:8 Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you--O Israel, if you would listen to Me!
Ps 81:9 There shall no strange god be among you, neither shall you worship any alien god.
Ps 81:10 I am the Lord your God, Who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.
Ps 81:11 But My people would not hearken to My voice, and Israel would have none of Me.
Ps 81:12 So I gave them up to their own hearts' lust {and} let them go after their own stubborn will, that they might follow their own counsels.
Ps 81:13 Oh, that My people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways!
Ps 81:14 Speedily then I would subdue their enemies and turn My hand against their adversaries.
Ps 81:15 [Had Israel listened to Me in Egypt, then] those who hated the Lord would have come cringing before Him, and their defeat would have lasted forever.
Ps 81:16 [God] would feed [Israel now] also with the finest of the wheat; and with honey out of the rock would I satisfy you.
Ps 82:1 GOD STANDS in the assembly [of the representatives] of God; in the midst of the magistrates {or} judges He gives judgment [as] among the gods.
Ps 82:2 How long will you [magistrates or judges] judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 82:3 Do justice to the weak (poor) and fatherless; maintain the rights of the afflicted and needy.
Ps 82:4 Deliver the poor and needy; rescue them out of the hand of the wicked.
Ps 82:5 [The magistrates and judges] know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in the darkness [of complacent satisfaction]; all the foundations of the earth [the fundamental principles upon which rests the administration of justice] are shaking.
Ps 82:6 I said, You are gods [since you judge on My behalf, as My representatives]; indeed, all of you are children of the Most High.
Ps 82:7 But you shall die as men and fall as one of the princes.
Ps 82:8 Arise, O God, judge the earth! For to You belong all the nations.
Ps 83:1 KEEP NOT silence, O God; hold not Your peace or be still, O God.
Ps 83:2 For, behold, Your enemies are in tumult, and those who hate You have raised their heads.
Ps 83:3 They lay crafty schemes against Your people and consult together against Your hidden {and} precious ones.
Ps 83:4 They have said, Come, and let us wipe them out as a nation; let the name of Israel be in remembrance no more.
Ps 83:5 For they have consulted together with one accord {and} one heart; against You they make a covenant--
Ps 83:6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, of Moab and the Hagrites,
Ps 83:7 Gebal and Ammon and Amalek, the Philistines, with the inhabitants of Tyre.
Ps 83:8 Assyria also has joined with them; they have helped the children of Lot [the Ammonites and the Moabites] {and} have been an arm to them. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 83:9 Do to them as [You did to] the Midianites, as to Sisera and Jabin at the brook of Kishon,
Ps 83:10 Who perished at Endor, who became like manure for the earth.
Ps 83:11 Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb, yes, all their princes as Zebah and Zalmunna,
Ps 83:12 Who say, Let us take possession for ourselves of the pastures of God.
Ps 83:13 O my God, make them like whirling dust, like stubble {or} chaff before the wind!

Ps 83:14 As fire consumes the forest, and as the flame sets the mountains ablaze,
Ps 83:15 So pursue {and} afflict them with Your tempest and terrify them with Your tornado {or} hurricane.
Ps 83:16 Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek, inquire for, {and} insistently require Your name, O Lord.
Ps 83:17 Let them be put to shame and dismayed forever; yes, let them be put to shame and perish,
Ps 83:18 That they may know that You, Whose name alone is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth.
Ps 84:1 HOW LOVELY are Your tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!
Ps 84:2 My soul yearns, yes, even pines {and} is homesick for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out {and} sing for joy to the living God.
Ps 84:3 Yes, the sparrow has found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young--even Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Ps 84:4 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are those who dwell in Your house {and} Your presence; they will be singing Your praises all the day long. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 84:5 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
Ps 84:6 Passing through the Valley of Weeping (Baca), they make it a place of springs; the early rain also fills [the pools] with blessings.
Ps 84:7 They go from strength to strength [increasing in victorious power]; each of them appears before God in Zion.
Ps 84:8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 84:9 Behold our shield [the king as Your agent], O God, and look upon the face of Your anointed!
Ps 84:10 For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand [anywhere else]; I would rather be a doorkeeper {and} stand at the threshold in the house of my God than to dwell [at ease] in the tents of wickedness.
Ps 84:11 For the Lord God is a Sun and Shield; the Lord bestows [present] grace {and} favor and [future] glory (honor, splendor, and heavenly bliss)! No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
Ps 84:12 O Lord of hosts, blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who trusts in You [leaning and believing on You, committing all and confidently looking to You, and that without fear or misgiving]!
Ps 85:1 LORD, YOU have [at last] been favorable {and} have dealt graciously with Your land [of Canaan]; You have brought back [from Babylon] the captives of Jacob.
Ps 85:2 You have forgiven {and} taken away the iniquity of Your people, You have covered all their sin. Selah [pause, and calmly realize what that means]!
Ps 85:3 You have withdrawn all Your wrath {and} indignation, You have turned away from the blazing anger [which You had let loose].
Ps 85:4 Restore us, O God of our salvation, and cause Your anger toward us to cease [forever].
Ps 85:5 Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger [and disfavor] {and} spread it out to all generations?
Ps 85:6 Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?
Ps 85:7 Show us Your mercy {and} loving-kindness, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation.
Ps 85:8 I will listen [with expectancy] to what God the Lord will say, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints (those who are in right standing with Him)--but let them not turn again to [self-confident] folly.
Ps 85:9 Surely His salvation is near to those who reverently {and} worshipfully fear Him, [and is ready to be appropriated] that [the manifest presence of God, His] glory may tabernacle {and} abide in our land.
Ps 85:10 Mercy {and} loving-kindness and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Ps 85:11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
Ps 85:12 Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
Ps 85:13 Righteousness shall go before Him and shall make His footsteps a way in which to walk.
Ps 86:1 INCLINE YOUR ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor {and} distressed, needy {and} desiring.
Ps 86:2 Preserve my life, for I am godly {and} dedicated; O my God, save Your servant, for I trust in You [leaning and believing on You, committing all and confidently looking to You, without fear or doubt].
Ps 86:3 Be merciful {and} gracious to me, O Lord, for to You do I cry all the day.
Ps 86:4 Make me, Your servant, to rejoice, O Lord, for to You do I lift myself up.
Ps 86:5 For You, O Lord, are good, and ready to forgive [our trespasses, sending them away, letting them go completely and forever]; and You are abundant in mercy {and} loving-kindness to all those who call upon You.
Ps 86:6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; and listen to the cry of my supplications.
Ps 86:7 In the day of my trouble I will call on You, for You will answer me.
Ps 86:8 There is none like unto You among the gods, O Lord, neither are their works like unto Yours.

Ps 86:9 All nations whom You have made shall come and fall down before You, O Lord; and they shall glorify Your name.
Ps 86:10 For You are great and work wonders! You alone are God.
Ps 86:11 Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk {and} live in Your truth; direct {and} unite my heart [solely, reverently] to fear {and} honor Your name.
Ps 86:12 I will confess {and} praise You, O Lord my God, with my whole (united) heart; and I will glorify Your name forevermore.
Ps 86:13 For great is Your mercy {and} loving-kindness toward me; and You have delivered me from the depths of Sheol [from the exceeding depths of affliction].
Ps 86:14 O God, the proud {and} insolent are risen against me; a rabble of violent {and} ruthless men has sought {and} demanded my life, and they have not set You before them.
Ps 86:15 But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in mercy {and} loving-kindness and truth.
Ps 86:16 O turn to me and have mercy {and} be gracious to me; grant strength (might and inflexibility to temptation) to Your servant and save the son of Your handmaiden.
Ps 86:17 Show me a sign of [Your evident] goodwill {and} favor, that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because You, Lord, [will show Your approval of me when You] help and comfort me.
Ps 87:1 ON THE holy hills stands the city [of Jerusalem and the temple] God founded.
Ps 87:2 The Lord loves the gates of Zion [through which the crowds of pilgrims enter from all nations] more than all the dwellings of Jacob (Israel).
Ps 87:3 Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God. Selah [pause, and calmly realize what that means]!
Ps 87:4 I will make mention of Rahab [the poetic name for Egypt] and Babylon as among those who know [the city of God]--behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia (Cush)--[saying], This man was born there.
Ps 87:5 Yes, of Zion it shall be said, This man and that man were born in her, for the Most High Himself will establish her.
Ps 87:6 The Lord shall count, when He registers the peoples, that this man was born there. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 87:7 The singers as well as the players on instruments shall say, All my springs (my sources of life and joy) are in you [city of our God].
Ps 88:1 O LORD, the God of my salvation, I have cried to You for help by day; at night I am in Your presence.
Ps 88:2 Let my prayer come before You {and} really enter into Your presence; incline Your ear to my cry!
Ps 88:3 For I am full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol (the place of the dead).
Ps 88:4 I am counted among those who go down into the pit (the grave); I am like a man who has no help {or} strength [a mere shadow],
Ps 88:5 Cast away among the dead, like the slain that lie in a [nameless] grave, whom You [seriously] remember no more, and they are cut off from Your hand.
Ps 88:6 You have laid me in the depths of the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.
Ps 88:7 Your wrath lies hard upon me, and You have afflicted me with all Your waves. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 88:8 You have put my [familiar] friends far from me; You have made me an abomination to them. I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.
Ps 88:9 My eye grows dim because of sorrow {and} affliction. Lord, I have called daily on You; I have spread forth my hands to You.
Ps 88:10 Will You show wonders to the dead? Shall the departed arise and praise You? Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 88:11 Shall Your steadfast love be declared in the grave? Or Your faithfulness in Abaddon (Sheol, as a place of ruin and destruction)?
Ps 88:12 Shall Your wonders be known in the dark? And Your righteousness in the place of forgetfulness [where the dead forget and are forgotten]?
Ps 88:13 But to You I cry, O Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer come to meet You.
Ps 88:14 Lord, why do You cast me off? Why do You hide Your face from me?
Ps 88:15 I was afflicted and close to death from my youth up; while I suffer Your terrors I am distracted [I faint].
Ps 88:16 Your fierce wrath has swept over me; Your terrors have destroyed me.
Ps 88:17 They surround me like a flood all day long; together they have closed in upon me.

Ps 88:18 Lover and friend have You put far from me; my familiar friends are darkness {and} the grave.
Ps 89:1 I WILL sing of the mercy {and} loving-kindness of the Lord forever; with my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness from generation to generation.
Ps 89:2 For I have said, Mercy {and} loving-kindness shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness will You establish in the very heavens [unchangeable and perpetual].
Ps 89:3 [You have said] I have made a covenant with My chosen one, I have sworn to David My servant,
Ps 89:4 Your Seed I will establish forever, and I will build up your throne for all generations. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 89:5 Let heaven (the angels) praise Your wonders, O Lord, Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones (the holy angels).
Ps 89:6 For who in the heavens can be compared to the Lord? Who among the mighty [heavenly beings] can be likened to the Lord,
Ps 89:7 A God greatly feared {and} revered in the council of the holy (angelic) ones, and to be feared {and} worshipfully revered above all those who are round about Him?
Ps 89:8 O Lord God of hosts, who is a mighty one like unto You, O Lord? And Your faithfulness is round about You [an essential part of You at all times].
Ps 89:9 You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves arise, You still them.
Ps 89:10 You have broken Rahab (Egypt) in pieces; with Your mighty arm You have scattered Your enemies.
Ps 89:11 The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; the world and all that is in it, You have founded them.
Ps 89:12 The north and the south, You have created them; Mount Tabor and Mount Hermon joyously praise Your name.
Ps 89:13 You have a mighty arm; strong is Your hand, Your right hand is soaring high.
Ps 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; mercy {and} loving-kindness and truth go before Your face.
Ps 89:15 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are the people who know the joyful sound [who understand and appreciate the spiritual blessings symbolized by the feasts]; they walk, O Lord, in the light {and} favor of Your countenance!
Ps 89:16 In Your name they rejoice all the day, and in Your righteousness they are exalted.
Ps 89:17 For You are the glory of their strength [their proud adornment], and by Your favor our horn is exalted {and} we walk with uplifted faces!
Ps 89:18 For our shield belongs to the Lord, and our king to the Holy One of Israel.
Ps 89:19 Once You spoke in a vision to Your devoted ones and said, I have endowed one who is mighty [a hero, giving him the power to help--to be a champion for Israel]; I have exalted one chosen from among the people.
Ps 89:20 I have found David My servant; with My holy oil have I anointed him,
Ps 89:21 With whom My hand shall be established {and} ever abide; My arm also shall strengthen him.
Ps 89:22 The enemy shall not exact from him {or} do him violence {or} outwit him, nor shall the wicked afflict {and} humble him.
Ps 89:23 I will beat down his foes before his face and smite those who hate him.
Ps 89:24 My faithfulness and My mercy {and} loving-kindness shall be with him, and in My name shall his horn be exalted [great power and prosperity shall be conferred upon him].
Ps 89:25 I will set his hand in control also on the [Mediterranean] Sea, and his right hand on the rivers [Euphrates with its tributaries].
Ps 89:26 He shall cry to Me, You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!
Ps 89:27 Also I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.
Ps 89:28 My mercy {and} loving-kindness will I keep for him forevermore, and My covenant shall stand fast {and} be faithful with him.
Ps 89:29 His Offspring also will I make to endure forever, and his throne as the days of heaven.
Ps 89:30 If his children forsake My law and walk not in My ordinances,
Ps 89:31 If they break {or} profane My statutes and keep not My commandments,
Ps 89:32 Then will I punish their transgression with the rod [of chastisement], and their iniquity with stripes.
Ps 89:33 Nevertheless, My loving-kindness will I not break off from him, nor allow My faithfulness to fail [to lie and be false to him].
Ps 89:34 My covenant will I not break {or} profane, nor alter the thing that is gone out of My lips.
Ps 89:35 Once [for all] have I sworn by My holiness, which cannot be violated; I will not lie to David:

Ps 89:36 His Offspring shall endure forever, and his throne [shall continue] as the sun before Me.
Ps 89:37 It shall be established forever as the moon, the faithful witness in the heavens. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 89:38 But [in apparent contradiction to all this] You [even You the faithful Lord] have cast off and rejected; You have been full of wrath against Your anointed.
Ps 89:39 You have despised {and} loathed and renounced the covenant with Your servant; You have profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.
Ps 89:40 You have broken down all his hedges {and} his walls; You have brought his strongholds to ruin.
Ps 89:41 All who pass along the road spoil {and} rob him; he has become the scorn {and} reproach of his neighbors.
Ps 89:42 You have exalted the right hand of his foes; You have made all his enemies rejoice.
Ps 89:43 Moreover, You have turned back the edge of his sword and have not made him to stand in battle.
Ps 89:44 You have made his glory {and} splendor to cease and have hurled to the ground his throne.
Ps 89:45 The days of his youth have You shortened; You have covered him with shame. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 89:46 How long, O Lord? Will You hide Yourself forever? How long shall Your wrath burn like fire?
Ps 89:47 O [earnestly] remember how short my time is {and} what a mere fleeting life mine is. For what emptiness, falsity, futility, {and} frailty You have created all men!
Ps 89:48 What man can live and shall not see death, or can deliver himself from the [powerful] hand of Sheol (the place of the dead)? Selah [pause, and calmly consider that]!
Ps 89:49 Lord, where are Your former loving-kindnesses [shown in the reigns of David and Solomon], which You swore to David in Your faithfulness?
Ps 89:50 Remember, Lord, {and} earnestly imprint [on Your heart] the reproach of Your servants, scorned {and} insulted, how I bear in my bosom the reproach of all the many {and} mighty peoples,
Ps 89:51 With which Your enemies have taunted, O Lord, with which they have mocked the footsteps of Your anointed.
Ps 89:52 Blessed be the Lord forevermore! Amen and Amen.
Ps 90:1 LORD, YOU have been our dwelling place {and} our refuge in all generations [says Moses].
Ps 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth or ever You had formed {and} given birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting You are God.
Ps 90:3 You turn man back to dust {and} corruption, and say, Return, O sons of the earthborn [to the earth]!
Ps 90:4 For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.
Ps 90:5 You carry away [these disobedient people, doomed to die within forty years] as with a flood; they are as a sleep [vague and forgotten as soon as they are gone]. In the morning they are like grass which grows up--
Ps 90:6 In the morning it flourishes and springs up; in the evening it is mown down and withers.
Ps 90:7 For we [the Israelites in the wilderness] are consumed by Your anger, and by Your wrath are we troubled, overwhelmed, {and} frightened away.
Ps 90:8 Our iniquities, our secret heart {and} its sins [which we would so like to conceal even from ourselves], You have set in the [revealing] light of Your countenance.
Ps 90:9 For all our days [out here in this wilderness, says Moses] pass away in Your wrath; we spend our years as a tale that is told [for we adults know we are doomed to die soon, without reaching Canaan].
Ps 90:10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten (seventy years)--or even, if by reason of strength, fourscore years (eighty years); yet is their pride [in additional years] only labor and sorrow, for it is soon gone, and we fly away.
Ps 90:11 Who knows the power of Your anger? [Who worthily connects this brevity of life with Your recognition of sin?] And Your wrath, who connects it with the reverent {and} worshipful fear that is due You?
Ps 90:12 So teach us to number our days, that we may get us a heart of wisdom.
Ps 90:13 Turn, O Lord [from Your fierce anger]! How long--? Revoke Your sentence {and} be compassionate {and} at ease toward Your servants.
Ps 90:14 O satisfy us with Your mercy {and} loving-kindness in the morning [now, before we are older], that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Ps 90:15 Make us glad in proportion to the days in which You have afflicted us {and} to the years in which we have suffered evil.
Ps 90:16 Let Your work [the signs of Your power] be revealed to Your servants, and Your [glorious] majesty to their children.

Ps 90:17 And let the beauty {and} delightfulness {and} favor of the Lord our God be upon us; confirm {and} establish the work of our hands--yes, the work of our hands, confirm {and} establish it.
Ps 91:1 HE WHO dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall remain stable {and} fixed under the shadow of the Almighty [Whose power no foe can withstand].
Ps 91:2 I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God; on Him I lean {and} rely, {and} in Him I [confidently] trust!
Ps 91:3 For [then] He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.
Ps 91:4 [Then] He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings shall you trust {and} find refuge; His truth {and} His faithfulness are a shield and a buckler.
Ps 91:5 You shall not be afraid of the terror of the night, nor of the arrow (the evil plots and slanders of the wicked) that flies by day,
Ps 91:6 Nor of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor of the destruction {and} sudden death that surprise {and} lay waste at noonday.
Ps 91:7 A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not come near you.
Ps 91:8 Only a spectator shall you be [yourself inaccessible in the secret place of the Most High] as you witness the reward of the wicked.
Ps 91:9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your dwelling place,
Ps 91:10 There shall no evil befall you, nor any plague {or} calamity come near your tent.
Ps 91:11 For He will give His angels [especial] charge over you to accompany {and} defend {and} preserve you in all your ways [of obedience and service].
Ps 91:12 They shall bear you up on their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
Ps 91:13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the serpent shall you trample underfoot.
Ps 91:14 Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him on high, because he knows {and} understands My name [has a personal knowledge of My mercy, love, and kindness--trusts and relies on Me, knowing I will never forsake him, no, never].
Ps 91:15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.
Ps 91:16 With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation.
Ps 92:1 IT IS a good {and} delightful thing to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises [with musical accompaniment] to Your name, O Most High,
Ps 92:2 To show forth Your loving-kindness in the morning and Your faithfulness by night,
Ps 92:3 With an instrument of ten strings and with the lute, with a solemn sound upon the lyre.
Ps 92:4 For You, O Lord, have made me glad by Your works; at the deeds of Your hands I joyfully sing.
Ps 92:5 How great are Your doings, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep.
Ps 92:6 A man in his rude {and} uncultivated state knows not, neither does a [self-confident] fool understand this:
Ps 92:7 That though the wicked spring up like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to be destroyed forever.
Ps 92:8 But You, Lord, are on high forever.
Ps 92:9 For behold, Your adversaries, O Lord, for behold, Your enemies shall perish; all the evildoers shall be scattered.
Ps 92:10 But my horn (emblem of excessive strength and stately grace) You have exalted like that of a wild ox; I am anointed with fresh oil.
Ps 92:11 My eye looks upon those who lie in wait for me; my ears hear the evildoers that rise up against me.
Ps 92:12 The [uncompromisingly] righteous shall flourish like the palm tree [be long-lived, stately, upright, useful, and fruitful]; they shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon [majestic, stable, durable, and incorruptible].
Ps 92:13 Planted in the house of the Lord, they shall flourish in the courts of our God.
Ps 92:14 [Growing in grace] they shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be full of sap [of spiritual vitality] and [rich in the] verdure [of trust, love, and contentment].
Ps 92:15 [They are living memorials] to show that the Lord is upright {and} faithful to His promises; He is my Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.
Ps 93:1 THE LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is robed, He has girded Himself with strength {and} power; the world also is established, that it cannot be moved.
Ps 93:2 Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.
Ps 93:3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up the roaring of their waves.

Ps 93:4 The Lord on high is mightier {and} more glorious than the noise of many waters, yes, than the mighty breakers {and} waves of the sea.
Ps 93:5 Your testimonies are very sure; holiness [apparent in separation from sin, with simple trust and hearty obedience] is becoming to Your house, O Lord, forever.
Ps 94:1 O LORD God, You to Whom vengeance belongs, O God, You to Whom vengeance belongs, shine forth!
Ps 94:2 Rise up, O Judge of the earth; render to the proud a fit compensation!
Ps 94:3 Lord, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph {and} exult?
Ps 94:4 They pour out arrogant words, speaking hard things; all the evildoers boast loftily.
Ps 94:5 They crush Your people, O Lord, and afflict Your heritage.
Ps 94:6 They slay the widow and the transient stranger and murder the unprotected orphan.
Ps 94:7 Yet they say, The Lord does not see, neither does the God of Jacob notice it.
Ps 94:8 Consider {and} understand, you stupid ones among the people! And you [self-confident] fools, when will you become wise?
Ps 94:9 He Who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He Who formed the eye, shall He not see?
Ps 94:10 He Who disciplines {and} instructs the nations, shall He not punish, He Who teaches man knowledge?
Ps 94:11 The Lord knows the thoughts of man, that they are vain (empty and futile--only a breath).
Ps 94:12 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man whom You discipline {and} instruct, O Lord, and teach out of Your law,
Ps 94:13 That You may give him power to keep himself calm in the days of adversity, until the [inevitable] pit of corruption is dug for the wicked.
Ps 94:14 For the Lord will not cast off {nor} spurn His people, neither will He abandon His heritage.
Ps 94:15 For justice will return to the [uncompromisingly] righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it.
Ps 94:16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?
Ps 94:17 Unless the Lord had been my help, I would soon have dwelt in [the land where there is] silence.
Ps 94:18 When I said, My foot is slipping, Your mercy {and} loving-kindness, O Lord, held me up.
Ps 94:19 In the multitude of my [anxious] thoughts within me, Your comforts cheer {and} delight my soul!
Ps 94:20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with You--they who frame {and} hide their unrighteous doings under [the sacred name of] law?
Ps 94:21 They band themselves together against the life of the [consistently] righteous and condemn the innocent to death.
Ps 94:22 But the Lord has become my High Tower {and} Defense, and my God the Rock of my refuge.
Ps 94:23 And He will turn back upon them their own iniquity and will wipe them out by means of their own wickedness; the Lord our God will wipe them out.
Ps 95:1 O COME, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!
Ps 95:2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!
Ps 95:3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
Ps 95:4 In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights {and} strength of the hills are His also.
Ps 95:5 The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.
Ps 95:6 O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker [in reverent praise and supplication].
Ps 95:7 For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice,
Ps 95:8 Harden not your hearts as at Meribah and as at Massah in the day of temptation in the wilderness,
Ps 95:9 When your fathers tried My patience {and} tested Me, proved Me, and saw My work [of judgment].
Ps 95:10 Forty years long was I grieved {and} disgusted with that generation, and I said, It is a people that do err in their hearts, and they do not approve, acknowledge, {or} regard My ways.
Ps 95:11 Wherefore I swore in My wrath that they would not enter My rest [the land of promise].
Ps 96:1 O SING to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Ps 96:2 Sing to the Lord, bless (affectionately praise) His name; show forth His salvation from day to day.
Ps 96:3 Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples.
Ps 96:4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; He is to be reverently feared {and} worshiped above all [so-called] gods.
Ps 96:5 For all the gods of the nations are [lifeless] idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
Ps 96:6 Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Ps 96:7 Ascribe to the Lord, O you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ps 96:8 Give to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering and come [before Him] into His courts.
Ps 96:9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before {and} reverently fear Him, all the earth.
Ps 96:10 Say among the nations that the Lord reigns; the world also is established, so that it cannot be moved; He shall judge {and} rule the people righteously {and} with justice.
Ps 96:11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all the things which fill it;
Ps 96:12 Let the field be exultant, and all that is in it! Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy
Ps 96:13 Before the Lord, for He comes, for He comes to judge {and} govern the earth! He shall judge the world with righteousness {and} justice and the peoples with His faithfulness {and} truth.
Ps 97:1 THE LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles {and} coastlands be glad!
Ps 97:2 Clouds and darkness are round about Him [as at Sinai]; righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.
Ps 97:3 Fire goes before Him and burns up His adversaries round about.
Ps 97:4 His lightnings illumine the world; the earth sees and trembles.
Ps 97:5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
Ps 97:6 The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the peoples see His glory.
Ps 97:7 Let all those be put to shame who serve graven images, who boast in idols. Fall prostrate before Him, all you gods.
Ps 97:8 Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced [in relief] because of Your judgments, O Lord.
Ps 97:9 For You, Lord, are high above all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.
Ps 97:10 O you who love the Lord, hate evil; He preserves the lives of His saints (the children of God), He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.
Ps 97:11 Light is sown for the [uncompromisingly] righteous {and} strewn along their pathway, and joy for the upright in heart [the irrepressible joy which comes from consciousness of His favor and protection].
Ps 97:12 Rejoice in the Lord, you [consistently] righteous (upright and in right standing with God), and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.
Ps 98:1 O SING to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have wrought salvation for Him.
Ps 98:2 The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness has He openly shown in the sight of the nations.
Ps 98:3 He has [earnestly] remembered His mercy {and} loving-kindness, His truth {and} His faithfulness toward the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have witnessed the salvation of our God.
Ps 98:4 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth and sing for joy, yes, sing praises!
Ps 98:5 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the voice of melody.
Ps 98:6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!
Ps 98:7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world, and those who dwell in it!
Ps 98:8 Let the rivers clap their hands; together let the hills sing for joy
Ps 98:9 Before the Lord, for He is coming to judge [and rule] the earth; with righteousness will He judge [and rule] the world, and the peoples with equity.
Ps 99:1 THE LORD reigns, let the peoples tremble [with reverential fear]! He sits [enthroned] above the cherubim, let the earth quake!
Ps 99:2 The Lord is great in Zion, and He is high above all the peoples.
Ps 99:3 Let them confess {and} praise Your great name, awesome {and} reverence inspiring! It is holy, {and} holy is He!
Ps 99:4 The strength of the king who loves righteousness {and} equity You establish in uprightness; You execute justice and righteousness in Jacob (Israel).
Ps 99:5 Extol the Lord our God and worship at His footstool! Holy is He!
Ps 99:6 Moses and Aaron were among His priests, and Samuel was among those who called upon His name; they called upon the Lord, and He answered them.
Ps 99:7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept His testimonies and the statutes that He gave them.
Ps 99:8 You answered them, O Lord our God; You were a forgiving God to them, although avenging their evildoing {and} wicked practices.
Ps 99:9 Extol the Lord our God and worship at His holy hill, for the Lord our God is holy!
Ps 100:1 MAKE A joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!
Ps 100:2 Serve the Lord with gladness! Come before His presence with singing!

Ps 100:3 Know (perceive, recognize, and understand with approval) that the Lord is God! It is He Who has made us, not we ourselves [and we are His]! We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
Ps 100:4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving {and} a thank offering and into His courts with praise! Be thankful {and} say so to Him, bless {and} affectionately praise His name!
Ps 100:5 For the Lord is good; His mercy {and} loving-kindness are everlasting, His faithfulness {and} truth endure to all generations.
Ps 101:1 I WILL sing of mercy {and} loving-kindness and justice; to You, O Lord, will I sing.
Ps 101:2 I will behave myself wisely {and} give heed to the blameless way--O when will You come to me? I will walk within my house in integrity {and} with a blameless heart.
Ps 101:3 I will set no base {or} wicked thing before my eyes. I hate the work of them who turn aside [from the right path]; it shall not grasp hold of me.
Ps 101:4 A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will know no evil person {or} thing.
Ps 101:5 Whoso privily slanders his neighbor, him will I cut off [from me]; he who has a haughty look and a proud {and} arrogant heart I cannot {and} I will not tolerate.
Ps 101:6 My eyes shall [look with favor] upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me; he who walks blamelessly, he shall minister to me.
Ps 101:7 He who works deceit shall not dwell in my house; he who tells lies shall not continue in my presence.
Ps 101:8 Morning after morning I will root up all the wicked in the land, that I may eliminate all the evildoers from the city of the Lord.
Ps 102:1 HEAR MY prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come to You.
Ps 102:2 Hide not Your face from me in the day when I am in distress! Incline Your ear to me; in the day when I call, answer me speedily.
Ps 102:3 For my days consume away like smoke, and my bones burn like a firebrand {or} like a hearth.
Ps 102:4 My heart is smitten like grass and withered, so that [in absorption] I forget to eat my food.
Ps 102:5 By reason of my loud groaning [from suffering and trouble] my flesh cleaves to my bones.
Ps 102:6 I am like a melancholy pelican {or} vulture of the wilderness; I am like a [desolate] owl of the waste places.
Ps 102:7 I am sleepless {and} lie awake [mourning], like a bereaved sparrow alone on the housetop.
Ps 102:8 My adversaries taunt {and} reproach me all the day; and they who are angry with me use my name as a curse.
Ps 102:9 For I have eaten the ashes [in which I sat] as if they were bread and have mingled my drink with weeping
Ps 102:10 Because of Your indignation and Your wrath, for You have taken me up and cast me away.
Ps 102:11 My days are like an evening shadow that stretches out {and} declines [with the sun]; and I am withered like grass.
Ps 102:12 But You, O Lord, are enthroned forever; and the fame of Your name endures to all generations.
Ps 102:13 You will arise {and} have mercy {and} loving-kindness for Zion, for it is time to have pity {and} compassion for her; yes, the set time has come [the moment designated].
Ps 102:14 For Your servants take [melancholy] pleasure in the stones [of her ruins] and show pity for her dust.
Ps 102:15 So the nations shall fear {and} worshipfully revere the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth Your glory.
Ps 102:16 When the Lord builds up Zion, He will appear in His glory;
Ps 102:17 He will regard the plea of the destitute and will not despise their prayer.
Ps 102:18 Let this be recorded for the generation yet unborn, that a people yet to be created shall praise the Lord.
Ps 102:19 For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary, from heaven did the Lord behold the earth,
Ps 102:20 To hear the sighing {and} groaning of the prisoner, to loose those who are appointed to death,
Ps 102:21 So that men may declare the name of the Lord in Zion and His praise in Jerusalem
Ps 102:22 When peoples are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to worship {and} serve the Lord.
Ps 102:23 He has afflicted {and} weakened my strength, humbling {and} bringing me low [with sorrow] in the way; He has shortened my days [aging me prematurely].
Ps 102:24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days, You Whose years continue throughout all generations.
Ps 102:25 At the beginning You existed {and} laid the foundations of the earth; the heavens are the work of Your hands.
Ps 102:26 They shall perish, but You shall remain {and} endure; yes, all of them shall wear out {and} become old like a garment. Like clothing You shall change them, and they shall be changed {and} pass away.

Ps 102:27 But You remain the same, and Your years shall have no end.
Ps 102:28 The children of Your servants shall dwell safely {and} continue, and their descendants shall be established before You.
Ps 103:1 BLESS (AFFECTIONATELY, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul; and all that is [deepest] within me, bless His holy name!
Ps 103:2 Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul, and forget not [one of] all His benefits--
Ps 103:3 Who forgives [every one of] all your iniquities, Who heals [each one of] all your diseases,
Ps 103:4 Who redeems your life from the pit {and} corruption, Who beautifies, dignifies, {and} crowns you with loving-kindness and tender mercy;
Ps 103:5 Who satisfies your mouth [your necessity and desire at your personal age and situation] with good so that your youth, renewed, is like the eagle's [strong, overcoming, soaring]!
Ps 103:6 The Lord executes righteousness {and} justice [not for me only, but] for all who are oppressed.
Ps 103:7 He made known His ways [of righteousness and justice] to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.
Ps 103:8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy {and} loving-kindness.
Ps 103:9 He will not always chide {or} be contending, neither will He keep His anger forever {or} hold a grudge.
Ps 103:10 He has not dealt with us after our sins nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
Ps 103:11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great are His mercy {and} loving-kindness toward those who reverently {and} worshipfully fear Him.
Ps 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.
Ps 103:13 As a father loves {and} pities his children, so the Lord loves {and} pities those who fear Him [with reverence, worship, and awe].
Ps 103:14 For He knows our frame, He [earnestly] remembers {and} imprints [on His heart] that we are dust.
Ps 103:15 As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes.
Ps 103:16 For the wind passes over it and it is gone, and its place shall know it no more.
Ps 103:17 But the mercy {and} loving-kindness of the Lord are from everlasting to everlasting upon those who reverently {and} worshipfully fear Him, and His righteousness is to children's children--
Ps 103:18 To such as keep His covenant [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying it] and to those who [earnestly] remember His commandments to do them [imprinting them on their hearts].
Ps 103:19 The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all.
Ps 103:20 Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His commandments, hearkening to the voice of His word.
Ps 103:21 Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, all you His hosts, you His ministers who do His pleasure.
Ps 103:22 Bless the Lord, all His works in all places of His dominion; bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul!
Ps 104:1 BLESS (AFFECTIONATELY, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great! You are clothed with honor and majesty--
Ps 104:2 [You are the One] Who covers Yourself with light as with a garment, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain {or} a tent,
Ps 104:3 Who lays the beams of the upper room of His abode in the waters [above the firmament], Who makes the clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind,
Ps 104:4 Who makes winds His messengers, flames of fire His ministers.
Ps 104:5 You laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be moved forever.
Ps 104:6 You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.
Ps 104:7 At Your rebuke they fled; at the voice of Your thunder they hastened away.
Ps 104:8 The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place which You appointed for them.
Ps 104:9 You have set a boundary [for the waters] which they may not pass over, that they turn not again to deluge the earth.
Ps 104:10 He sends forth springs into the valleys; their waters run among the mountains.
Ps 104:11 They give drink to every [wild] beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst there.
Ps 104:12 Beside them the birds of the heavens have their nests; they sing among the branches.
Ps 104:13 He waters the mountains from His upper rooms; the earth is satisfied {and} abounds with the fruit of His works.
Ps 104:14 He causes vegetation to grow for the cattle, and all that the earth produces for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food out of the earth--

Ps 104:15 And wine that gladdens the heart of man, to make his face shine more than oil, and bread to support, refresh, {and} strengthen man's heart.
Ps 104:16 The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly {and} are filled with sap, the cedars of Lebanon which He has planted,
Ps 104:17 Where the birds make their nests; as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.
Ps 104:18 The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the conies {and} badgers.
Ps 104:19 [The Lord] appointed the moon for the seasons; the sun knows [the exact time of] its setting.
Ps 104:20 You [O Lord] make darkness and it becomes night, in which creeps forth every wild beast of the forest.
Ps 104:21 The young lions roar after their prey and seek their food from God.
Ps 104:22 When the sun arises, they withdraw themselves and lie down in their dens.
Ps 104:23 Man goes forth to his work and remains at his task until evening.
Ps 104:24 O Lord, how many {and} varied are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your riches {and} Your creatures.
Ps 104:25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, in which are swarms of innumerable creeping things, creatures both small and great.
Ps 104:26 There go the ships of the sea, and Leviathan (the sea monster), which You have formed to sport in it.
Ps 104:27 These all wait {and} are dependent upon You, that You may give them their food in due season.
Ps 104:28 When You give it to them, they gather it up; You open Your hand, and they are filled with good things.
Ps 104:29 When You hide Your face, they are troubled {and} dismayed; when You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
Ps 104:30 When You send forth Your Spirit {and} give them breath, they are created, and You replenish the face of the ground.
Ps 104:31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in His works--
Ps 104:32 Who looks on the earth, and it quakes {and} trembles, Who touches the mountains, and they smoke!
Ps 104:33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have any being.
Ps 104:34 May my meditation be sweet to Him; as for me, I will rejoice in the Lord.
Ps 104:35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)
Ps 105:1 O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name, make known His doings among the peoples!
Ps 105:2 Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; meditate on {and} talk of all His marvelous deeds {and} devoutly praise them.
Ps 105:3 Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek {and} require the Lord [as their indispensable necessity].
Ps 105:4 Seek, inquire of {and} for the Lord, {and} crave Him and His strength (His might and inflexibility to temptation); seek {and} require His face {and} His presence [continually] evermore.
Ps 105:5 [Earnestly] remember the marvelous deeds that He has done, His miracles {and} wonders, the judgments {and} sentences which He pronounced [upon His enemies, as in Egypt].
Ps 105:6 O you offspring of Abraham His servant, you children of Jacob, His chosen ones,
Ps 105:7 He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth.
Ps 105:8 He is [earnestly] mindful of His covenant {and} forever it is imprinted on His heart, the word which He commanded {and} established to a thousand generations,
Ps 105:9 The covenant which He made with Abraham, and His sworn promise to Isaac,
Ps 105:10 Which He confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
Ps 105:11 Saying, Unto you will I give the land of Canaan as your measured portion, possession, {and} inheritance.
Ps 105:12 When they were but a few men in number, in fact, very few, and were temporary residents {and} strangers in it,
Ps 105:13 When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people,
Ps 105:14 He allowed no man to do them wrong; in fact, He reproved kings for their sakes,
Ps 105:15 Saying, Touch not My anointed, and do My prophets no harm.
Ps 105:16 Moreover, He called for a famine upon the land [of Egypt]; He cut off every source of bread.
Ps 105:17 He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold as a servant.
Ps 105:18 His feet they hurt with fetters; he was laid in chains of iron {and} his soul entered into the iron,
Ps 105:19 Until his word [to his cruel brothers] came true, until the word of the Lord tried {and} tested him.
Ps 105:20 The king sent and loosed him, even the ruler of the peoples, and let him go free.

Ps 105:21 He made Joseph lord of his house and ruler of all his substance,
Ps 105:22 To bind his princes at his pleasure and teach his elders wisdom.
Ps 105:23 Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
Ps 105:24 There [the Lord] greatly increased His people and made them stronger than their oppressors.
Ps 105:25 He turned the hearts [of the Egyptians] to hate His people, to deal craftily with His servants.
Ps 105:26 He sent Moses His servant, and Aaron, whom He had chosen.
Ps 105:27 They showed His signs among them, wonders {and} miracles in the land of Ham (Egypt).
Ps 105:28 He sent [thick] darkness and made the land dark, and they [God's two servants] rebelled not against His word.
Ps 105:29 He turned [Egypt's] waters into blood and caused their fish to die.
Ps 105:30 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, even in the chambers of their kings.
Ps 105:31 He spoke, and there came swarms of beetles {and} flies and mosquitoes {and} lice in all their borders.
Ps 105:32 He gave them hail for rain, with lightning like flaming fire in their land.
Ps 105:33 He smote their vines also and their fig trees and broke the [ice-laden] trees of their borders.
Ps 105:34 He spoke, and the locusts came, and the grasshoppers, and that without number,
Ps 105:35 And ate up all the vegetation in their land and devoured the fruit of their ground.
Ps 105:36 He smote also all the firstborn in their land, the beginning {and} chief substance of all their strength.
Ps 105:37 He brought [Israel] forth also with silver and gold, and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.
Ps 105:38 Egypt was glad when they departed, for the fear of them had fallen upon the people.
Ps 105:39 The Lord spread a cloud for a covering [by day], and a fire to give light in the night.
Ps 105:40 [The Israelites] asked, and He brought quails and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
Ps 105:41 He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it ran in the dry places like a river.
Ps 105:42 For He [earnestly] remembered His holy word {and} promise to Abraham His servant.
Ps 105:43 And He brought forth His people with joy, and His chosen ones with gladness {and} singing,
Ps 105:44 And gave them the lands of the nations [of Canaan], and they reaped the fruits of those peoples' labor,
Ps 105:45 That they might observe His statutes and keep His laws [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying them]. Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)
Ps 106:1 PRAISE THE Lord! (Hallelujah!) O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever!
Ps 106:2 Who can put into words {and} tell the mighty deeds of the Lord? {Or} who can show forth all the praise [that is due Him]?
Ps 106:3 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are those who observe justice [treating others fairly] {and} who do right {and} are in right standing with God at all times.
Ps 106:4 [Earnestly] remember me, O Lord, when You favor Your people! O visit me also when You deliver them, {and} grant me Your salvation!--
Ps 106:5 That I may see {and} share the welfare of Your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, that I may glory with Your heritage.
Ps 106:6 We have sinned, as did also our fathers; we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.
Ps 106:7 Our fathers in Egypt understood not nor appreciated Your miracles; they did not [earnestly] remember the multitude of Your mercies nor imprint Your loving-kindness [on their hearts], but they were rebellious {and} provoked the Lord at the sea, even at the Red Sea.
Ps 106:8 Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake [to prove the righteousness of the divine character], that He might make His mighty power known.
Ps 106:9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it dried up; so He led them through the depths as through a pastureland.
Ps 106:10 And He saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the [Egyptian] enemy.
Ps 106:11 And the waters covered their adversaries; not one of them was left.
Ps 106:12 Then [Israel] believed His words [trusting in, relying on them]; they sang His praise.
Ps 106:13 But they hastily forgot His works; they did not [earnestly] wait for His plans [to develop] regarding them,
Ps 106:14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness and tempted {and} tried to restrain God [with their insistent desires] in the desert.
Ps 106:15 And He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their souls {and} [thinned their numbers by] disease and death.
Ps 106:16 They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron [the high priest], the holy one of the Lord.

Ps 106:17 Therefore the earth opened and swallowed up Dathan and closed over the company of Abiram.
Ps 106:18 And a fire broke out in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.
Ps 106:19 They made a calf in Horeb and worshiped a molten image.
Ps 106:20 Thus they exchanged Him Who was their Glory for the image of an ox that eats grass [they traded their Honor for the image of a calf]!
Ps 106:21 They forgot God their Savior, Who had done such great things in Egypt,
Ps 106:22 Wonders {and} miracles in the land of Ham, dreadful {and} awesome things at the Red Sea.
Ps 106:23 Therefore He said He would destroy them. [And He would have done so] had not Moses, His chosen one, stepped into the breach before Him to turn away His threatening wrath.
Ps 106:24 Then they spurned {and} despised the pleasant {and} desirable land [Canaan]; they believed not His word [neither trusting in, relying on, nor holding to it];
Ps 106:25 But they murmured in their tents {and} hearkened not to the voice of the Lord.
Ps 106:26 Therefore He lifted up His hand [as if taking an oath] against them, that He would cause them to fall in the wilderness,
Ps 106:27 Cast out their descendants among the nations, and scatter them in the lands [of the earth].
Ps 106:28 They joined themselves also to the [idol] Baal of Peor and ate sacrifices [offered] to the lifeless [gods].
Ps 106:29 Thus they provoked the Lord to anger with their practices, and a plague broke out among them.
Ps 106:30 Then stood up Phinehas [the priest] and executed judgment, and so the plague was stayed.
Ps 106:31 And that was credited to him for righteousness (right doing and right standing with God) to all generations forever.
Ps 106:32 They angered the Lord also at the waters of Meribah, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes;
Ps 106:33 For they provoked [Moses'] spirit, so that he spoke unadvisedly with his lips.
Ps 106:34 They did not destroy the [heathen] nations as the Lord commanded them,
Ps 106:35 But mingled themselves with the [idolatrous] nations and learned their ways {and} works
Ps 106:36 And served their idols, which were a snare to them.
Ps 106:37 Yes, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons
Ps 106:38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with their blood.
Ps 106:39 Thus were they defiled by their own works, and they played the harlot {and} practiced idolatry with their own deeds [of idolatrous rites].
Ps 106:40 Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against His people, insomuch that He abhorred {and} rejected His own heritage.
Ps 106:41 And He gave them into the hands of the [heathen] nations, and they that hated them ruled over them.
Ps 106:42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under the hand of their foes.
Ps 106:43 Many times did [God] deliver them, but they were rebellious in their counsel and sank low through their iniquity.
Ps 106:44 Nevertheless He regarded their distress when He heard their cry;
Ps 106:45 And He [earnestly] remembered for their sake His covenant and relented their sentence of evil [comforting and easing Himself] according to the abundance of His mercy {and} loving-kindness [when they cried out to Him].
Ps 106:46 He also caused [Israel] to find sympathy among those who had carried them away captive.
Ps 106:47 Deliver us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name {and} glory in praising You.
Ps 106:48 Blessed (affectionately and gratefully praised) be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, Amen! Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)
Ps 107:1 O GIVE thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever!
Ps 107:2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has delivered from the hand of the adversary,
Ps 107:3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the [Red] Sea in the south.
Ps 107:4 Some wandered in the wilderness in a solitary desert track; they found no city for habitation.
Ps 107:5 Hungry and thirsty, they fainted; their lives were near to being extinguished.
Ps 107:6 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses.
Ps 107:7 He led them forth by the straight {and} right way, that they might go to a city where they could establish their homes.
Ps 107:8 Oh, that men would praise [and confess to] the Lord for His goodness {and} loving-kindness and His

wonderful works to the children of men!
Ps 107:9 For He satisfies the longing soul and fills the hungry soul with good.
Ps 107:10 Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and in irons,
Ps 107:11 Because they had rebelled against the words of God and spurned the counsel of the Most High.
Ps 107:12 Therefore He bowed down their hearts with hard labor; they stumbled {and} fell down, and there was none to help.
Ps 107:13 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses.
Ps 107:14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death and broke apart the bonds that held them.
Ps 107:15 Oh, that men would praise [and confess to] the Lord for His goodness {and} loving-kindness and His wonderful works to the children of men!
Ps 107:16 For He has broken the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron apart.
Ps 107:17 Some are fools [made ill] because of the way of their transgressions and are afflicted because of their iniquities.
Ps 107:18 They loathe every kind of food, and they draw near to the gates of death.
Ps 107:19 Then they cry to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivers them out of their distresses.
Ps 107:20 He sends forth His word and heals them and rescues them from the pit {and} destruction.
Ps 107:21 Oh, that men would praise [and confess to] the Lord for His goodness {and} loving-kindness and His wonderful works to the children of men!
Ps 107:22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving and rehearse His deeds with shouts of joy {and} singing!
Ps 107:23 Some go down to the sea {and} travel over it in ships to do business in great waters;
Ps 107:24 These see the works of the Lord and His wonders in the deep.
Ps 107:25 For He commands and raises up the stormy wind, which lifts up the waves of the sea.
Ps 107:26 [Those aboard] mount up to the heavens, they go down again to the deeps; their courage melts away because of their plight.
Ps 107:27 They reel to and fro and stagger like a drunken man and are at their wits' end [all their wisdom has come to nothing].
Ps 107:28 Then they cry to the Lord in their trouble, and He brings them out of their distresses.
Ps 107:29 He hushes the storm to a calm {and} to a gentle whisper, so that the waves of the sea are still.
Ps 107:30 Then the men are glad because of the calm, and He brings them to their desired haven.
Ps 107:31 Oh, that men would praise [and confess to] the Lord for His goodness {and} loving-kindness and His wonderful works to the children of men!
Ps 107:32 Let them exalt Him also in the congregation of the people and praise Him in the company of the elders.
Ps 107:33 He turns rivers into a wilderness, water springs into a thirsty ground,
Ps 107:34 A fruitful land into a barren, salt waste, because of the wickedness of those who dwell in it.
Ps 107:35 He turns a wilderness into a pool of water and a dry ground into water springs;
Ps 107:36 And there He makes the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation,
Ps 107:37 And sow fields, and plant vineyards which yield fruits of increase.
Ps 107:38 He blesses them also, so that they are multiplied greatly, and allows not their cattle to decrease.
Ps 107:39 When they are diminished and bowed down through oppression, trouble, and sorrow,
Ps 107:40 He pours contempt upon princes and causes them to wander in waste places where there is no road.
Ps 107:41 Yet He raises the poor {and} needy from affliction and makes their families like a flock.
Ps 107:42 The upright shall see it and be glad, but all iniquity shall shut its mouth.
Ps 107:43 Whoso is wise [if there be any truly wise] will observe {and} heed these things; and they will diligently consider the mercy {and} loving-kindness of the Lord.
Ps 108:1 O GOD, my heart is fixed (steadfast, in the confidence of faith); I will sing, yes, I will sing praises, even with my glory [all the faculties and powers of one created in Your image]!
Ps 108:2 Awake, harp and lyre; I myself will wake very early--I will waken the dawn!
Ps 108:3 I will praise {and} give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; and I will sing praises unto You among the nations.
Ps 108:4 For Your mercy {and} loving-kindness are great {and} high as the heavens! Your truth {and} faithfulness reach to the skies!
Ps 108:5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let Your glory be over all the earth.
Ps 108:6 That Your beloved [followers] may be delivered, save with Your right hand and answer us! [or me]!

Ps 108:7 God has promised in His holiness [regarding the establishment of David's dynasty]: I will rejoice, I will distribute [Canaan among My people], dividing Shechem and [the western region and allotting the eastern region which contains] the Valley of Succoth.
Ps 108:8 Gilead is Mine, Manasseh is Mine; Ephraim also is My stronghold {and} the defense of My head; Judah is My scepter {and} lawgiver.
Ps 108:9 Moab is My washbasin; upon Edom [My slave] My shoe I cast [to be cleaned]; over Philistia I shout [in triumph].
Ps 108:10 Who will bring me [David] into the strong, fortified city [of Petra]? Who will lead me into Edom?
Ps 108:11 Have You not cast us off, O God? And will You not go forth, O God, with our armies?
Ps 108:12 Give us help against the adversary, for vain is the help of man.
Ps 108:13 Through {and} with God we shall do valiantly, for He it is Who shall tread down our adversaries.
Ps 109:1 O GOD of my praise! Keep not silence,
Ps 109:2 For the mouths of the wicked and the mouth of deceit are opened against me; they have spoken to me {and} against me with lying tongues.
Ps 109:3 They have compassed me about also with words of hatred and have fought against me without a cause.
Ps 109:4 In return for my love they are my adversaries, but I resort to prayer.
Ps 109:5 And they have rewarded {and} laid upon me evil for good, and hatred for my love.
Ps 109:6 Set a wicked man over him [as a judge], and let [a malicious] accuser stand at his right hand.
Ps 109:7 When [the wicked] is judged, let him be condemned, and let his prayer [for leniency] be turned into a sin.
Ps 109:8 Let his days be few; and let another take his office {and} charge.
Ps 109:9 Let his children be fatherless and his wife a widow.
Ps 109:10 Let his children be continual vagabonds [as was Cain] and beg; let them seek their bread {and} be driven far from their ruined homes.
Ps 109:11 Let the creditor {and} extortioner seize all that he has; and let strangers (barbarians and foreigners) plunder the fruits of his labor.
Ps 109:12 Let there be none to extend {or} continue mercy {and} kindness to him, neither let there be any to have pity on his fatherless children.
Ps 109:13 Let his posterity be cut off, and in the generation following let their names be blotted out.
Ps 109:14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered by the Lord; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.
Ps 109:15 Let them be before the Lord continually, that He may cut off the memory of them from the earth!--
Ps 109:16 Because the man did not [earnestly] remember to show mercy, but pursued {and} persecuted the poor and needy man, and the broken in heart [he was ready] to slay.
Ps 109:17 Yes, he loved cursing, and it came [back] upon him; he delighted not in blessing, and it was far from him.
Ps 109:18 He clothed himself also with cursing as with his garment, and it seeped into his inward [life] like water, and like oil into his bones.
Ps 109:19 Let it be to him as the raiment with which he covers himself and as the girdle with which he is girded continually.
Ps 109:20 Let this be the reward of my adversaries from the Lord, and of those who speak evil against my life.
Ps 109:21 But You deal with me {and} act for me, O God the Lord, for Your name's sake; because Your mercy {and} loving-kindness are good, O deliver me.
Ps 109:22 For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded {and} stricken within me.
Ps 109:23 I am gone like the shadow when it lengthens {and} declines; I toss up and down {and} am shaken off as the locust.
Ps 109:24 My knees are weak {and} totter from fasting; and my body is gaunt {and} has no fatness.
Ps 109:25 I have become also a reproach {and} a taunt to others; when they see me, they shake their heads.
Ps 109:26 Help me, O Lord my God; O save me according to Your mercy {and} loving-kindness!--
Ps 109:27 That they may know that this is Your hand, that You, Lord, have done it.
Ps 109:28 Let them curse, but do You bless. When adversaries arise, let them be put to shame, but let Your servant rejoice.
Ps 109:29 Let my adversaries be clothed with shame {and} dishonor, and let them cover themselves with their own disgrace {and} confusion as with a robe.
Ps 109:30 I will give great praise {and} thanks to the Lord with my mouth; yes, {and} I will praise Him among the multitude.
Ps 109:31 For He will stand at the right hand of the poor {and} needy, to save him from those who condemn his life.

Ps 110:1 THE LORD (God) says to my Lord (the Messiah), Sit at My right hand, until I make Your adversaries Your footstool.
Ps 110:2 The Lord will send forth from Zion the scepter of Your strength; rule, then, in the midst of Your foes.
Ps 110:3 Your people will offer themselves willingly in the day of Your power, in the beauty of holiness {and} in holy array out of the womb of the morning; to You [will spring forth] Your young men, who are as the dew.
Ps 110:4 The Lord has sworn and will not revoke {or} change it: You are a priest forever, after the manner {and} order of Melchizedek.
Ps 110:5 The Lord at Your right hand will shatter kings in the day of His indignation.
Ps 110:6 He will execute judgment [in overwhelming punishment] upon the nations; He will fill the valleys with the dead bodies, He will crush the [chief] heads over lands many {and} far extended.
Ps 110:7 He will drink of the brook by the way; therefore will He lift up His head [triumphantly].
Ps 111:1 PRAISE THE Lord! (Hallelujah!) I will praise {and} give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart in the council of the upright and in the congregation.
Ps 111:2 The works of the Lord are great, sought out by all those who have delight in them.
Ps 111:3 His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever.
Ps 111:4 He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious, merciful, {and} full of loving compassion.
Ps 111:5 He has given food {and} provision to those who reverently {and} worshipfully fear Him; He will remember His covenant forever {and} imprint it [on His mind].
Ps 111:6 He has declared {and} shown to His people the power of His works in giving them the heritage of the nations [of Canaan].
Ps 111:7 The works of His hands are [absolute] truth and justice [faithful and right]; and all His decrees {and} precepts are sure (fixed, established, and trustworthy).
Ps 111:8 They stand fast {and} are established forever and ever and are done in [absolute] truth and uprightness.
Ps 111:9 He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant to be forever; holy is His name, inspiring awe, reverence, {and} godly fear.
Ps 111:10 The reverent fear {and} worship of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom {and} skill [the preceding and the first essential, the prerequisite and the alphabet]; a good understanding, wisdom, {and} meaning have all those who do [the will of the Lord]. Their praise of Him endures forever. [Job. 28:28; Prov. 1:7; Matt. 22:37, 38; Rev. 14:7.]
Ps 112:1 PRAISE THE Lord! (Hallelujah!) Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who fears (reveres and worships) the Lord, who delights greatly in His commandments.
Ps 112:2 His [spiritual] offspring shall be mighty upon earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed.
Ps 112:3 Prosperity {and} welfare are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.
Ps 112:4 Light arises in the darkness for the upright, gracious, compassionate, {and} just [who are in right standing with God].
Ps 112:5 It is well with the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice.
Ps 112:6 He will not be moved forever; the [uncompromisingly] righteous (the upright, in right standing with God) shall be in everlasting remembrance.
Ps 112:7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is firmly fixed, trusting (leaning on and being confident) in the Lord.
Ps 112:8 His heart is established {and} steady, he will not be afraid while he waits to see his desire established upon his adversaries.
Ps 112:9 He has distributed freely [he has given to the poor and needy]; his righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God) endures forever; his horn shall be exalted in honor.
Ps 112:10 The wicked man will see it and be grieved {and} angered, he will gnash his teeth and disappear [in despair]; the desire of the wicked shall perish {and} come to nothing.
Ps 113:1 PRAISE THE Lord! (Hallelujah!) Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!
Ps 113:2 Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forever
Ps 113:3 From the rising of the sun to the going down of it {and} from east to west, the name of the Lord is to be praised!
Ps 113:4 The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens!
Ps 113:5 Who is like the Lord our God, Who has His seat on high,
Ps 113:6 Who humbles Himself to regard the heavens and the earth!
Ps 113:7 [The Lord] raises the poor out of the dust {and} lifts the needy from the ash heap {and} the dung hill,

Ps 113:8 That He may seat them with princes, even with the princes of His people.
Ps 113:9 He makes the barren woman to be a homemaker {and} a joyful mother of [spiritual] children. Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)
Ps 114:1 WHEN ISRAEL came forth out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
Ps 114:2 Judah became [God's] sanctuary (the Holy Place of His habitation), and Israel His dominion.
Ps 114:3 The [Red] Sea looked and fled; the Jordan [River] was turned back.
Ps 114:4 The mountains skipped like rams, the little hills like lambs.
Ps 114:5 What ails you, O [Red] Sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?
Ps 114:6 You mountains, that you skip like rams, and you little hills, like lambs?
Ps 114:7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,
Ps 114:8 Who turned the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a fountain of waters.
Ps 115:1 NOT TO us, O Lord, not to us but to Your name give glory, for Your mercy {and} loving-kindness and for the sake of Your truth {and} faithfulness!
Ps 115:2 Why should the nations say, Where is now their God?
Ps 115:3 But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.
Ps 115:4 The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
Ps 115:5 They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not;
Ps 115:6 They have ears, but they hear not; noses have they, but they smell not;
Ps 115:7 They have hands, but they handle not; feet have they, but they walk not; neither can they make a sound with their throats.
Ps 115:8 They who make idols are like them; so are all who trust in {and} lean on them.
Ps 115:9 O Israel, trust {and} take refuge in the Lord! [Lean on, rely on, and be confident in Him!] He is their Help and their Shield.
Ps 115:10 O house of Aaron [the priesthood], trust in {and} lean on the Lord! He is their Help and their Shield.
Ps 115:11 You who [reverently] fear the Lord, trust in {and} lean on the Lord! He is their Help and their Shield.
Ps 115:12 The Lord has been mindful of us, He will bless us: He will bless the house of Israel, He will bless the house of Aaron [the priesthood],
Ps 115:13 He will bless those who reverently {and} worshipfully fear the Lord, both small and great.
Ps 115:14 May the Lord give you increase more and more, you and your children.
Ps 115:15 May you be blessed of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth!
Ps 115:16 The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth has He given to the children of men.
Ps 115:17 The dead praise not the Lord, neither any who go down into silence.
Ps 115:18 But we will bless (affectionately and gratefully praise) the Lord from this time forth and forever. Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)
Ps 116:1 I LOVE the Lord, because He has heard [and now hears] my voice and my supplications.
Ps 116:2 Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.
Ps 116:3 The cords {and} sorrows of death were around me, and the terrors of Sheol (the place of the dead) had laid hold of me; I suffered anguish and grief (trouble and sorrow).
Ps 116:4 Then called I upon the name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech You, save my life {and} deliver me!
Ps 116:5 Gracious is the Lord, and [rigidly] righteous; yes, our God is merciful.
Ps 116:6 The Lord preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He helped {and} saved me.
Ps 116:7 Return to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
Ps 116:8 For You have delivered my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling {and} falling.
Ps 116:9 I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.
Ps 116:10 I believed (trusted in, relied on, and clung to my God), and therefore have I spoken [even when I said], I am greatly afflicted.
Ps 116:11 I said in my haste, All men are deceitful {and} liars.
Ps 116:12 What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? [How can I repay Him for all His bountiful dealings?]
Ps 116:13 I will lift up the cup of salvation {and} deliverance and call on the name of the Lord.
Ps 116:14 I will pay my vows to the Lord, yes, in the presence of all His people.
Ps 116:15 Precious (important and no light matter) in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints (His loving ones).
Ps 116:16 O Lord, truly I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your handmaid; You have loosed my bonds.
Ps 116:17 I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

Ps 116:18 I will pay my vows to the Lord, yes, in the presence of all His people,
Ps 116:19 In the courts of the Lord's house--in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)
Ps 117:1 O PRAISE the Lord, all you nations! Praise Him, all you people!
Ps 117:2 For His mercy {and} loving-kindness are great toward us, and the truth {and} faithfulness of the Lord endure forever. Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)
Ps 118:1 O GIVE thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever!
Ps 118:2 Let Israel now say that His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever.
Ps 118:3 Let the house of Aaron [the priesthood] now say that His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever.
Ps 118:4 Let those now who reverently {and} worshipfully fear the Lord say that His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever.
Ps 118:5 Out of my distress I called upon the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free {and} in a large place.
Ps 118:6 The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?
Ps 118:7 The Lord is on my side {and} takes my part, He is among those who help me; therefore shall I see my desire established upon those who hate me.
Ps 118:8 It is better to trust {and} take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in man.
Ps 118:9 It is better to trust {and} take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.
Ps 118:10 All nations (the surrounding tribes) compassed me about, but in the name of the Lord I will cut them off!
Ps 118:11 They compassed me about, yes, they surrounded me on every side; but in the name of the Lord I will cut them off!
Ps 118:12 They swarmed about me like bees, they blaze up {and} are extinguished like a fire of thorns; in the name of the Lord I will cut them off!
Ps 118:13 You [my adversary] thrust sorely at me that I might fall, but the Lord helped me.
Ps 118:14 The Lord is my Strength and Song; and He has become my Salvation.
Ps 118:15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents {and} private dwellings of the [uncompromisingly] righteous: the right hand of the Lord does valiantly {and} achieves strength!
Ps 118:16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly {and} achieves strength!
Ps 118:17 I shall not die but live, and shall declare the works {and} recount the illustrious acts of the Lord.
Ps 118:18 The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.
Ps 118:19 Open to me the [temple] gates of righteousness; I will enter through them, and I will confess {and} praise the Lord.
Ps 118:20 This is the gate of the Lord; the [uncompromisingly] righteous shall enter through it.
Ps 118:21 I will confess, praise, {and} give thanks to You, for You have heard {and} answered me; and You have become my Salvation {and} Deliverer.
Ps 118:22 The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
Ps 118:23 This is from the Lord {and} is His doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
Ps 118:24 This is the day which the Lord has brought about; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Ps 118:25 Save now, we beseech You, O Lord; send now prosperity, O Lord, we beseech You, {and} give to us success!
Ps 118:26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord [you who come into His sanctuary under His guardianship].
Ps 118:27 The Lord is God, Who has shown {and} given us light [He has illuminated us with grace, freedom, and joy]. Decorate the festival with leafy boughs {and} bind the sacrifices to be offered with thick cords [all over the priest's court, right up] to the horns of the altar.
Ps 118:28 You are my God, and I will confess, praise, {and} give thanks to You; You are my God, I will extol You.
Ps 118:29 O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever.
Ps 119:1 BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, to be envied) are the undefiled (the upright, truly sincere, and blameless) in the way [of the revealed will of God], who walk (order their conduct and conversation) in the law of the Lord (the whole of God's revealed will).
Ps 119:2 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are they who keep His testimonies, and who seek, inquire for {and} of Him {and} crave Him with the whole heart.
Ps 119:3 Yes, they do no unrighteousness [no willful wandering from His precepts]; they walk in His ways.
Ps 119:4 You have commanded us to keep Your precepts, that we should observe them diligently.
Ps 119:5 Oh, that my ways were directed {and} established to observe Your statutes [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying them]!

Ps 119:6 Then shall I not be put to shame [by failing to inherit Your promises] when I have respect to all Your commandments.
Ps 119:7 I will praise {and} give thanks to You with uprightness of heart when I learn [by sanctified experiences] Your righteous judgments [Your decisions against and punishments for particular lines of thought and conduct].
Ps 119:8 I will keep Your statutes; O forsake me not utterly.
Ps 119:9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed {and} keeping watch [on himself] according to Your word [conforming his life to it].
Ps 119:10 With my whole heart have I sought You, inquiring for {and} of You {and} yearning for You; Oh, let me not wander {or} step aside [either in ignorance or willfully] from Your commandments.
Ps 119:11 Your word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against You.
Ps 119:12 Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes.
Ps 119:13 With my lips have I declared {and} recounted all the ordinances of Your mouth.
Ps 119:14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies as much as in all riches.
Ps 119:15 I will meditate on Your precepts and have respect to Your ways [the paths of life marked out by Your law].
Ps 119:16 I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.
Ps 119:17 Deal bountifully with Your servant, that I may live; and I will observe Your word [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying it].
Ps 119:18 Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Your law.
Ps 119:19 I am a stranger {and} a temporary resident on the earth; hide not Your commandments from me.
Ps 119:20 My heart is breaking with the longing that it has for Your ordinances {and} judgments at all times.
Ps 119:21 You rebuke the proud {and} arrogant, the accursed ones, who err {and} wander from Your commandments.
Ps 119:22 Take away from me reproach and contempt, for I keep Your testimonies.
Ps 119:23 Princes also sat {and} talked against me, but Your servant meditated on Your statutes.
Ps 119:24 Your testimonies also are my delight and my counselors.
Ps 119:25 My earthly life cleaves to the dust; revive {and} stimulate me according to Your word!
Ps 119:26 I have declared my ways {and} opened my griefs to You, and You listened to me; teach me Your statutes.
Ps 119:27 Make me understand the way of Your precepts; so shall I meditate on {and} talk of Your wondrous works.
Ps 119:28 My life dissolves {and} weeps itself away for heaviness; raise me up {and} strengthen me according to [the promises of] Your word.
Ps 119:29 Remove from me the way of falsehood {and} unfaithfulness [to You], and graciously impart Your law to me.
Ps 119:30 I have chosen the way of truth {and} faithfulness; Your ordinances have I set before me.
Ps 119:31 I cleave to Your testimonies; O Lord, put me not to shame!
Ps 119:32 I will [not merely walk, but] run the way of Your commandments, when You give me a heart that is willing.
Ps 119:33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, and I will keep it to the end [steadfastly].
Ps 119:34 Give me understanding, that I may keep Your law; yes, I will observe it with my whole heart.
Ps 119:35 Make me go in the path of Your commandments, for in them do I delight.
Ps 119:36 Incline my heart to Your testimonies and not to covetousness (robbery, sensuality, unworthy riches).
Ps 119:37 Turn away my eyes from beholding vanity (idols and idolatry); and restore me to vigorous life {and} health in Your ways.
Ps 119:38 Establish Your word {and} confirm Your promise to Your servant, which is for those who reverently fear {and} devotedly worship You.
Ps 119:39 Turn away my reproach which I fear {and} dread, for Your ordinances are good.
Ps 119:40 Behold, I long for Your precepts; in Your righteousness give me renewed life.
Ps 119:41 Let Your mercy {and} loving-kindness come also to me, O Lord, even Your salvation according to Your promise;
Ps 119:42 Then shall I have an answer for those who taunt {and} reproach me, for I lean on, rely on, {and} trust in Your word.
Ps 119:43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for I hope in Your ordinances.
Ps 119:44 I will keep Your law continually, forever and ever [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying it].
Ps 119:45 And I will walk at liberty {and} at ease, for I have sought and inquired for [and desperately required] Your precepts.
Ps 119:46 I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings and will not be put to shame.
Ps 119:47 For I will delight myself in Your commandments, which I love.

Ps 119:48 My hands also will I lift up [in fervent supplication] to Your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on Your statutes.
Ps 119:49 Remember [fervently] the word {and} promise to Your servant, in which You have caused me to hope.
Ps 119:50 This is my comfort {and} consolation in my affliction: that Your word has revived me {and} given me life.
Ps 119:51 The proud have had me greatly in derision, yet have I not declined in my interest in {or} turned aside from Your law.
Ps 119:52 When I have [earnestly] recalled Your ordinances from of old, O Lord, I have taken comfort.
Ps 119:53 Burning indignation, terror, {and} sadness seize upon me because of the wicked, who forsake Your law.
Ps 119:54 Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.
Ps 119:55 I have [earnestly] remembered Your name, O Lord, in the night, and I have observed Your law.
Ps 119:56 This I have had [as the gift of Your grace and as my reward]: that I have kept Your precepts [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying them].
Ps 119:57 You are my portion, O Lord; I have promised to keep Your words.
Ps 119:58 I entreated Your favor with my whole heart; be merciful {and} gracious to me according to Your promise.
Ps 119:59 I considered my ways; I turned my feet to [obey] Your testimonies.
Ps 119:60 I made haste and delayed not to keep Your commandments.
Ps 119:61 Though the cords of the wicked have enclosed {and} ensnared me, I have not forgotten Your law.
Ps 119:62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You because of Your righteous ordinances.
Ps 119:63 I am a companion of all those who fear, revere, {and} worship You, and of those who observe {and} give heed to Your precepts.
Ps 119:64 The earth, O Lord, is full of Your mercy {and} loving-kindness; teach me Your statutes.
Ps 119:65 You have dealt well with Your servant, O Lord, according to Your promise.
Ps 119:66 Teach me good judgment, wise {and} right discernment, and knowledge, for I have believed (trusted, relied on, and clung to) Your commandments.
Ps 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now Your word do I keep [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying it].
Ps 119:68 You are good {and} kind and do good; teach me Your statutes.
Ps 119:69 The arrogant {and} godless have put together a lie against me, but I will keep Your precepts with my whole heart.
Ps 119:70 Their hearts are as fat as grease [their minds are dull and brutal], but I delight in Your law.
Ps 119:71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn Your statutes.
Ps 119:72 The law from Your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.
Ps 119:73 Your hands have made me, cunningly fashioned {and} established me; give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.
Ps 119:74 Those who reverently {and} worshipfully fear You will see me and be glad, because I have hoped in Your word {and} tarried for it.
Ps 119:75 I know, O Lord, that Your judgments are right {and} righteous, and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.
Ps 119:76 Let, I pray You, Your merciful kindness {and} steadfast love be for my comfort, according to Your promise to Your servant.
Ps 119:77 Let Your tender mercy {and} loving-kindness come to me that I may live, for Your law is my delight!
Ps 119:78 Let the proud be put to shame, for they dealt perversely with me without a cause; but I will meditate on Your precepts.
Ps 119:79 Let those who reverently {and} worshipfully fear You turn to me, and those who have known Your testimonies.
Ps 119:80 Let my heart be sound (sincere and wholehearted and blameless) in Your statutes, that I may not be put to shame.
Ps 119:81 My soul languishes {and} grows faint for Your salvation, but I hope in Your word.
Ps 119:82 My eyes fail, watching for [the fulfillment of] Your promise. I say, When will You comfort me?
Ps 119:83 For I have become like a bottle [a wineskin blackened and shriveled] in the smoke [in which it hangs], yet do I not forget Your statutes.
Ps 119:84 How many are the days of Your servant [which he must endure]? When will You judge those who pursue and persecute me?
Ps 119:85 The godless {and} arrogant have dug pitfalls for me, men who do not conform to Your law.

Ps 119:86 All Your commandments are faithful {and} sure. [The godless] pursue {and} persecute me with falsehood; help me [Lord]!
Ps 119:87 They had almost consumed me upon earth, but I forsook not Your precepts.
Ps 119:88 According to Your steadfast love give life to me; then I will keep the testimony of Your mouth [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying it].
Ps 119:89 Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven [stands firm as the heavens].
Ps 119:90 Your faithfulness is from generation to generation; You have established the earth, and it stands fast.
Ps 119:91 All [the whole universe] are Your servants; therefore they continue this day according to Your ordinances.
Ps 119:92 Unless Your law had been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.
Ps 119:93 I will never forget Your precepts, [how can I?] for it is by them You have quickened me (granted me life).
Ps 119:94 I am Yours, therefore save me [Your own]; for I have sought (inquired of and for) Your precepts {and} required them [as my urgent need].
Ps 119:95 The wicked wait for me to destroy me, but I will consider Your testimonies.
Ps 119:96 I have seen that everything [human] has its limits {and} end [no matter how extensive, noble, and excellent]; but Your commandment is exceedingly broad {and} extends without limits [into eternity].
Ps 119:97 Oh, how love I Your law! It is my meditation all the day.
Ps 119:98 You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies, for [Your words] are ever before me.
Ps 119:99 I have better understanding {and} deeper insight than all my teachers, because Your testimonies are my meditation.
Ps 119:100 I understand more than the aged, because I keep Your precepts [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying them].
Ps 119:101 I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep Your word [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying it].
Ps 119:102 I have not turned aside from Your ordinances, for You Yourself have taught me.
Ps 119:103 How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Ps 119:104 Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.
Ps 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
Ps 119:106 I have sworn [an oath] and have confirmed it, that I will keep Your righteous ordinances [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying them].
Ps 119:107 I am sorely afflicted; renew {and} quicken me [give me life], O Lord, according to Your word!
Ps 119:108 Accept, I beseech You, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me Your ordinances.
Ps 119:109 My life is continually in my hand, yet I do not forget Your law.
Ps 119:110 The wicked have laid a snare for me, yet I do not stray from Your precepts.
Ps 119:111 Your testimonies have I taken as a heritage forever, for they are the rejoicing of my heart.
Ps 119:112 I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes forever, even to the end.
Ps 119:113 I hate the thoughts of undecided [in religion], double-minded people, but Your law do I love.
Ps 119:114 You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.
Ps 119:115 Depart from me, you evildoers, that I may keep the commandments of my God [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying them].
Ps 119:116 Uphold me according to Your promise, that I may live; and let me not be put to shame in my hope!
Ps 119:117 Hold me up, that I may be safe and have regard for Your statutes continually!
Ps 119:118 You spurn {and} set at nought all those who stray from Your statutes, for their own lying deceives them {and} their tricks are in vain.
Ps 119:119 You put away {and} count as dross all the wicked of the earth [for there is no true metal in them]; therefore I love Your testimonies.
Ps 119:120 My flesh trembles {and} shudders for fear {and} reverential, worshipful awe of You, and I am afraid {and} in dread of Your judgments.
Ps 119:121 I have done justice and righteousness; leave me not to those who would oppress me.
Ps 119:122 Be surety for Your servant for good [as Judah was surety for the safety of Benjamin]; let not the proud oppress me.
Ps 119:123 My eyes fail, watching for Your salvation and for the fulfillment of Your righteous promise.
Ps 119:124 Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy {and} loving-kindness, and teach me Your statutes.
Ps 119:125 I am Your servant; give me understanding (discernment and comprehension), that I may know (discern and be familiar with the character of) Your testimonies.

Ps 119:126 It is time for the Lord to act; they have frustrated Your law.
Ps 119:127 Therefore I love Your commandments more than [resplendent] gold, yes, more than [perfectly] refined gold.
Ps 119:128 Therefore I esteem as right all, yes, all Your precepts; I hate every false way.
Ps 119:129 Your testimonies are wonderful [far exceeding anything conceived by man]; therefore my [penitent] self keeps them [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying them].
Ps 119:130 The entrance {and} unfolding of Your words give light; their unfolding gives understanding (discernment and comprehension) to the simple.
Ps 119:131 I opened my mouth and panted [with eager desire], for I longed for Your commandments.
Ps 119:132 Look upon me, be merciful unto me, {and} show me favor, as is Your way to those who love Your name.
Ps 119:133 Establish my steps {and} direct them by [means of] Your word; let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
Ps 119:134 Deliver me from the oppression of man; so will I keep Your precepts [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying them].
Ps 119:135 Make Your face shine [with pleasure] upon Your servant, and teach me Your statutes.
Ps 119:136 Streams of water run down my eyes, because men do not keep Your law [they hear it not, nor receive it, love it, or obey it].
Ps 119:137 [Rigidly] righteous are You, O Lord, and upright are Your judgments {and} all expressions of Your will.
Ps 119:138 You have commanded {and} appointed Your testimonies in righteousness and in great faithfulness.
Ps 119:139 My zeal has consumed me {and} cut me off, because my adversaries have forgotten Your words.
Ps 119:140 Your word is very pure (tried and well refined); therefore Your servant loves it.
Ps 119:141 I am small (insignificant) and despised, but I do not forget Your precepts.
Ps 119:142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your law is truth.
Ps 119:143 Trouble and anguish have found {and} taken hold on me, yet Your commandments are my delight.
Ps 119:144 Your righteous testimonies are everlasting {and} Your decrees are binding to eternity; give me understanding and I shall live [give me discernment and comprehension and I shall not die].
Ps 119:145 I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord; I will keep Your statutes [I will hear, receive, love, and obey them].
Ps 119:146 I cried to You; save me, that I may keep Your testimonies [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying them].
Ps 119:147 I anticipated the dawning of the morning and cried [in childlike prayer]; I hoped in Your word.
Ps 119:148 My eyes anticipate the night watches {and} I am awake before the cry of the watchman, that I may meditate on Your word.
Ps 119:149 Hear my voice according to Your steadfast love; O Lord, quicken me {and} give me life according to Your [righteous] decrees.
Ps 119:150 They draw near who follow after wrong thinking {and} persecute me with wickedness; they are far from Your law.
Ps 119:151 You are near, O Lord [nearer to me than my foes], and all Your commandments are truth.
Ps 119:152 Of old have I known Your testimonies, {and} for a long time, [therefore it is a thoroughly established conviction] that You have founded them forever.
Ps 119:153 Consider my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget Your law.
Ps 119:154 Plead my cause and redeem me; revive me {and} give me life according to Your word.
Ps 119:155 Salvation is far from the wicked, for they seek not {nor} hunger for Your statutes.
Ps 119:156 Great are Your tender mercy {and} loving-kindness, O Lord; give me life according to Your ordinances.
Ps 119:157 Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, yet I do not swerve from Your testimonies.
Ps 119:158 I behold the treacherous and am grieved {and} loathe them, because they do not respect Your law [neither hearing, receiving, loving, nor obeying it].
Ps 119:159 Consider how I love Your precepts; revive me {and} give life to me, O Lord, according to Your loving-kindness!
Ps 119:160 The sum of Your word is truth [the total of the full meaning of all Your individual precepts]; and every one of Your righteous decrees endures forever.
Ps 119:161 Princes pursue {and} persecute me without cause, but my heart stands in awe of Your words [dreading violation of them far more than the force of prince or potentate].
Ps 119:162 I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great spoil.
Ps 119:163 I hate and abhor falsehood, but Your law do I love.

Ps 119:164 Seven times a day {and} all day long do I praise You because of Your righteous decrees.
Ps 119:165 Great peace have they who love Your law; nothing shall offend them {or} make them stumble.
Ps 119:166 I am hoping {and} waiting [eagerly] for Your salvation, O Lord, and I do Your commandments.
Ps 119:167 Your testimonies have I kept [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying them]; I love them exceedingly!
Ps 119:168 I have observed Your precepts {and} Your testimonies, for all my ways are [fully known] before You.
Ps 119:169 Let my mournful cry {and} supplication come [near] before You, O Lord; give me understanding (discernment and comprehension) according to Your word [of assurance and promise].
Ps 119:170 Let my supplication come before You; deliver me according to Your word!
Ps 119:171 My lips shall pour forth praise [with thanksgiving and renewed trust] when You teach me Your statutes.
Ps 119:172 My tongue shall sing [praise for the fulfillment] of Your word, for all Your commandments are righteous.
Ps 119:173 Let Your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen Your precepts.
Ps 119:174 I have longed for Your salvation, O Lord, and Your law is my delight.
Ps 119:175 Let me live that I may praise You, and let Your decrees help me.
Ps 119:176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek, inquire for, {and} demand Your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments.
Ps 120:1 IN MY distress I cried to the Lord, and He answered me.
Ps 120:2 Deliver me, O Lord, from lying lips and from deceitful tongues.
Ps 120:3 What shall be given to you? Or what more shall be done to you, you deceitful tongue?--
Ps 120:4 Sharp arrows of a [mighty] warrior, with [glowing] coals of the broom tree!
Ps 120:5 Woe is me that I sojourn with Meshech, that I dwell beside the tents of Kedar [as if among notoriously barbarous people]!
Ps 120:6 My life has too long had its dwelling with him who hates peace.
Ps 120:7 I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war.
Ps 121:1 I WILL lift up my eyes to the hills [around Jerusalem, to sacred Mount Zion and Mount Moriah]--From whence shall my help come?
Ps 121:2 My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.
Ps 121:3 He will not allow your foot to slip {or} to be moved; He Who keeps you will not slumber.
Ps 121:4 Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
Ps 121:5 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand [the side not carrying a shield].
Ps 121:6 The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.
Ps 121:7 The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.
Ps 121:8 The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.
Ps 122:1 I WAS glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord!
Ps 122:2 Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!--
Ps 122:3 Jerusalem, which is built as a city that is compacted together--
Ps 122:4 To which the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed {and} as a testimony for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
Ps 122:5 For there the thrones of judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.
Ps 122:6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May they prosper who love you [the Holy City]!
Ps 122:7 May peace be within your walls and prosperity within your palaces!
Ps 122:8 For my brethren and companions' sake, I will now say, Peace be within you!
Ps 122:9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek, inquire for, {and} require your good.
Ps 123:1 UNTO YOU do I lift up my eyes, O You Who are enthroned in heaven.
Ps 123:2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, and as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until He has mercy {and} loving-kindness for us.
Ps 123:3 Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on {and} loving-kindness for us, for we are exceedingly satiated with contempt.
Ps 123:4 Our life is exceedingly filled with the scorning {and} scoffing of those who are at ease and with the contempt of the proud (irresponsible tyrants who disregard God's law).
Ps 124:1 IF IT had not been the Lord Who was on our side--now may Israel say--
Ps 124:2 If it had not been the Lord Who was on our side when men rose up against us,
Ps 124:3 Then they would have quickly swallowed us up alive when their wrath was kindled against us;
Ps 124:4 Then the waters would have overwhelmed us {and} swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;
Ps 124:5 Then the proud waters would have gone over us.

Ps 124:6 Blessed be the Lord, Who has not given us as prey to their teeth!
Ps 124:7 We are like a bird escaped from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped!
Ps 124:8 Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.
Ps 125:1 THOSE WHO trust in, lean on, {and} confidently hope in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides {and} stands fast forever.
Ps 125:2 As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from this time forth and forever.
Ps 125:3 For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest upon the land of the [uncompromisingly] righteous, lest the righteous (God's people) stretch forth their hands to iniquity {and} apostasy.
Ps 125:4 Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are right [with You and all people] in their hearts.
Ps 125:5 As for such as turn aside to their crooked ways [of indifference to God], the Lord will lead them forth with the workers of iniquity. Peace be upon Israel!
Ps 126:1 WHEN THE Lord brought back the captives [who returned] to Zion, we were like those who dream [it seemed so unreal].
Ps 126:2 Then were our mouths filled with laughter, and our tongues with singing. Then they said among the nations, The Lord has done great things for them.
Ps 126:3 The Lord has done great things for us! We are glad!
Ps 126:4 Turn to freedom our captivity {and} restore our fortunes, O Lord, as the streams in the South (the Negeb) [are restored by the torrents].
Ps 126:5 They who sow in tears shall reap in joy {and} singing.
Ps 126:6 He who goes forth bearing seed and weeping [at needing his precious supply of grain for sowing] shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.
Ps 127:1 EXCEPT THE Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; except the Lord keeps the city, the watchman wakes but in vain.
Ps 127:2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to take rest late, to eat the bread of [anxious] toil--for He gives [blessings] to His beloved in sleep.
Ps 127:3 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.
Ps 127:4 As arrows are in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth.
Ps 127:5 Happy, blessed, {and} fortunate is the man whose quiver is filled with them! They will not be put to shame when they speak with their adversaries [in gatherings] at the [city's] gate.
Ps 128:1 BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, to be envied) is everyone who fears, reveres, {and} worships the Lord, who walks in His ways {and} lives according to His commandments.
Ps 128:2 For you shall eat [the fruit] of the labor of your hands; happy (blessed, fortunate, enviable) shall you be, and it shall be well with you.
Ps 128:3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the innermost parts of your house; your children shall be like olive plants round about your table.
Ps 128:4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who reverently {and} worshipfully fears the Lord.
Ps 128:5 May the Lord bless you out of Zion [His sanctuary], and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life;
Ps 128:6 Yes, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!
Ps 129:1 MANY A time {and} much have they afflicted me from my youth up--let Israel now say--
Ps 129:2 Many a time {and} much have they afflicted me from my youth up, yet they have not prevailed against me.
Ps 129:3 The plowers plowed upon my back; they made long their furrows.
Ps 129:4 The Lord is [uncompromisingly] righteous; He has cut asunder the thick cords by which the wicked [enslaved us].
Ps 129:5 Let them all be put to shame and turned backward who hate Zion.
Ps 129:6 Let them be as the grass upon the housetops, which withers before it grows up,
Ps 129:7 With which the mower fills not his hand, nor the binder of sheaves his bosom--
Ps 129:8 While those who go by do not say, The blessing of the Lord be upon you! We bless you in the name of the Lord!
Ps 130:1 OUT OF the depths have I cried to You, O Lord.
Ps 130:2 Lord, hear my voice; let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.
Ps 130:3 If You, Lord, should keep account of {and} treat [us according to our] sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Ps 130:4 But there is forgiveness with You [just what man needs], that You may be reverently feared {and} worshiped.

Ps 130:5 I wait for the Lord, I expectantly wait, and in His word do I hope.
Ps 130:6 I am looking {and} waiting for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, I say, more than watchmen for the morning.
Ps 130:7 O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is mercy {and} loving-kindness, and with Him is plenteous redemption.
Ps 130:8 And He will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.
Ps 131:1 LORD, MY heart is not haughty, nor my eyes lofty; neither do I exercise myself in matters too great or in things too wonderful for me.
Ps 131:2 Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with his mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me [ceased from fretting].
Ps 131:3 O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forever.
Ps 132:1 LORD, [earnestly] remember to David's credit all his humiliations {and} hardships {and} endurance--
Ps 132:2 How he swore to the Lord and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob:
Ps 132:3 Surely I will not enter my dwelling house or get into my bed--
Ps 132:4 I will not permit my eyes to sleep {or} my eyelids to slumber,
Ps 132:5 Until I have found a place for the Lord, a habitation for the Mighty One of Jacob.
Ps 132:6 Behold, at Ephratah we [first] heard of [the discovered ark]; we found it in the fields of the wood [at Kiriath-jearim].
Ps 132:7 Let us go into His tabernacle; let us worship at His footstool.
Ps 132:8 Arise, O Lord, to Your resting-place, You and the ark [the symbol] of Your strength.
Ps 132:9 Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness (right living and right standing with God); and let Your saints shout for joy!
Ps 132:10 For Your servant David's sake, turn not away the face of Your anointed {and} reject not Your own king.
Ps 132:11 The Lord swore to David in truth; He will not turn back from it: One of the fruit of your body I will set upon your throne.
Ps 132:12 If your children will keep My covenant and My testimony that I shall teach them, their children also shall sit upon your throne forever.
Ps 132:13 For the Lord has chosen Zion, He has desired it for His habitation:
Ps 132:14 This is My resting-place forever [says the Lord]; here will I dwell, for I have desired it.
Ps 132:15 I will surely {and} abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread.
Ps 132:16 Her priests also will I clothe with salvation, and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
Ps 132:17 There will I make a horn spring forth {and} bud for David; I have ordained {and} prepared a lamp for My anointed [fulfilling the promises of old].
Ps 132:18 His enemies will I clothe with shame, but upon himself shall his crown flourish.
Ps 133:1 BEHOLD, HOW good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
Ps 133:2 It is like the precious ointment poured on the head, that ran down on the beard, even the beard of Aaron [the first high priest], that came down upon the collar {and} skirts of his garments [consecrating the whole body].
Ps 133:3 It is like the dew of [lofty] Mount Hermon and the dew that comes on the hills of Zion; for there the Lord has commanded the blessing, even life forevermore [upon the high and the lowly].
Ps 134:1 BEHOLD, BLESS (affectionately and gratefully praise) the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, [singers] who by night stand in the house of the Lord.
Ps 134:2 Lift up your hands in holiness {and} to the sanctuary and bless the Lord [affectionately and gratefully praise Him]!
Ps 134:3 The Lord bless you out of Zion, even He Who made heaven and earth.
Ps 135:1 PRAISE THE Lord! (Hallelujah!) Praise the name of the Lord; praise Him, O you servants of the Lord!
Ps 135:2 You who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God,
Ps 135:3 Praise the Lord! For the Lord is good; sing praises to His name, for He is gracious {and} lovely!
Ps 135:4 For the Lord has chosen [the descendants of] Jacob for Himself, Israel for His peculiar possession {and} treasure.
Ps 135:5 For I know that the Lord is great and that our Lord is above all gods.
Ps 135:6 Whatever the Lord pleases, that has He done in the heavens and on earth, in the seas and all deeps--
Ps 135:7 Who causes the vapors to arise from the ends of the earth, Who makes lightnings for the rain, Who brings the wind out of His storehouses;
Ps 135:8 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast;

Ps 135:9 Who sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh and all his servants;
Ps 135:10 Who smote nations many {and} great and slew mighty kings--
Ps 135:11 Sihon king of the Amorites, Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan.
Ps 135:12 [The Lord] gave their land as a heritage, a heritage to Israel His people.
Ps 135:13 Your name, O Lord, endures forever, Your fame, O Lord, throughout all ages.
Ps 135:14 For the Lord will judge {and} vindicate His people, and He will delay His judgments [manifesting His righteousness and mercy] {and} take into favor His servants [those who meet His terms of separation unto Him].
Ps 135:15 The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
Ps 135:16 [Idols] have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not;
Ps 135:17 They have ears, but they hear not, nor is there any breath in their mouths.
Ps 135:18 Those who make [idols] are like them; so is everyone who trusts in {and} relies on them.
Ps 135:19 Bless (affectionately and gratefully praise) the Lord, O house of Israel; bless the Lord, O house of Aaron [God's ministers].
Ps 135:20 Bless the Lord, O house of Levi [the dedicated tribe]; you who reverently {and} worshipfully fear the Lord, bless the Lord [affectionately and gratefully praise Him]!
Ps 135:21 Blessed out of Zion be the Lord, Who dwells [with us] at Jerusalem! Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)
Ps 136:1 O GIVE thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever.
Ps 136:2 O give thanks to the God of gods, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever.
Ps 136:3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever--
Ps 136:4 To Him Who alone does great wonders, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever;
Ps 136:5 To Him Who by wisdom {and} understanding made the heavens, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever;
Ps 136:6 To Him Who stretched out the earth upon the waters, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever;
Ps 136:7 To Him Who made the great lights, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever--
Ps 136:8 The sun to rule over the day, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever;
Ps 136:9 The moon and stars to rule by night, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever;
Ps 136:10 To Him Who smote Egypt in their firstborn, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever;
Ps 136:11 And brought out Israel from among them, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever;
Ps 136:12 With a strong hand and with an outstretched arm, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever;
Ps 136:13 To Him Who divided the Red Sea into parts, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever;
Ps 136:14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever;
Ps 136:15 But shook off {and} overthrew Pharaoh and his host into the Red Sea, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever;
Ps 136:16 To Him Who led His people through the wilderness, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever;
Ps 136:17 To Him Who smote great kings, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever;
Ps 136:18 And slew famous kings, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever--
Ps 136:19 Sihon king of the Amorites, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever;
Ps 136:20 And Og king of Bashan, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever;
Ps 136:21 And gave their land as a heritage, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever;
Ps 136:22 Even a heritage to Israel His servant, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever;
Ps 136:23 To Him Who [earnestly] remembered us in our low estate {and} imprinted us [on His heart], for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever;
Ps 136:24 And rescued us from our enemies, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever;
Ps 136:25 To Him Who gives food to all flesh, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever;
Ps 136:26 O give thanks to the God of heaven, for His mercy {and} loving-kindness endure forever!
Ps 137:1 BY THE rivers of Babylon, there we [captives] sat down, yes, we wept when we [earnestly] remembered Zion [the city of our God imprinted on our hearts].
Ps 137:2 On the willow trees in the midst of [Babylon] we hung our harps.
Ps 137:3 For there they who led us captive required of us a song with words, and our tormentors {and} they who wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.
Ps 137:4 How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?
Ps 137:5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill [with the harp].
Ps 137:6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I remember you not, if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy!

Ps 137:7 Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites, that they said in the day of Jerusalem's fall, Down, down to the ground with her!
Ps 137:8 O Daughter of Babylon [you devastator, you!], who [ought to be and] shall be destroyed, happy {and} blessed shall he be who requites you as you have served us.
Ps 137:9 Happy {and} blessed shall he be who takes and dashes your little ones against the rock!
Ps 138:1 I WILL confess {and} praise You [O God] with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing praises to You.
Ps 138:2 I will worship toward Your holy temple and praise Your name for Your loving-kindness and for Your truth {and} faithfulness; for You have exalted above all else Your name and Your word {and} You have magnified Your word above all Your name!
Ps 138:3 In the day when I called, You answered me; and You strengthened me with strength (might and inflexibility to temptation) in my inner self.
Ps 138:4 All the kings of the land shall give You credit {and} praise You, O Lord, for they have heard of the promises of Your mouth [which were fulfilled].
Ps 138:5 Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord {and} joyfully celebrate His mighty acts, for great is the glory of the Lord.
Ps 138:6 For though the Lord is high, yet has He respect to the lowly [bringing them into fellowship with Him]; but the proud {and} haughty He knows {and} recognizes [only] at a distance.
Ps 138:7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand will save me.
Ps 138:8 The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy {and} loving-kindness, O Lord, endure forever--forsake not the works of Your own hands.
Ps 139:1 O LORD, you have searched me [thoroughly] and have known me.
Ps 139:2 You know my downsitting and my uprising; You understand my thought afar off.
Ps 139:3 You sift {and} search out my path and my lying down, and You are acquainted with all my ways.
Ps 139:4 For there is not a word in my tongue [still unuttered], but, behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.
Ps 139:5 You have beset me {and} shut me in--behind and before, and You have laid Your hand upon me.
Ps 139:6 Your [infinite] knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high above me, I cannot reach it.
Ps 139:7 Where could I go from Your Spirit? Or where could I flee from Your presence?
Ps 139:8 If I ascend up into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol (the place of the dead), behold, You are there.
Ps 139:9 If I take the wings of the morning or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Ps 139:10 Even there shall Your hand lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.
Ps 139:11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me and the night shall be [the only] light about me,
Ps 139:12 Even the darkness hides nothing from You, but the night shines as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to You.
Ps 139:13 For You did form my inward parts; You did knit me together in my mother's womb.
Ps 139:14 I will confess {and} praise You {for You are fearful and wonderful and} for the awful wonder of my birth! Wonderful are Your works, and that my inner self knows right well.
Ps 139:15 My frame was not hidden from You when I was being formed in secret [and] intricately {and} curiously wrought [as if embroidered with various colors] in the depths of the earth [a region of darkness and mystery].
Ps 139:16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in Your book all the days [of my life] were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them.
Ps 139:17 How precious {and} weighty also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
Ps 139:18 If I could count them, they would be more in number than the sand. When I awoke, [could I count to the end] I would still be with You.
Ps 139:19 If You would [only] slay the wicked, O God, and the men of blood depart from me--
Ps 139:20 Who speak against You wickedly, Your enemies who take Your name in vain!
Ps 139:21 Do I not hate them, O Lord, who hate You? And am I not grieved {and} do I not loathe those who rise up against You?
Ps 139:22 I hate them with perfect hatred; they have become my enemies.
Ps 139:23 Search me [thoroughly], O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
Ps 139:24 And see if there is any wicked {or} hurtful way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
Ps 140:1 DELIVER ME, O Lord, from evil men; preserve me from violent men;
Ps 140:2 They devise mischiefs in their heart; continually they gather together {and} stir up wars.

Ps 140:3 They sharpen their tongues like a serpent's; adders' poison is under their lips. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 140:4 Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent men who have purposed to thrust aside my steps.
Ps 140:5 The proud have hidden a snare for me; they have spread cords as a net by the wayside, they have set traps for me. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 140:6 I said to the Lord, You are my God; give ear to the voice of my supplications, O Lord.
Ps 140:7 O God the Lord, the Strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle.
Ps 140:8 Grant not, O Lord, the desires of the wicked; further not their wicked plot {and} device, lest they exalt themselves. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 140:9 Those who are fencing me in raise their heads; may the mischief of their own lips {and} the very things they desire for me come upon them.
Ps 140:10 Let burning coals fall upon them; let them be cast into the fire, into floods of water {or} deep water pits, from which they shall not rise.
Ps 140:11 Let not a man of slanderous tongue be established in the earth; let evil hunt the violent man to overthrow him [let calamity follow his evildoings].
Ps 140:12 I know {and} rest in confidence upon it that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and will secure justice for the poor {and} needy [of His believing children].
Ps 140:13 Surely the [uncompromisingly] righteous shall give thanks to Your name; the upright shall dwell in Your presence (before Your very face).
Ps 141:1 LORD, I call upon You; hasten to me. Give ear to my voice when I cry to You.
Ps 141:2 Let my prayer be set forth as incense before You, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
Ps 141:3 Set a guard, O Lord, before my mouth; keep watch at the door of my lips.
Ps 141:4 Incline my heart not to submit {or} consent to any evil thing or to be occupied in deeds of wickedness with men who work iniquity; and let me not eat of their dainties.
Ps 141:5 Let the righteous man smite and correct me--it is a kindness. Oil so choice let not my head refuse {or} discourage; for even in their evils {or} calamities shall my prayer continue.
Ps 141:6 When their rulers are overthrown in stony places, [their followers] shall hear my words, that they are sweet (pleasant, mild, and just).
Ps 141:7 The unburied bones [of slaughtered rulers] shall lie scattered at the mouth of Sheol, [as unregarded] as the lumps of soil behind the plowman when he breaks open the ground.
Ps 141:8 But my eyes are toward You, O God the Lord; in You do I trust {and} take refuge; pour not out my life {nor} leave it destitute {and} bare.
Ps 141:9 Keep me from the trap which they have laid for me, and the snares of evildoers.
Ps 141:10 Let the wicked fall together into their own nets, while I pass over them {and} escape.
Ps 142:1 I CRY to the Lord with my voice; with my voice to the Lord do I make supplication.
Ps 142:2 I pour out my complaint before Him; I tell before Him my trouble.
Ps 142:3 When my spirit was overwhelmed {and} fainted [throwing all its weight] upon me, then You knew my path. In the way where I walk they have hidden a snare for me.
Ps 142:4 Look on the right hand [the point of attack] and see; for there is no man who knows me [to appear for me]. Refuge has failed me {and} I have no way to flee; no man cares for my life {or} my welfare.
Ps 142:5 I cried to You, O Lord; I said, You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.
Ps 142:6 Attend to my loud cry, for I am brought very low; deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I.
Ps 142:7 Bring my life out of prison, that I may confess, praise, {and} give thanks to Your name; the righteous will surround me {and} crown themselves because of me, for You will deal bountifully with me.
Ps 143:1 HEAR MY prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, and in Your righteousness.
Ps 143:2 And enter not into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no man living is [in himself] righteous {or} justified.
Ps 143:3 For the enemy has pursued {and} persecuted my soul, he has crushed my life down to the ground; he has made me to dwell in dark places as those who have been long dead.
Ps 143:4 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed {and} faints within me [wrapped in gloom]; my heart within my bosom grows numb.

Ps 143:5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your doings; I ponder the work of Your hands.
Ps 143:6 I spread forth my hands to You; my soul thirsts after You like a thirsty land [for water]. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Ps 143:7 Answer me speedily, O Lord, for my spirit fails; hide not Your face from me, lest I become like those who go down into the pit (the grave).
Ps 143:8 Cause me to hear Your loving-kindness in the morning, for on You do I lean {and} in You do I trust. Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my inner self to You.
Ps 143:9 Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies; I flee to You to hide me.
Ps 143:10 Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; let Your good Spirit lead me into a level country {and} into the land of uprightness.
Ps 143:11 Save my life, O Lord, for Your name's sake; in Your righteousness, bring my life out of trouble {and} free me from distress.
Ps 143:12 And in your mercy {and} loving-kindness, cut off my enemies and destroy all those who afflict my inner self, for I am Your servant.
Ps 144:1 BLESSED BE the Lord, my Rock {and} my keen {and} firm Strength, Who teaches my hands to war and my fingers to fight--
Ps 144:2 My Steadfast Love and my Fortress, my High Tower and my Deliverer, my Shield and He in Whom I trust {and} take refuge, Who subdues my people under me.
Ps 144:3 Lord, what is man that You take notice of him? Or [the] son of man that You take account of him?
Ps 144:4 Man is like vanity {and} a breath; his days are as a shadow that passes away.
Ps 144:5 Bow Your heavens, O Lord, and come down; touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
Ps 144:6 Cast forth lightning and scatter [my enemies]; send out Your arrows and embarrass {and} frustrate them.
Ps 144:7 Stretch forth Your hand from above; rescue me and deliver me out of great waters, from the hands of hostile aliens (tribes around us)
Ps 144:8 Whose mouths speak deceit and whose right hands are right hands [raised in taking] fraudulent oaths.
Ps 144:9 I will sing a new song to You, O God; upon a harp, an instrument of ten strings, will I offer praises to You.
Ps 144:10 You are He Who gives salvation to kings, Who rescues David His servant from the hurtful sword [of evil].
Ps 144:11 Rescue me and deliver me out of the power of [hostile] alien [tribes] whose mouths speak deceit and whose right hands are right hands [raised in taking] fraudulent oaths.
Ps 144:12 When our sons shall be as plants grown large in their youth {and} our daughters as sculptured corner pillars hewn like those of a palace;
Ps 144:13 When our garners are full, affording all manner of store, and our sheep bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our pastures;
Ps 144:14 When our oxen are well loaded; when there is no invasion [of hostile armies] and no going forth [against besiegers--when there is no murder or manslaughter] and no outcry in our streets;
Ps 144:15 Happy {and} blessed are the people who are in such a case; yes, happy (blessed, fortunate, prosperous, to be envied) are the people whose God is the Lord!
Ps 145:1 I WILL extol You, my God, O King; and I will bless Your name forever and ever [with grateful, affectionate praise].
Ps 145:2 Every day [with its new reasons] will I bless You [affectionately and gratefully praise You]; yes, I will praise Your name forever and ever.
Ps 145:3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; and His greatness is [so vast and deep as to be] unsearchable.
Ps 145:4 One generation shall laud Your works to another and shall declare Your mighty acts.
Ps 145:5 On the glorious splendor of Your majesty and on Your wondrous works I will meditate.
Ps 145:6 Men shall speak of the might of Your tremendous {and} terrible acts, and I will declare Your greatness.
Ps 145:7 They shall pour forth [like a fountain] the fame of Your great {and} abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of Your rightness {and} justice.
Ps 145:8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in mercy {and} loving-kindness.
Ps 145:9 The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works [the entirety of things created].
Ps 145:10 All Your works shall praise You, O Lord, and Your loving ones shall bless You [affectionately and gratefully shall Your saints confess and praise You]!
Ps 145:11 They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and talk of Your power,
Ps 145:12 To make known to the sons of men God's mighty deeds and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.
Ps 145:13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Ps 145:14 The Lord upholds all those [of His own] who are falling and raises up all those who are bowed down.
Ps 145:15 The eyes of all wait for You [looking, watching, and expecting] and You give them their food in due season.
Ps 145:16 You open Your hand and satisfy every living thing with favor.
Ps 145:17 The Lord is [rigidly] righteous in all His ways and gracious {and} merciful in all His works.
Ps 145:18 The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him sincerely {and} in truth.
Ps 145:19 He will fulfill the desires of those who reverently {and} worshipfully fear Him; He also will hear their cry and will save them.
Ps 145:20 The Lord preserves all those who love Him, but all the wicked will He destroy.
Ps 145:21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; and let all flesh bless (affectionately and gratefully praise) His holy name forever and ever.
Ps 146:1 PRAISE THE Lord! (Hallelujah!) Praise the Lord, O my soul!
Ps 146:2 While I live will I praise the Lord; I will sing praises to my God while I have any being.
Ps 146:3 Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no help.
Ps 146:4 When his breath leaves him, he returns to his earth; in that very day his [previous] thoughts, plans, {and} purposes perish.
Ps 146:5 Happy (blessed, fortunate, enviable) is he who has the God of [special revelation to] Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God,
Ps 146:6 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, Who keeps truth {and} is faithful forever,
Ps 146:7 Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets free the prisoners,
Ps 146:8 The Lord opens the eyes of the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the [uncompromisingly] righteous (those upright in heart and in right standing with Him).
Ps 146:9 The Lord protects {and} preserves the strangers {and} temporary residents, He upholds the fatherless and the widow {and} sets them upright, but the way of the wicked He makes crooked (turns upside down and brings to ruin).
Ps 146:10 The Lord shall reign forever, even Your God, O Zion, from generation to generation. Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)
Ps 147:1 PRAISE THE Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God, for He is gracious {and} lovely; praise is becoming {and} appropriate.
Ps 147:2 The Lord is building up Jerusalem; He is gathering together the exiles of Israel.
Ps 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds [curing their pains and their sorrows].
Ps 147:4 He determines {and} counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by their names.
Ps 147:5 Great is our Lord and of great power; His understanding is inexhaustible {and} boundless.
Ps 147:6 The Lord lifts up the humble {and} downtrodden; He casts the wicked down to the ground.
Ps 147:7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praises with the harp {or} the lyre to our God!--
Ps 147:8 Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who prepares rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the mountains.
Ps 147:9 He gives to the beast his food, and to the young ravens that for which they cry.
Ps 147:10 He delights not in the strength of the horse, nor does He take pleasure in the legs of a man.
Ps 147:11 The Lord takes pleasure in those who reverently {and} worshipfully fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy {and} loving-kindness.
Ps 147:12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!
Ps 147:13 For He has strengthened and made hard the bars of your gates, and He has blessed your children within you.
Ps 147:14 He makes peace in your borders; He fills you with the finest of the wheat.
Ps 147:15 He sends forth His commandment to the earth; His word runs very swiftly.
Ps 147:16 He gives [to the earth] snow like [a blanket of] wool; He scatters the hoarfrost like ashes.
Ps 147:17 He casts forth His ice like crumbs; who can stand before His cold?
Ps 147:18 He sends out His word, and melts [ice and snow]; He causes His wind to blow, and the waters flow.
Ps 147:19 He declares His word to Jacob, His statutes and His ordinances to Israel.
Ps 147:20 He has not dealt so with any [other] nation; they have not known (understood, appreciated, given heed to, and cherished) His ordinances. Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)
Ps 148:1 PRAISE THE Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the heights!
Ps 148:2 Praise Him, all His angels, praise Him, all His hosts!
Ps 148:3 Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you stars of light!
Ps 148:4 Praise Him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!

Ps 148:5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created.
Ps 148:6 He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away [He fixed their bounds which cannot be passed over].
Ps 148:7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps!
Ps 148:8 You lightning, hail, fog, {and} frost, you stormy wind fulfilling His orders!
Ps 148:9 Mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars!
Ps 148:10 Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
Ps 148:11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers {and} judges of the earth!
Ps 148:12 Both young men and maidens, old men and children!
Ps 148:13 Let them praise {and} exalt the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted {and} supreme! His glory {and} majesty are above earth and heaven!
Ps 148:14 He has lifted up a horn for His people [giving them power, prosperity, dignity, and preeminence], a song of praise for all His godly ones, for the people of Israel, who are near to Him. Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)
Ps 149:1 PRAISE THE Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, praise Him in the assembly of His saints!
Ps 149:2 Let Israel rejoice in Him, their Maker; let Zion's children triumph {and} be joyful in their King!
Ps 149:3 Let them praise His name in chorus {and} choir {and} with the [single or group] dance; let them sing praises to Him with the tambourine and lyre!
Ps 149:4 For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation {and} adorn the wretched with victory.
Ps 149:5 Let the saints be joyful in the glory {and} beauty [which God confers upon them]; let them sing for joy upon their beds.
Ps 149:6 Let the high praises of God be in their throats and a two-edged sword in their hands,
Ps 149:7 To wreak vengeance upon the nations and chastisement upon the peoples,
Ps 149:8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron,
Ps 149:9 To execute upon them the judgment written. He [the Lord] is the honor of all His saints. Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)
Ps 150:1 PRAISE THE Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in the heavens of His power!
Ps 150:2 Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to the abundance of His greatness!
Ps 150:3 Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp!
Ps 150:4 Praise Him with tambourine and [single or group] dance; praise Him with stringed and wind instruments {or} flutes!
Ps 150:5 Praise Him with resounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!
Ps 150:6 Let everything that has breath {and} every breath of life praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)
Prov 1:1 THE PROVERBS (truths obscurely expressed, maxims, and parables) of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:
Prov 1:2 That people may know skillful {and} godly Wisdom and instruction, discern {and} comprehend the words of understanding {and} insight,
Prov 1:3 Receive instruction in wise dealing {and} the discipline of wise thoughtfulness, righteousness, justice, and integrity,
Prov 1:4 That prudence may be given to the simple, and knowledge, discretion, {and} discernment to the youth--
Prov 1:5 The wise also will hear and increase in learning, and the person of understanding will acquire skill {and} attain to sound counsel [so that he may be able to steer his course rightly]--
Prov 1:6 That people may understand a proverb and a figure of speech {or} an enigma with its interpretation, and the words of the wise and their dark sayings {or} riddles.
Prov 1:7 The reverent {and} worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning {and} the principal {and} choice part of knowledge [its starting point and its essence]; but fools despise skillful {and} godly Wisdom, instruction, {and} discipline.
Prov 1:8 My son, hear the instruction of your father; reject not {nor} forsake the teaching of your mother.
Prov 1:9 For they are a [victor's] chaplet (garland) of grace upon your head and chains {and} pendants [of gold worn by kings] for your neck.
Prov 1:10 My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.
Prov 1:11 If they say, Come with us; let us lie in wait [to shed] blood, let us ambush the innocent without cause [and show that his piety is in vain];
Prov 1:12 Let us swallow them up alive as does Sheol (the place of the dead), and whole, as those who go down into

the pit [of the dead];
Prov 1:13 We shall find {and} take all kinds of precious goods [when our victims are put out of the way], we shall fill our houses with plunder;
Prov 1:14 Throw in your lot with us [they insist] {and} be a sworn brother {and} comrade; let us all have one purse in common--
Prov 1:15 My son, do not walk in the way with them; restrain your foot from their path;
Prov 1:16 For their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood.
Prov 1:17 For in vain is the net spread in the sight of any bird!
Prov 1:18 But [when these men set a trap for others] they are lying in wait for their own blood; they set an ambush for their own lives.
Prov 1:19 So are the ways of everyone who is greedy of gain; such [greed for plunder] takes away the lives of its possessors.
Prov 1:20 Wisdom cries aloud in the street, she raises her voice in the markets;
Prov 1:21 She cries at the head of the noisy intersections [in the chief gathering places]; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
Prov 1:22 How long, O simple ones [open to evil], will you love being simple? And the scoffers delight in scoffing and [self-confident] fools hate knowledge?
Prov 1:23 If you will turn (repent) {and} give heed to my reproof, behold, I [Wisdom] will pour out my spirit upon you, I will make my words known to you.
Prov 1:24 Because I have called and you have refused [to answer], have stretched out my hand and no man has heeded it,
Prov 1:25 And you treated as nothing all my counsel and would accept none of my reproof,
Prov 1:26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when the thing comes that shall cause you terror {and} panic--
Prov 1:27 When your panic comes as a storm {and} desolation and your calamity comes on as a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.
Prov 1:28 Then will they call upon me [Wisdom] but I will not answer; they will seek me early {and} diligently but they will not find me.
Prov 1:29 Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the reverent {and} worshipful fear of the Lord,
Prov 1:30 Would accept none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,
Prov 1:31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way and be satiated with their own devices.
Prov 1:32 For the backsliding of the simple shall slay them, and the careless ease of [self-confident] fools shall destroy them.
Prov 1:33 But whoso hearkens to me [Wisdom] shall dwell securely {and} in confident trust and shall be quiet, without fear {or} dread of evil.
Prov 2:1 MY SON, if you will receive my words and treasure up my commandments within you,
Prov 2:2 Making your ear attentive to skillful {and} godly Wisdom {and} inclining and directing your heart {and} mind to understanding [applying all your powers to the quest for it];
Prov 2:3 Yes, if you cry out for insight and raise your voice for understanding,
Prov 2:4 If you seek [Wisdom] as for silver and search for skillful {and} godly Wisdom as for hidden treasures,
Prov 2:5 Then you will understand the reverent {and} worshipful fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of [our omniscient] God.
Prov 2:6 For the Lord gives skillful {and} godly Wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.
Prov 2:7 He hides away sound {and} godly Wisdom {and} stores it for the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with Him); He is a shield to those who walk uprightly {and} in integrity,
Prov 2:8 That He may guard the paths of justice; yes, He preserves the way of His saints.
Prov 2:9 Then you will understand righteousness, justice, and fair dealing [in every area and relation]; yes, you will understand every good path.
Prov 2:10 For skillful {and} godly Wisdom shall enter into your heart, and knowledge shall be pleasant to you.
Prov 2:11 Discretion shall watch over you, understanding shall keep you,
Prov 2:12 To deliver you from the way of evil {and} the evil men, from men who speak perverse things {and} are liars,
Prov 2:13 Men who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness,
Prov 2:14 Who rejoice to do evil and delight in the perverseness of evil,

Prov 2:15 Who are crooked in their ways, wayward {and} devious in their paths.
Prov 2:16 [Discretion shall watch over you, understanding shall keep you] to deliver you from the alien woman, from the outsider with her flattering words,
Prov 2:17 Who forsakes the husband {and} guide of her youth and forgets the covenant of her God.
Prov 2:18 For her house sinks down to death and her paths to the spirits [of the dead].
Prov 2:19 None who go to her return again, neither do they attain {or} regain the paths of life.
Prov 2:20 So may you walk in the way of good men, and keep to the paths of the [consistently] righteous (the upright, in right standing with God).
Prov 2:21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the men of integrity, blameless {and} complete [in God's sight], shall remain in it;
Prov 2:22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the treacherous shall be rooted out of it.
Prov 3:1 MY SON, forget not my law {or} teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments;
Prov 3:2 For length of days and years of a life [worth living] and tranquility [inward and outward and continuing through old age till death], these shall they add to you.
Prov 3:3 Let not mercy and kindness [shutting out all hatred and selfishness] and truth [shutting out all deliberate hypocrisy or falsehood] forsake you; bind them about your neck, write them upon the tablet of your heart.
Prov 3:4 So shall you find favor, good understanding, {and} high esteem in the sight [or judgment] of God and man.
Prov 3:5 Lean on, trust in, {and} be confident in the Lord with all your heart {and} mind and do not rely on your own insight {or} understanding.
Prov 3:6 In all your ways know, recognize, {and} acknowledge Him, and He will direct {and} make straight {and} plain your paths.
Prov 3:7 Be not wise in your own eyes; reverently fear {and} worship the Lord and turn [entirely] away from evil.
Prov 3:8 It shall be health to your nerves {and} sinews, and marrow {and} moistening to your bones.
Prov 3:9 Honor the Lord with your capital {and} sufficiency [from righteous labors] and with the firstfruits of all your income;
Prov 3:10 So shall your storage places be filled with plenty, and your vats shall be overflowing with new wine.
Prov 3:11 My son, do not despise {or} shrink from the chastening of the Lord [His correction by punishment or by subjection to suffering or trial]; neither be weary of {or} impatient about {or} loathe {or} abhor His reproof,
Prov 3:12 For whom the Lord loves He corrects, even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights.
Prov 3:13 Happy (blessed, fortunate, enviable) is the man who finds skillful {and} godly Wisdom, and the man who gets understanding [drawing it forth from God's Word and life's experiences],
Prov 3:14 For the gaining of it is better than the gaining of silver, and the profit of it better than fine gold.
Prov 3:15 Skillful {and} godly Wisdom is more precious than rubies; and nothing you can wish for is to be compared to her.
Prov 3:16 Length of days is in her right hand, and in her left hand are riches and honor.
Prov 3:17 Her ways are highways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.
Prov 3:18 She is a tree of life to those who lay hold on her; and happy (blessed, fortunate, to be envied) is everyone who holds her fast.
Prov 3:19 The Lord by skillful {and} godly Wisdom has founded the earth; by understanding He has established the heavens.
Prov 3:20 By His knowledge the deeps were broken up, and the skies distill the dew.
Prov 3:21 My son, let them not escape from your sight, but keep sound {and} godly Wisdom and discretion,
Prov 3:22 And they will be life to your inner self, and a gracious ornament to your neck (your outer self).
Prov 3:23 Then you will walk in your way securely {and} in confident trust, and you shall not dash your foot {or} stumble.
Prov 3:24 When you lie down, you shall not be afraid; yes, you shall lie down, and your sleep shall be sweet.
Prov 3:25 Be not afraid of sudden terror {and} panic, nor of the stormy blast {or} the storm and ruin of the wicked when it comes [for you will be guiltless],
Prov 3:26 For the Lord shall be your confidence, firm {and} strong, and shall keep your foot from being caught [in a trap or some hidden danger].
Prov 3:27 Withhold not good from those to whom it is due [its rightful owners], when it is in the power of your hand to do it.
Prov 3:28 Do not say to your neighbor, Go, and come again; and tomorrow I will give it--when you have it with you.
Prov 3:29 Do not contrive {or} dig up {or} cultivate evil against your neighbor, who dwells trustingly {and}

confidently beside you.
Prov 3:30 Contend not with a man for no reason--when he has done you no wrong.
Prov 3:31 Do not resentfully envy {and} be jealous of an unscrupulous, grasping man, and choose none of his ways.
Prov 3:32 For the perverse are an abomination [extremely disgusting and detestable] to the Lord; but His confidential communion {and} secret counsel are with the [uncompromisingly] righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with Him).
Prov 3:33 The curse of the Lord is in {and} on the house of the wicked, but He declares blessed (joyful and favored with blessings) the home of the just {and} consistently righteous.
Prov 3:34 Though He scoffs at the scoffers {and} scorns the scorners, yet He gives His undeserved favor to the low [in rank], the humble, {and} the afflicted.
Prov 3:35 The wise shall inherit glory (all honor and good) but shame is the highest rank conferred on [self-confident] fools.
Prov 4:1 HEAR, MY sons, the instruction of a father, and pay attention in order to gain {and} to know intelligent discernment, comprehension, {and} interpretation [of spiritual matters].
Prov 4:2 For I give you good doctrine [what is to be received]; do not forsake my teaching.
Prov 4:3 When I [Solomon] was a son with my father [David], tender and the only son in the sight of my mother [Bathsheba],
Prov 4:4 He taught me and said to me, Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments and live.
Prov 4:5 Get skillful {and} godly Wisdom, get understanding (discernment, comprehension, and interpretation); do not forget and do not turn back from the words of my mouth.
Prov 4:6 Forsake not [Wisdom], and she will keep, defend, {and} protect you; love her, and she will guard you.
Prov 4:7 The beginning of Wisdom is: get Wisdom (skillful and godly Wisdom)! [For skillful {and} godly Wisdom is the principal thing.] And with all you have gotten, get understanding (discernment, comprehension, and interpretation).
Prov 4:8 Prize Wisdom highly {and} exalt her, and she will exalt {and} promote you; she will bring you to honor when you embrace her.
Prov 4:9 She shall give to your head a wreath of gracefulness; a crown of beauty {and} glory will she deliver to you.
Prov 4:10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings, and the years of your life shall be many.
Prov 4:11 I have taught you in the way of skillful {and} godly Wisdom [which is comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God]; I have led you in paths of uprightness.
Prov 4:12 When you walk, your steps shall not be hampered [your path will be clear and open]; and when you run, you shall not stumble.
Prov 4:13 Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; guard her, for she is your life.
Prov 4:14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.
Prov 4:15 Avoid it, do not go on it; turn from it and pass on.
Prov 4:16 For they cannot sleep unless they have caused trouble {or} vexation; their sleep is taken away unless they have caused someone to fall.
Prov 4:17 For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.
Prov 4:18 But the path of the [uncompromisingly] just {and} righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines more and more (brighter and clearer) until [it reaches its full strength and glory in] the perfect day [to be prepared].
Prov 4:19 The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble.
Prov 4:20 My son, attend to my words; consent {and} submit to my sayings.
Prov 4:21 Let them not depart from your sight; keep them in the center of your heart.
Prov 4:22 For they are life to those who find them, healing {and} health to all their flesh.
Prov 4:23 Keep {and} guard your heart with all vigilance {and} above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life.
Prov 4:24 Put away from you false {and} dishonest speech, and willful {and} contrary talk put far from you.
Prov 4:25 Let your eyes look right on [with fixed purpose], and let your gaze be straight before you.
Prov 4:26 Consider well the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established {and} ordered aright.
Prov 4:27 Turn not aside to the right hand or to the left; remove your foot from evil.
Prov 5:1 MY SON, be attentive to my Wisdom [godly Wisdom learned by actual and costly experience], and incline your ear to my understanding [of what is becoming and prudent for you],
Prov 5:2 That you may exercise proper discrimination {and} discretion and your lips may guard {and} keep knowledge {and} the wise answer [to temptation].
Prov 5:3 For the lips of a loose woman drip honey as a honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil;

Prov 5:4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged {and} devouring sword.
Prov 5:5 Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold of Sheol (Hades, the place of the dead).
Prov 5:6 She loses sight of {and} walks not in the path of life; her ways wind about aimlessly, and you cannot know them.
Prov 5:7 Now therefore, my sons, listen to me, and depart not from the words of my mouth.
Prov 5:8 Let your way in life be far from her, and come not near the door of her house [avoid the very scenes of temptation],
Prov 5:9 Lest you give your honor to others and your years to those without mercy,
Prov 5:10 Lest strangers [and false teachings] take their fill of your strength {and} wealth and your labors go to the house of an alien [from God]--
Prov 5:11 And you groan {and} mourn when your end comes, when your flesh and body are consumed,
Prov 5:12 And you say, How I hated instruction {and} discipline, and my heart despised reproof!
Prov 5:13 I have not obeyed the voice of my teachers nor submitted {and} consented to those who instructed me.
Prov 5:14 [The extent and boldness of] my sin involved almost all evil [in the estimation] of the congregation {and} the community.
Prov 5:15 Drink waters out of your own cistern [of a pure marriage relationship], and fresh running waters out of your own well.
Prov 5:16 Should your offspring be dispersed abroad as water brooks in the streets?
Prov 5:17 [Confine yourself to your own wife] let your children be for you alone, and not the children of strangers with you.
Prov 5:18 Let your fountain [of human life] be blessed [with the rewards of fidelity], and rejoice in the wife of your youth.
Prov 5:19 Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant doe [tender, gentle, attractive]--let her bosom satisfy you at all times, and always be transported with delight in her love.
Prov 5:20 Why should you, my son, be infatuated with a loose woman, embrace the bosom of an outsider, {and} go astray?
Prov 5:21 For the ways of man are directly before the eyes of the Lord, and He [Who would have us live soberly, chastely, and godly] carefully weighs all man's goings.
Prov 5:22 His own iniquities shall ensnare the wicked man, and he shall be held with the cords of his sin.
Prov 5:23 He will die for lack of discipline {and} instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he will go astray {and} be lost.
Prov 6:1 MY SON, if you have become security for your neighbor, if you have given your pledge for a stranger {or} another,
Prov 6:2 You are snared with the words of your lips, you are caught by the speech of your mouth.
Prov 6:3 Do this now [at once and earnestly], my son, and deliver yourself when you have put yourself into the power of your neighbor; go, bestir {and} humble yourself, and beg your neighbor [to pay his debt and thereby release you].
Prov 6:4 Give not [unnecessary] sleep to your eyes, nor slumber to your eyelids;
Prov 6:5 Deliver yourself, as a roe {or} gazelle from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.
Prov 6:6 Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider her ways and be wise!--
Prov 6:7 Which, having no chief, overseer, or ruler,
Prov 6:8 Provides her food in the summer and gathers her supplies in the harvest.
Prov 6:9 How long will you sleep, O sluggard? When will you arise out of your sleep?
Prov 6:10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to lie down {and} sleep--
Prov 6:11 So will your poverty come like a robber {or} one who travels [with slowly but surely approaching steps] and your want like an armed man [making you helpless].
Prov 6:12 A worthless person, a wicked man, is he who goes about with a perverse (contrary, wayward) mouth.
Prov 6:13 He winks with his eyes, he speaks by shuffling {or} tapping with his feet, he makes signs [to mislead and deceive] {and} teaches with his fingers.
Prov 6:14 Willful {and} contrary in his heart, he devises trouble, vexation, {and} evil continually; he lets loose discord {and} sows it.
Prov 6:15 Therefore upon him shall the crushing weight of calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken, and that without remedy.
Prov 6:16 These six things the Lord hates, indeed, seven are an abomination to Him:
Prov 6:17 A proud look [the spirit that makes one overestimate himself and underestimate others], a lying tongue, and

hands that shed innocent blood,
Prov 6:18 A heart that manufactures wicked thoughts {and} plans, feet that are swift in running to evil,
Prov 6:19 A false witness who breathes out lies [even under oath], and he who sows discord among his brethren.
Prov 6:20 My son, keep your father's [God-given] commandment and forsake not the law of [God] your mother [taught you].
Prov 6:21 Bind them continually upon your heart and tie them about your neck.
Prov 6:22 When you go, they [the words of your parents' God] shall lead you; when you sleep, they shall keep you; and when you waken, they shall talk with you.
Prov 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp, and the whole teaching [of the law] is light, and reproofs of discipline are the way of life,
Prov 6:24 To keep you from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a loose woman.
Prov 6:25 Lust not after her beauty in your heart, neither let her capture you with her eyelids.
Prov 6:26 For on account of a harlot a man is brought to a piece of bread, and the adulteress stalks {and} snares [as with a hook] the precious life [of a man].
Prov 6:27 Can a man take fire in his bosom and his clothes not be burned?
Prov 6:28 Can one go upon hot coals and his feet not be burned?
Prov 6:29 So he who cohabits with his neighbor's wife [will be tortured with evil consequences and just retribution]; he who touches her shall not be innocent {or} go unpunished.
Prov 6:30 Men do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy himself when he is hungry;
Prov 6:31 But if he is found out, he must restore seven times [what he stole]; he must give the whole substance of his house [if necessary--to meet his fine].
Prov 6:32 But whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks heart {and} understanding (moral principle and prudence); he who does it is destroying his own life.
Prov 6:33 Wounds and disgrace will he get, and his reproach will not be wiped away.
Prov 6:34 For jealousy makes [the wronged] man furious; therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance [upon the detected one].
Prov 6:35 He will not consider any ransom [offered to buy him off from demanding full punishment]; neither will he be satisfied, though you offer him many gifts {and} bribes.
Prov 7:1 MY SON, keep my words; lay up within you my commandments [for use when needed] {and} treasure them.
Prov 7:2 Keep my commandments and live, and keep my law {and} teaching as the apple (the pupil) of your eye.
Prov 7:3 Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.
Prov 7:4 Say to skillful {and} godly Wisdom, You are my sister, and regard understanding {or} insight as your intimate friend--
Prov 7:5 That they may keep you from the loose woman, from the adventuress who flatters with {and} makes smooth her words.
Prov 7:6 For at the window of my house I looked out through my lattice.
Prov 7:7 And among the simple (empty-headed and emptyhearted) ones, I perceived among the youths a young man void of good sense,
Prov 7:8 Sauntering through the street near the [loose woman's] corner; and he went the way to her house
Prov 7:9 In the twilight, in the evening; night black and dense was falling [over the young man's life].
Prov 7:10 And behold, there met him a woman, dressed as a harlot and sly {and} cunning of heart.
Prov 7:11 She is turbulent {and} willful; her feet stay not in her house;
Prov 7:12 Now in the streets, now in the marketplaces, she sets her ambush at every corner.
Prov 7:13 So she caught him and kissed him and with impudent face she said to him,
Prov 7:14 Sacrifices of peace offerings were due from me; this day I paid my vows.
Prov 7:15 So I came forth to meet you [that you might share with me the feast from my offering]; diligently I sought your face, and I have found you.
Prov 7:16 I have spread my couch with rugs {and} cushions of tapestry, with striped sheets of fine linen of Egypt.
Prov 7:17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
Prov 7:18 Come, let us take our fill of love until morning; let us console {and} delight ourselves with love.
Prov 7:19 For the man is not at home; he is gone on a long journey;
Prov 7:20 He has taken a bag of money with him and will come home at the day appointed [at the full moon].
Prov 7:21 With much justifying {and} enticing argument she persuades him, with the allurements of her lips she leads him [to overcome his conscience and his fears] {and} forces him along.

Prov 7:22 Suddenly he [yields and] follows her reluctantly like an ox moving to the slaughter, like one in fetters going to the correction [to be given] to a fool {or} {like a dog enticed by food to the muzzle}
Prov 7:23 Till a dart [of passion] pierces {and} inflames his vitals; then like a bird fluttering straight into the net [he hastens], not knowing that it will cost him his life.
Prov 7:24 Listen to me now therefore, O you sons, and be attentive to the words of my mouth.
Prov 7:25 Let not your heart incline toward her ways, do not stray into her paths.
Prov 7:26 For she has cast down many wounded; indeed, all her slain are a mighty host.
Prov 7:27 Her house is the way to Sheol (Hades, the place of the dead), going down to the chambers of death.
Prov 8:1 DOES NOT skillful {and} godly Wisdom cry out, and understanding raise her voice [in contrast to the loose woman]?
Prov 8:2 On the top of the heights beside the way, where the paths meet, stands Wisdom [skillful and godly];
Prov 8:3 At the gates at the entrance of the town, at the coming in at the doors, she cries out:
Prov 8:4 To you, O men, I call, and my voice is directed to the sons of men.
Prov 8:5 O you simple {and} thoughtless ones, understand prudence; you [self-confident] fools, be of an understanding heart.
Prov 8:6 Hear, for I will speak excellent {and} princely things; and the opening of my lips shall be for right things.
Prov 8:7 For my mouth shall utter truth, and wrongdoing is detestable {and} loathsome to my lips.
Prov 8:8 All the words of my mouth are righteous (upright and in right standing with God); there is nothing contrary to truth or crooked in them.
Prov 8:9 They are all plain to him who understands [and opens his heart], and right to those who find knowledge [and live by it].
Prov 8:10 Receive my instruction in preference to [striving for] silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold,
Prov 8:11 For skillful {and} godly Wisdom is better than rubies {or} pearls, and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.
Prov 8:12 I, Wisdom [from God], make prudence my dwelling, and I find out knowledge and discretion.
Prov 8:13 The reverent fear {and} worshipful awe of the Lord [includes] the hatred of evil; pride, arrogance, the evil way, and perverted {and} twisted speech I hate.
Prov 8:14 I have counsel and sound knowledge, I have understanding, I have might {and} power.
Prov 8:15 By me kings reign and rulers decree justice.
Prov 8:16 By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges {and} governors of the earth.
Prov 8:17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me early {and} diligently shall find me.
Prov 8:18 Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness (uprightness in every area and relation, and right standing with God).
Prov 8:19 My fruit is better than gold, yes, than refined gold, and my increase than choice silver.
Prov 8:20 I [Wisdom] walk in the way of righteousness (moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation), in the midst of the paths of justice,
Prov 8:21 That I may cause those who love me to inherit [true] riches and that I may fill their treasuries.
Prov 8:22 The Lord formed {and} brought me [Wisdom] forth at the beginning of His way, before His acts of old.
Prov 8:23 I [Wisdom] was inaugurated {and} ordained from everlasting, from the beginning, before ever the earth existed.
Prov 8:24 When there were no deeps, I was brought forth, when there were no fountains laden with water.
Prov 8:25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I was brought forth,
Prov 8:26 While as yet He had not made the land or the fields or the first of the dust of the earth.
Prov 8:27 When He prepared the heavens, I [Wisdom] was there; when He drew a circle upon the face of the deep {and} stretched out the firmament over it,
Prov 8:28 When He made firm the skies above, when He established the fountains of the deep,
Prov 8:29 When He gave to the sea its limit {and} His decree that the waters should not transgress [across the boundaries set by] His command, when He appointed the foundations of the earth--
Prov 8:30 Then I [Wisdom] was beside Him as a master {and} director of the work; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing before Him always,
Prov 8:31 Rejoicing in His inhabited earth and delighting in the sons of men.
Prov 8:32 Now therefore listen to me, O you sons; for blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are those who keep my ways.
Prov 8:33 Hear instruction and be wise, and do not refuse {or} neglect it.

Prov 8:34 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.
Prov 8:35 For whoever finds me [Wisdom] finds life and draws forth {and} obtains favor from the Lord.
Prov 8:36 But he who misses me {or} sins against me wrongs {and} injures himself; all who hate me love {and} court death.
Prov 9:1 WISDOM HAS built her house; she has hewn out {and} set up her seven [perfect number of] pillars.
Prov 9:2 She has killed her beasts, she has mixed her [spiritual] wine; she has also set her table.
Prov 9:3 She has sent out her maids to cry from the highest places of the town:
Prov 9:4 Whoever is simple (easily led astray and wavering), let him turn in here! As for him who lacks understanding, [God's] Wisdom says to him,
Prov 9:5 Come, eat of my bread and drink of the [spiritual] wine which I have mixed.
Prov 9:6 Leave off, simple ones [forsake the foolish and simpleminded] and live! And walk in the way of insight {and} understanding.
Prov 9:7 He who rebukes a scorner heaps upon himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man gets for himself bruises.
Prov 9:8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
Prov 9:9 Give instruction to a wise man and he will be yet wiser; teach a righteous man (one upright and in right standing with God) and he will increase in learning.
Prov 9:10 The reverent {and} worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning (the chief and choice part) of Wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight {and} understanding.
Prov 9:11 For by me [Wisdom from God] your days shall be multiplied, and the years of your life shall be increased.
Prov 9:12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself; if you scorn, you alone will bear it {and} pay the penalty.
Prov 9:13 The foolish woman is noisy; she is simple {and} open to all forms of evil, she [willfully and recklessly] knows nothing whatever [of eternal value].
Prov 9:14 For she sits at the door of her house {or} on a seat in the conspicuous places of the town,
Prov 9:15 Calling to those who pass by, who go uprightly on their way:
Prov 9:16 Whoever is simple (wavering and easily led astray), let him turn in here! And as for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,
Prov 9:17 Stolen waters (pleasures) are sweet [because they are forbidden]; and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.
Prov 9:18 But he knows not that the shades of the dead are there [specters haunting the scene of past transgressions], and that her invited guests are [already sunk] in the depths of Sheol (the lower world, Hades, the place of the dead).
Prov 10:1 THE PROVERBS of Solomon: A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish {and} self-confident son is the grief of his mother.
Prov 10:2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but righteousness (moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation) delivers from death.
Prov 10:3 The Lord will not allow the [uncompromisingly] righteous to famish, but He thwarts the desire of the wicked.
Prov 10:4 He becomes poor who works with a slack {and} idle hand, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.
Prov 10:5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.
Prov 10:6 Blessings are upon the head of the [uncompromisingly] righteous (the upright, in right standing with God) but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.
Prov 10:7 The memory of the [uncompromisingly] righteous is a blessing, but the name of the wicked shall rot.
Prov 10:8 The wise in heart will accept {and} obey commandments, but the foolish of lips will fall headlong.
Prov 10:9 He who walks uprightly walks securely, but he who takes a crooked way shall be found out {and} punished.
Prov 10:10 He who winks with the eye [craftily and with malice] causes sorrow; the foolish of lips will fall headlong {but} {he who boldly reproves makes peace}.
Prov 10:11 The mouth of the [uncompromisingly] righteous man is a well of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.
Prov 10:12 Hatred stirs up contentions, but love covers all transgressions.
Prov 10:13 On the lips of him who has discernment skillful {and} godly Wisdom is found, but discipline {and} the rod are for the back of him who is without sense {and} understanding.
Prov 10:14 Wise men store up knowledge [in mind and heart], but the mouth of the foolish is a present destruction.
Prov 10:15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city; the poverty of the poor is their ruin.
Prov 10:16 The earnings of the righteous (the upright, in right standing with God) lead to life, but the profit of the

wicked leads to further sin.
Prov 10:17 He who heeds instruction {and} correction is [not only himself] in the way of life [but also] is a way of life for others. And he who neglects {or} refuses reproof [not only himself] goes astray [but also] causes to err {and} is a path toward ruin for others.
Prov 10:18 He who hides hatred is of lying lips, and he who utters slander is a [self-confident] fool.
Prov 10:19 In a multitude of words transgression is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is prudent.
Prov 10:20 The tongues of those who are upright {and} in right standing with God are as choice silver; the minds of those who are wicked {and} out of harmony with God are of little value.
Prov 10:21 The lips of the [uncompromisingly] righteous feed {and} guide many, but fools die for want of understanding {and} heart.
Prov 10:22 The blessing of the Lord--it makes [truly] rich, and He adds no sorrow with it [neither does toiling increase it].
Prov 10:23 It is as sport to a [self-confident] fool to do wickedness, but to have skillful {and} godly Wisdom is pleasure {and} relaxation to a man of understanding.
Prov 10:24 The thing a wicked man fears shall come upon him, but the desire of the [uncompromisingly] righteous shall be granted.
Prov 10:25 When the whirlwind passes, the wicked are no more, but the [uncompromisingly] righteous have an everlasting foundation.
Prov 10:26 As vinegar to the teeth and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to those who employ {and} send him.
Prov 10:27 The reverent {and} worshipful fear of the Lord prolongs one's days, but the years of the wicked shall be made short.
Prov 10:28 The hope of the [uncompromisingly] righteous (the upright, in right standing with God) is gladness, but the expectation of the wicked (those who are out of harmony with God) comes to nothing.
Prov 10:29 The way of the Lord is strength {and} a stronghold to the upright, but it is destruction to the workers of iniquity.
Prov 10:30 The [consistently] righteous shall never be removed, but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth [eventually].
Prov 10:31 The mouths of the righteous (those harmonious with God) bring forth skillful {and} godly Wisdom, but the perverse tongue shall be cut down [like a barren and rotten tree].
Prov 10:32 The lips of the [uncompromisingly] righteous know [and therefore utter] what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked knows [and therefore speaks only] what is obstinately willful {and} contrary.
Prov 11:1 A FALSE balance {and} unrighteous dealings are extremely offensive {and} shamefully sinful to the Lord, but a just weight is His delight.
Prov 11:2 When swelling {and} pride come, then emptiness {and} shame come also, but with the humble (those who are lowly, who have been pruned or chiseled by trial, and renounce self) are skillful {and} godly Wisdom {and} soundness.
Prov 11:3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them, but the willful contrariness {and} crookedness of the treacherous shall destroy them.
Prov 11:4 Riches provide no security in any day of wrath {and} judgment, but righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God) delivers from death.
Prov 11:5 The righteousness of the blameless shall rectify {and} make plain their way {and} keep it straight, but the wicked shall fall by their own wickedness.
Prov 11:6 The righteousness of the upright [their rectitude in every area and relation] shall deliver them, but the treacherous shall be taken in their own iniquity {and} greedy desire.
Prov 11:7 When the wicked man dies, his hope [for the future] perishes; and the expectation of the godless comes to nothing.
Prov 11:8 The [uncompromisingly] righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked gets into it instead.
Prov 11:9 With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor, but through knowledge {and} superior discernment shall the righteous be delivered.
Prov 11:10 When it goes well with the [uncompromisingly] righteous, the city rejoices, but when the wicked perish, there are shouts of joy.
Prov 11:11 By the blessing of the influence of the upright {and} God's favor [because of them] the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
Prov 11:12 He who belittles {and} despises his neighbor lacks sense, but a man of understanding keeps silent.
Prov 11:13 He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets, but he who is trustworthy {and} faithful in spirit keeps

the matter hidden.
Prov 11:14 Where no wise guidance is, the people fall, but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.
Prov 11:15 He who becomes security for an outsider shall smart for it, but he who hates suretyship is secure [from its penalties].
Prov 11:16 A gracious {and} good woman wins honor [for her husband], and violent men win riches {but} {a woman who hates righteousness is a throne of dishonor for him}.
Prov 11:17 The merciful, kind, {and} generous man benefits himself [for his deeds return to bless him], but he who is cruel {and} callous [to the wants of others] brings on himself retribution.
Prov 11:18 The wicked man earns deceitful wages, but he who sows righteousness (moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation) shall have a sure reward [permanent and satisfying].
Prov 11:19 He who is steadfast in righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God) attains to life, but he who pursues evil does it to his own death.
Prov 11:20 They who are willfully contrary in heart are extremely disgusting {and} shamefully vile in the eyes of the Lord, but such as are blameless {and} wholehearted in their ways are His delight!
Prov 11:21 Assuredly [I pledge it] the wicked shall not go unpunished, but the multitude of the [uncompromisingly] righteous shall be delivered.
Prov 11:22 As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman who is without discretion.
Prov 11:23 The desire of the [consistently] righteous brings only good, but the expectation of the wicked brings wrath.
Prov 11:24 There are those who [generously] scatter abroad, and yet increase more; there are those who withhold more than is fitting {or} what is justly due, but it results only in want.
Prov 11:25 The liberal person shall be enriched, and he who waters shall himself be watered.
Prov 11:26 The people curse him who holds back grain [when the public needs it], but a blessing [from God and man] is upon the head of him who sells it.
Prov 11:27 He who diligently seeks good seeks [God's] favor, but he who searches after evil, it shall come upon him.
Prov 11:28 He who leans on, trusts in, {and} is confident in his riches shall fall, but the [uncompromisingly] righteous shall flourish like a green bough.
Prov 11:29 He who troubles his own house shall inherit the wind, and the foolish shall be servant to the wise of heart.
Prov 11:30 The fruit of the [uncompromisingly] righteous is a tree of life, and he who is wise captures human lives [for God, as a fisher of men--he gathers and receives them for eternity].
Prov 11:31 Behold, the [uncompromisingly] righteous shall be recompensed on earth; how much more the wicked and the sinner! {And} {if the righteous are barely saved, what will become of the ungodly and wicked?}
Prov 12:1 WHOEVER LOVES instruction {and} correction loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is like a brute beast, stupid {and} indiscriminating.
Prov 12:2 A good man obtains favor from the Lord, but a man of wicked devices He condemns.
Prov 12:3 A man shall not be established by wickedness, but the root of the [uncompromisingly] righteous shall never be moved.
Prov 12:4 A virtuous {and} worthy wife [earnest and strong in character] is a crowning joy to her husband, but she who makes him ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.
Prov 12:5 The thoughts {and} purposes of the [consistently] righteous are honest {and} reliable, but the counsels {and} designs of the wicked are treacherous.
Prov 12:6 The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood, but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them {and} the innocent ones [thus endangered].
Prov 12:7 The wicked are overthrown and are not, but the house of the [uncompromisingly] righteous shall stand.
Prov 12:8 A man shall be commended according to his Wisdom [godly Wisdom, which is comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God], but he who is of a perverse heart shall be despised.
Prov 12:9 Better is he who is lightly esteemed but works for his own support than he who assumes honor for himself and lacks bread.
Prov 12:10 A [consistently] righteous man regards the life of his beast, but even the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.
Prov 12:11 He who tills his land shall be satisfied with bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits is lacking in sense {and} is without understanding.
Prov 12:12 The wicked desire the booty of evil men, but the root of the [uncompromisingly] righteous yields [richer fruitage].
Prov 12:13 The wicked is [dangerously] snared by the transgression of his lips, but the [uncompromisingly] righteous

shall come out of trouble.
Prov 12:14 From the fruit of his words a man shall be satisfied with good, and the work of a man's hands shall come back to him [as a harvest].
Prov 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who listens to counsel is wise.
Prov 12:16 A fool's wrath is quickly {and} openly known, but a prudent man ignores an insult.
Prov 12:17 He who breathes out truth shows forth righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God), but a false witness utters deceit.
Prov 12:18 There are those who speak rashly, like the piercing of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.
Prov 12:19 Truthful lips shall be established forever, but a lying tongue is [credited] but for a moment.
Prov 12:20 Deceit is in the hearts of those who devise evil, but for the counselors of peace there is joy.
Prov 12:21 No [actual] evil, misfortune, {or} calamity shall come upon the righteous, but the wicked shall be filled with evil, misfortune, {and} calamity.
Prov 12:22 Lying lips are extremely disgusting {and} hateful to the Lord, but they who deal faithfully are His delight.
Prov 12:23 A prudent man is reluctant to display his knowledge, but the heart of [self-confident] fools proclaims their folly.
Prov 12:24 The hand of the diligent will rule, but the slothful will be put to forced labor.
Prov 12:25 Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, but an encouraging word makes it glad.
Prov 12:26 The [consistently] righteous man is a guide to his neighbor, but the way of the wicked causes others to go astray.
Prov 12:27 The slothful man does not catch his game {or} roast it once he kills it, but the diligent man gets precious possessions.
Prov 12:28 Life is in the way of righteousness (moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation), and in its pathway there is no death {but} immortality (perpetual, eternal life).
Prov 13:1 A WISE son heeds [and is the fruit of] his father's instruction {and} correction, but a scoffer listens not to rebuke.
Prov 13:2 A good man eats good from the fruit of his mouth, but the desire of the treacherous is for violence.
Prov 13:3 He who guards his mouth keeps his life, but he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.
Prov 13:4 The appetite of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the appetite of the diligent is abundantly supplied.
Prov 13:5 A [consistently] righteous man hates lying {and} deceit, but a wicked man is loathsome [his very breath spreads pollution] and he comes [surely] to shame.
Prov 13:6 Righteousness (rightness and justice in every area and relation) guards him who is upright in the way, but wickedness plunges into sin {and} overthrows the sinner.
Prov 13:7 One man considers himself rich, yet has nothing [to keep permanently]; another man considers himself poor, yet has great [and indestructible] riches.
Prov 13:8 A rich man can buy his way out of threatened death by paying a ransom, but the poor man does not even have to listen to threats [from the envious].
Prov 13:9 The light of the [uncompromisingly] righteous [is within him--it grows brighter and] rejoices, but the lamp of the wicked [furnishes only a derived, temporary light and] shall be put out shortly.
Prov 13:10 By pride {and} insolence comes only contention, but with the well-advised is skillful {and} godly Wisdom.
Prov 13:11 Wealth [not earned but] won in haste {or} unjustly {or} from the production of things for vain {or} detrimental use [such riches] will dwindle away, but he who gathers little by little will increase [his riches].
Prov 13:12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire is fulfilled, it is a tree of life.
Prov 13:13 Whoever despises the word {and} counsel [of God] brings destruction upon himself, but he who [reverently] fears {and} respects the commandment [of God] is rewarded.
Prov 13:14 The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death.
Prov 13:15 Good understanding wins favor, but the way of the transgressor is hard [like the barren, dry soil or the impassable swamp].
Prov 13:16 Every prudent man deals with knowledge, but a [self-confident] fool exposes {and} flaunts his folly.
Prov 13:17 A wicked messenger falls into evil, but a faithful ambassador brings healing.
Prov 13:18 Poverty and shame come to him who refuses instruction {and} correction, but he who heeds reproof is honored.
Prov 13:19 Satisfied desire is sweet to a person; therefore it is hateful {and} exceedingly offensive to [self-confident] fools to give up evil [upon which they have set their hearts].

Prov 13:20 He who walks [as a companion] with wise men is wise, but he who associates with [self-confident] fools is [a fool himself and] shall smart for it.
Prov 13:21 Evil pursues sinners, but the consistently upright {and} in right standing with God is recompensed with good.
Prov 13:22 A good man leaves an inheritance [of moral stability and goodness] to his children's children, and the wealth of the sinner [finds its way eventually] into the hands of the righteous, for whom it was laid up.
Prov 13:23 Much food is in the tilled land of the poor, but there are those who are destroyed because of injustice.
Prov 13:24 He who spares his rod [of discipline] hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines diligently {and} punishes him early.
Prov 13:25 The [uncompromisingly] righteous eats to his own satisfaction, but the stomach of the wicked is in want.
Prov 14:1 EVERY WISE woman builds her house, but the foolish one tears it down with her own hands.
Prov 14:2 He who walks in uprightness reverently {and} worshipfully fears the Lord, but he who is contrary {and} devious in his ways despises Him.
Prov 14:3 In the fool's own mouth is a rod [to shame] his pride, but the wise men's lips preserve them.
Prov 14:4 Where no oxen are, the grain crib is empty, but much increase [of crops] comes by the strength of the ox.
Prov 14:5 A faithful witness will not lie, but a false witness breathes out falsehoods.
Prov 14:6 A scoffer seeks Wisdom in vain [for his very attitude blinds and deafens him to it], but knowledge is easy to him who [being teachable] understands.
Prov 14:7 Go from the presence of a foolish {and} self-confident man, for you will not find knowledge on his lips.
Prov 14:8 The Wisdom [godly Wisdom, which is comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God] of the prudent is to understand his way, but the folly of [self-confident] fools is to deceive.
Prov 14:9 Fools make a mock of sin {and} sin mocks the fools [who are its victims; a sin offering made by them only mocks them, bringing them disappointment and disfavor], but among the upright there is the favor of God.
Prov 14:10 The heart knows its own bitterness, and no stranger shares its joy.
Prov 14:11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown, but the tent of the upright shall flourish.
Prov 14:12 There is a way which seems right to a man {and} appears straight before him, but at the end of it is the way of death.
Prov 14:13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful, and the end of mirth is heaviness {and} grief.
Prov 14:14 The backslider in heart [from God and from fearing God] shall be filled with [the fruit of] his own ways, and a good man shall be satisfied with [the fruit of] his ways [with the holy thoughts and actions which his heart prompts and in which he delights].
Prov 14:15 The simpleton believes every word he hears, but the prudent man looks {and} considers well where he is going.
Prov 14:16 A wise man suspects danger and cautiously avoids evil, but the fool bears himself insolently and is [presumptuously] confident.
Prov 14:17 He who foams up quickly {and} flies into a passion deals foolishly, and a man of wicked plots {and} plans is hated.
Prov 14:18 The simple acquire folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
Prov 14:19 The evil men bow before the good, and the wicked [stand suppliantly] at the gates of the [uncompromisingly] righteous.
Prov 14:20 The poor is hated even by his own neighbor, but the rich has many friends.
Prov 14:21 He who despises his neighbor sins [against God, his fellowman, and himself], but happy (blessed and fortunate) is he who is kind {and} merciful to the poor.
Prov 14:22 Do they not err who devise evil {and} wander from the way of life? But loving-kindness {and} mercy, loyalty {and} faithfulness, shall be to those who devise good.
Prov 14:23 In all labor there is profit, but idle talk leads only to poverty.
Prov 14:24 The crown of the wise is their wealth of Wisdom, but the foolishness of [self-confident] fools is [nothing but] folly.
Prov 14:25 A truthful witness saves lives, but a deceitful witness speaks lies [and endangers lives].
Prov 14:26 In the reverent {and} worshipful fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children shall always have a place of refuge.
Prov 14:27 Reverent {and} worshipful fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death.
Prov 14:28 In a multitude of people is the king's glory, but in a lack of people is the prince's ruin.
Prov 14:29 He who is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who is hasty of spirit exposes {and} exalts his

folly.
Prov 14:30 A calm {and} undisturbed mind {and} heart are the life {and} health of the body, but envy, jealousy, {and} wrath are like rottenness of the bones.
Prov 14:31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches, mocks, {and} insults his Maker, but he who is kind {and} merciful to the needy honors Him.
Prov 14:32 The wicked is overthrown through his wrongdoing {and} calamity, but the [consistently] righteous has hope {and} confidence even in death.
Prov 14:33 Wisdom rests [silently] in the mind {and} heart of him who has understanding, but that which is in the inward part of [self-confident] fools is made known.
Prov 14:34 Uprightness {and} right standing with God (moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation) elevate a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.
Prov 14:35 The king's favor is toward a wise {and} discreet servant, but his wrath is against him who does shamefully.
Prov 15:1 A SOFT answer turns away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger.
Prov 15:2 The tongue of the wise utters knowledge rightly, but the mouth of the [self-confident] fool pours out folly.
Prov 15:3 The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch upon the evil and the good.
Prov 15:4 A gentle tongue [with its healing power] is a tree of life, but willful contrariness in it breaks down the spirit.
Prov 15:5 A fool despises his father's instruction {and} correction, but he who regards reproof acquires prudence.
Prov 15:6 In the house of the [uncompromisingly] righteous is great [priceless] treasure, but with the income of the wicked is trouble {and} vexation.
Prov 15:7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge [sifting it as chaff from the grain]; not so the minds {and} hearts of the self-confident {and} foolish.
Prov 15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination, hateful {and} exceedingly offensive to the Lord, but the prayer of the upright is His delight!
Prov 15:9 The way of the wicked is an abomination, extremely disgusting {and} shamefully vile to the Lord, but He loves him who pursues righteousness (moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation).
Prov 15:10 There is severe discipline for him who forsakes God's way; and he who hates reproof will die [physically, morally, and spiritually].
Prov 15:11 Sheol (the place of the dead) and Abaddon (the abyss, the final place of the accuser Satan) are both before the Lord--how much more, then, the hearts of the children of men?
Prov 15:12 A scorner has no love for one who rebukes him; neither will he go to the wise [for counsel].
Prov 15:13 A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken.
Prov 15:14 The mind of him who has understanding seeks knowledge and inquires after {and} craves it, but the mouth of the [self-confident] fool feeds on folly.
Prov 15:15 All the days of the desponding {and} afflicted are made evil [by anxious thoughts and forebodings], but he who has a glad heart has a continual feast [regardless of circumstances].
Prov 15:16 Better is little with the reverent, worshipful fear of the Lord than great {and} rich treasure and trouble with it.
Prov 15:17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a fatted ox and hatred with it.
Prov 15:18 A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger appeases contention.
Prov 15:19 The way of the sluggard is overgrown with thorns [it pricks, lacerates, and entangles him], but the way of the righteous is plain {and} raised like a highway.
Prov 15:20 A wise son makes a glad father, but a self-confident {and} foolish man despises his mother {and} puts her to shame.
Prov 15:21 Folly is pleasure to him who is without heart {and} sense, but a man of understanding walks uprightly [making straight his course].
Prov 15:22 Where there is no counsel, purposes are frustrated, but with many counselors they are accomplished.
Prov 15:23 A man has joy in making an apt answer, and a word spoken at the right moment--how good it is!
Prov 15:24 The path of the wise leads upward to life, that he may avoid [the gloom] in the depths of Sheol (Hades, the place of the dead).
Prov 15:25 The Lord tears down the house of the proud, but He makes secure the boundaries of the [consecrated] widow.
Prov 15:26 The thoughts of the wicked are shamefully vile {and} exceedingly offensive to the Lord, but the words of the pure are pleasing words to Him.
Prov 15:27 He who is greedy for unjust gain troubles his own household, but he who hates bribes will live.

Prov 15:28 The mind of the [uncompromisingly] righteous studies how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.
Prov 15:29 The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the [consistently] righteous (the upright, in right standing with Him).
Prov 15:30 The light in the eyes [of him whose heart is joyful] rejoices the hearts of others, and good news nourishes the bones.
Prov 15:31 The ear that listens to the reproof [that leads to or gives] life will remain among the wise.
Prov 15:32 He who refuses {and} ignores instruction {and} correction despises himself, but he who heeds reproof gets understanding.
Prov 15:33 The reverent {and} worshipful fear of the Lord brings instruction in Wisdom, and humility comes before honor.
Prov 16:1 THE PLANS of the mind {and} orderly thinking belong to man, but from the Lord comes the [wise] answer of the tongue.
Prov 16:2 All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirits (the thoughts and intents of the heart).
Prov 16:3 Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established {and} succeed.
Prov 16:4 The Lord has made everything [to accommodate itself and contribute] to its own end {and} His own purpose--even the wicked [are fitted for their role] for the day of calamity {and} evil.
Prov 16:5 Everyone proud {and} arrogant in heart is disgusting, hateful, {and} exceedingly offensive to the Lord; be assured [I pledge it] they will not go unpunished.
Prov 16:6 By mercy {and} love, truth {and} fidelity [to God and man--not by sacrificial offerings], iniquity is purged out of the heart, and by the reverent, worshipful fear of the Lord men depart from {and} avoid evil.
Prov 16:7 When a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.
Prov 16:8 Better is a little with righteousness (uprightness in every area and relation and right standing with God) than great revenues with injustice.
Prov 16:9 A man's mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps {and} makes them sure.
Prov 16:10 Divinely directed decisions are on the lips of the king; his mouth should not transgress in judgment.
Prov 16:11 A just balance {and} scales are the Lord's; all the weights of the bag are His work [established on His eternal principles].
Prov 16:12 It is an abomination [to God and men] for kings to commit wickedness, for a throne is established {and} made secure by righteousness (moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation).
Prov 16:13 Right {and} just lips are the delight of a king, and he loves him who speaks what is right.
Prov 16:14 The wrath of a king is as messengers of death, but a wise man will pacify it.
Prov 16:15 In the light of the king's countenance is life, and his favor is as a cloud bringing the spring rain.
Prov 16:16 How much better it is to get skillful {and} godly Wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.
Prov 16:17 The highway of the upright turns aside from evil; he who guards his way preserves his life.
Prov 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.
Prov 16:19 Better it is to be of a humble spirit with the meek {and} poor than to divide the spoil with the proud.
Prov 16:20 He who deals wisely {and} heeds [God's] word {and} counsel shall find good, and whoever leans on, trusts in, {and} is confident in the Lord--happy, blessed, {and} fortunate is he.
Prov 16:21 The wise in heart are called prudent, understanding, {and} knowing, and winsome speech increases learning [in both speaker and listener].
Prov 16:22 Understanding is a wellspring of life to those who have it, but to give instruction to fools is folly.
Prov 16:23 The mind of the wise instructs his mouth, and adds learning {and} persuasiveness to his lips.
Prov 16:24 Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the mind and healing to the body.
Prov 16:25 There is a way that seems right to a man {and} appears straight before him, but at the end of it is the way of death.
Prov 16:26 The appetite of the laborer works for him, for [the need of] his mouth urges him on.
Prov 16:27 A worthless man devises {and} digs up mischief, and in his lips there is as a scorching fire.
Prov 16:28 A perverse man sows strife, and a whisperer separates close friends.
Prov 16:29 The exceedingly grasping, covetous, {and} violent man entices his neighbor, leading him in a way that is not good.

Prov 16:30 He who shuts his eyes to devise perverse things and who compresses his lips [as if in concealment] brings evil to pass.
Prov 16:31 The hoary head is a crown of beauty {and} glory if it is found in the way of righteousness (moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation).
Prov 16:32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, he who rules his [own] spirit than he who takes a city.
Prov 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap, but the decision is wholly of the Lord [even the events that seem accidental are really ordered by Him].
Prov 17:1 BETTER IS a dry morsel with quietness than a house full of feasting [on offered sacrifices] with strife.
Prov 17:2 A wise servant shall have rule over a son who causes shame, and shall share in the inheritance among the brothers.
Prov 17:3 The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tries the hearts.
Prov 17:4 An evildoer gives heed to wicked lips; and a liar listens to a mischievous tongue.
Prov 17:5 Whoever mocks the poor reproaches his Maker, and he who is glad at calamity shall not be held innocent {or} go unpunished.
Prov 17:6 Children's children are the crown of old men, and the glory of children is their fathers.
Prov 17:7 Fine {or} arrogant speech does not befit [an empty-headed] fool--much less do lying lips befit a prince.
Prov 17:8 A bribe is like a bright, precious stone that dazzles the eyes {and} affects the mind of him who gives it; [as if by magic] he prospers, whichever way he turns.
Prov 17:9 He who covers {and} forgives an offense seeks love, but he who repeats {or} harps on a matter separates even close friends.
Prov 17:10 A reproof enters deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred lashes into a [self-confident] fool.
Prov 17:11 An evil man seeks only rebellion; therefore a stern {and} pitiless messenger shall be sent against him.
Prov 17:12 Let [the brute ferocity of] a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man rather than a [self-confident] fool in his folly [when he is in a rage].
Prov 17:13 Whoever rewards evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.
Prov 17:14 The beginning of strife is as when water first trickles [from a crack in a dam]; therefore stop contention before it becomes worse {and} quarreling breaks out.
Prov 17:15 He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous are both an abomination [exceedingly disgusting and hateful] to the Lord.
Prov 17:16 Of what use is money in the hand of a [self-confident] fool to buy skillful {and} godly Wisdom--when he has no understanding {or} heart for it?
Prov 17:17 A friend loves at all times, and is born, as is a brother, for adversity.
Prov 17:18 A man void of good sense gives a pledge and becomes security for another in the presence of his neighbor.
Prov 17:19 He who loves strife {and} is quarrelsome loves transgression {and} involves himself in guilt; he who raises high his gateway {and} is boastful {and} arrogant invites destruction.
Prov 17:20 He who has a wayward {and} crooked mind finds no good, and he who has a willful {and} contrary tongue will fall into calamity.
Prov 17:21 He who becomes the parent of a [self-confident] fool does it to his sorrow, and the father of [an empty-headed] fool has no joy [in him].
Prov 17:22 A happy heart is good medicine {and} a cheerful mind works healing, but a broken spirit dries up the bones.
Prov 17:23 A wicked man receives a bribe out of the bosom (pocket) to pervert the ways of justice.
Prov 17:24 A man of understanding sets skillful {and} godly Wisdom before his face, but the eyes of a [self-confident] fool are on the ends of the earth.
Prov 17:25 A self-confident {and} foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him.
Prov 17:26 Also, to punish {or} fine the righteous is not good, nor to smite the noble for their uprightness.
Prov 17:27 He who has knowledge spares his words, and a man of understanding has a cool spirit.
Prov 17:28 Even a fool when he holds his peace is considered wise; when he closes his lips he is esteemed a man of understanding.
Prov 18:1 HE WHO willfully separates {and} estranges himself [from God and man] seeks his own desire {and} pretext to break out against all wise {and} sound judgment.
Prov 18:2 A [self-confident] fool has no delight in understanding but only in revealing his personal opinions {and} himself.
Prov 18:3 When the wicked comes in [to the depth of evil], he becomes a contemptuous despiser [of all that is pure

and good], and with inner baseness comes outer shame {and} reproach.
Prov 18:4 The words of a [discreet and wise] man's mouth are like deep waters [plenteous and difficult to fathom], and the fountain of skillful {and} godly Wisdom is like a gushing stream [sparkling, fresh, pure, and life-giving].
Prov 18:5 To respect the person of the wicked {and} be partial to him, so as to deprive the [consistently] righteous of justice, is not good.
Prov 18:6 A [self-confident] fool's lips bring contention, and his mouth invites a beating.
Prov 18:7 A [self-confident] fool's mouth is his ruin, and his lips are a snare to himself.
Prov 18:8 The words of a whisperer {or} talebearer are as dainty morsels; they go down into the innermost parts of the body.
Prov 18:9 He who is loose {and} slack in his work is brother to him who is a destroyer {and} {he who does not use his endeavors to heal himself is brother to him who commits suicide}.
Prov 18:10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the [consistently] righteous man [upright and in right standing with God] runs into it and is safe, high [above evil] {and} strong.
Prov 18:11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as a high protecting wall in his own imagination {and} conceit.
Prov 18:12 Haughtiness comes before disaster, but humility before honor.
Prov 18:13 He who answers a matter before he hears the facts--it is folly and shame to him.
Prov 18:14 The strong spirit of a man sustains him in bodily pain {or} trouble, but a weak {and} broken spirit who can raise up {or} bear?
Prov 18:15 The mind of the prudent is ever getting knowledge, and the ear of the wise is ever seeking (inquiring for and craving) knowledge.
Prov 18:16 A man's gift makes room for him and brings him before great men.
Prov 18:17 He who states his case first seems right, until his rival comes and cross-examines him.
Prov 18:18 To cast lots puts an end to disputes and decides between powerful contenders.
Prov 18:19 A brother offended is harder to be won over than a strong city, and [their] contentions separate them like the bars of a castle.
Prov 18:20 A man's [moral] self shall be filled with the fruit of his mouth; and with the consequence of his words he must be satisfied [whether good or evil].
Prov 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life].
Prov 18:22 He who finds a [true] wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord.
Prov 18:23 The poor man uses entreaties, but the rich answers roughly.
Prov 18:24 The man of many friends [a friend of all the world] will prove himself a bad friend, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.
Prov 19:1 BETTER IS a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is perverse in his speech and is a [self-confident] fool.
Prov 19:2 Desire without knowledge is not good, and to be overhasty is to sin {and} miss the mark.
Prov 19:3 The foolishness of man subverts his way [ruins his affairs]; then his heart is resentful {and} frets against the Lord.
Prov 19:4 Wealth makes many friends, but the poor man is avoided by his neighbor.
Prov 19:5 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he who breathes out lies shall not escape.
Prov 19:6 Many will entreat the favor of a liberal man, and every man is a friend to him who gives gifts.
Prov 19:7 All the brothers of a poor man detest him--how much more do his friends go far from him! He pursues them with words, but they are gone.
Prov 19:8 He who gains Wisdom loves his own life; he who keeps understanding shall prosper {and} find good.
Prov 19:9 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he who breathes forth lies shall perish.
Prov 19:10 Luxury is not fitting for a [self-confident] fool--much less for a slave to rule over princes.
Prov 19:11 Good sense makes a man restrain his anger, and it is his glory to overlook a transgression {or} an offense.
Prov 19:12 The king's wrath is as terrifying as the roaring of a lion, but his favor is as [refreshing as] dew upon the grass.
Prov 19:13 A self-confident {and} foolish son is the [multiplied] calamity of his father, and the contentions of a wife are like a continual dripping [of water through a chink in the roof].
Prov 19:14 House and riches are the inheritance from fathers, but a wise, understanding, {and} prudent wife is from the Lord.

Prov 19:15 Slothfulness casts one into a deep sleep, and the idle person shall suffer hunger.
Prov 19:16 He who keeps the commandment [of the Lord] keeps his own life, but he who despises His ways shall die.
Prov 19:17 He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and that which he has given He will repay to him.
Prov 19:18 Discipline your son while there is hope, but do not [indulge your angry resentments by undue chastisements and] set yourself to his ruin.
Prov 19:19 A man of great wrath shall suffer the penalty; for if you deliver him [from the consequences], he will [feel free to] cause you to do it again.
Prov 19:20 Hear counsel, receive instruction, {and} accept correction, that you may be wise in the time to come.
Prov 19:21 Many plans are in a man's mind, but it is the Lord's purpose for him that will stand.
Prov 19:22 That which is desired in a man is loyalty {and} kindness [and his glory and delight are his giving], but a poor man is better than a liar.
Prov 19:23 The reverent, worshipful fear of the Lord leads to life, and he who has it rests satisfied; he cannot be visited with [actual] evil.
Prov 19:24 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.
Prov 19:25 Strike a scoffer, and the simple will learn prudence; reprove a man of understanding, and he will increase in knowledge.
Prov 19:26 He who does violence to his father and chases away his mother is a son who causes shame and brings reproach.
Prov 19:27 Cease, my son, to hear instruction only to ignore it {and} stray from the words of knowledge.
Prov 19:28 A worthless witness scoffs at justice, and the mouth of the wicked swallows iniquity.
Prov 19:29 Judgments are prepared for scoffers, and stripes for the backs of [self-confident] fools.
Prov 20:1 WINE IS a mocker, strong drink a riotous brawler; and whoever errs {or} reels because of it is not wise.
Prov 20:2 The terror of a king is as the roaring of a lion; whoever provokes him to anger {or} angers himself against him sins against his own life.
Prov 20:3 It is an honor for a man to cease from strife {and} keep aloof from it, but every fool will quarrel.
Prov 20:4 The sluggard does not plow when winter sets in; therefore he begs in harvest and has nothing.
Prov 20:5 Counsel in the heart of man is like water in a deep well, but a man of understanding draws it out.
Prov 20:6 Many a man proclaims his own loving-kindness {and} goodness, but a faithful man who can find?
Prov 20:7 The righteous man walks in his integrity; blessed (happy, fortunate, enviable) are his children after him.
Prov 20:8 A king who sits on the throne of judgment winnows out all evil [like chaff] with his eyes.
Prov 20:9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?
Prov 20:10 Diverse weights [one for buying and another for selling] and diverse measures--both of them are exceedingly offensive {and} abhorrent to the Lord.
Prov 20:11 Even a child is known by his acts, whether [or not] what he does is pure and right.
Prov 20:12 The hearing ear and the seeing eye--the Lord has made both of them.
Prov 20:13 Love not sleep, lest you come to poverty; open your eyes and you will be satisfied with bread.
Prov 20:14 It is worthless, it is worthless! says the buyer; but when he goes his way, then he boasts [about his bargain].
Prov 20:15 There is gold, and a multitude of pearls, but the lips of knowledge are a vase of preciousness [the most precious of all].
Prov 20:16 [The judge tells the creditor] Take the garment of one who is security for a stranger; and hold him in pledge when he is security for foreigners.
Prov 20:17 Food gained by deceit is sweet to a man, but afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.
Prov 20:18 Purposes {and} plans are established by counsel; and [only] with good advice make {or} carry on war.
Prov 20:19 He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; therefore associate not with him who talks too freely.
Prov 20:20 Whoever curses his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in complete darkness.
Prov 20:21 An inheritance hastily gotten [by greedy, unjust means] at the beginning, in the end it will not be blessed.
Prov 20:22 Do not say, I will repay evil; wait [expectantly] for the Lord, and He will rescue you.
Prov 20:23 Diverse {and} deceitful weights are shamefully vile {and} abhorrent to the Lord, and false scales are not good.
Prov 20:24 Man's steps are ordered by the Lord. How then can a man understand his way?
Prov 20:25 It is a snare to a man to utter a vow [of consecration] rashly and [not until] afterward inquire [whether he can fulfill it].
Prov 20:26 A wise king winnows out the wicked [from among the good] and brings the threshing wheel over them [to separate the chaff from the grain].

Prov 20:27 The spirit of man [that factor in human personality which proceeds immediately from God] is the lamp of the Lord, searching all his innermost parts.
Prov 20:28 Loving-kindness {and} mercy, truth {and} faithfulness, preserve the king, and his throne is upheld by [the people's] loyalty.
Prov 20:29 The glory of young men is their strength, and the beauty of old men is their gray head [suggesting wisdom and experience].
Prov 20:30 Blows that wound cleanse away evil, and strokes [for correction] reach to the innermost parts.
Prov 21:1 THE KING'S heart is in the hand of the Lord, as are the watercourses; He turns it whichever way He wills.
Prov 21:2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs {and} tries the hearts.
Prov 21:3 To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.
Prov 21:4 Haughtiness of eyes and a proud heart, even the tillage of the wicked {or} the lamp [of joy] to them [whatever it may be], are sin [in the eyes of God].
Prov 21:5 The thoughts of the [steadily] diligent tend only to plenteousness, but everyone who is impatient {and} hasty hastens only to want.
Prov 21:6 Securing treasures by a lying tongue is a vapor driven to and fro; those who seek them seek death.
Prov 21:7 The violence of the wicked shall sweep them away, because they refuse to do justice.
Prov 21:8 The way of the guilty is exceedingly crooked, but as for the pure, his work is right {and} his conduct is straight.
Prov 21:9 It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop [on the flat oriental roof, exposed to all kinds of weather] than in a house shared with a nagging, quarrelsome, {and} faultfinding woman.
Prov 21:10 The soul {or} life of the wicked craves {and} seeks evil; his neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.
Prov 21:11 When the scoffer is punished, the fool gets a lesson in being wise; but men of [godly] Wisdom {and} good sense learn by being instructed.
Prov 21:12 The [uncompromisingly] righteous man considers well the house of the wicked--how the wicked are cast down to ruin.
Prov 21:13 Whoever stops his ears at the cry of the poor will cry out himself and not be heard.
Prov 21:14 A gift in secret pacifies {and} turns away anger, and a bribe in the lap, strong wrath.
Prov 21:15 When justice is done, it is a joy to the righteous (the upright, in right standing with God), but to the evildoers it is dismay, calamity, {and} ruin.
Prov 21:16 A man who wanders out of the way of understanding shall abide in the congregation of the spirits (of the dead).
Prov 21:17 He who loves pleasure will be a poor man; he who loves wine and oil will not be rich.
Prov 21:18 The wicked become a ransom for the [uncompromisingly] righteous, and the treacherous for the upright [because the wicked themselves fall into the traps and pits they have dug for the good].
Prov 21:19 It is better to dwell in a desert land than with a contentious woman and with vexation.
Prov 21:20 There are precious treasures and oil in the dwelling of the wise, but a self-confident {and} foolish man swallows it up {and} wastes it.
Prov 21:21 He who earnestly seeks after {and} craves righteousness, mercy, {and} loving-kindness will find life in addition to righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God) and honor.
Prov 21:22 A wise man scales the city walls of the mighty and brings down the stronghold in which they trust.
Prov 21:23 He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from troubles.
Prov 21:24 The proud {and} haughty man--Scoffer is his name--deals {and} acts with overbearing pride.
Prov 21:25 The desire of the slothful kills him, for his hands refuse to labor.
Prov 21:26 He covets greedily all the day long, but the [uncompromisingly] righteous gives and does not withhold.
Prov 21:27 The sacrifice of the wicked is exceedingly disgusting {and} abhorrent [to the Lord]--how much more when he brings it with evil intention?
Prov 21:28 A false witness will perish, but the word of a man who hears attentively will endure {and} go unchallenged.
Prov 21:29 A wicked man puts on the bold, unfeeling face [of guilt], but as for the upright, he considers, directs, {and} establishes his way [with the confidence of integrity].
Prov 21:30 There is no [human] wisdom or understanding or counsel [that can prevail] against the Lord.
Prov 21:31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but deliverance {and} victory are of the Lord.
Prov 22:1 A GOOD name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold.
Prov 22:2 The rich and poor meet together; the Lord is the Maker of them all.

Prov 22:3 A prudent man sees the evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished [with suffering].
Prov 22:4 The reward of humility {and} the reverent {and} worshipful fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life.
Prov 22:5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the obstinate {and} willful; he who guards himself will be far from them.
Prov 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go [and in keeping with his individual gift or bent], and when he is old he will not depart from it.
Prov 22:7 The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.
Prov 22:8 He who sows iniquity will reap calamity {and} futility, and the rod of his wrath [with which he smites others] will fail.
Prov 22:9 He who has a bountiful eye shall be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor.
Prov 22:10 Drive out the scoffer, and contention will go out; yes, strife and abuse will cease.
Prov 22:11 He who loves purity {and} the pure in heart {and} who is gracious in speech--because of the grace of his lips will he have the king for his friend.
Prov 22:12 The eyes of the Lord keep guard over knowledge {and} him who has it, but He overthrows the words of the treacherous.
Prov 22:13 The sluggard says, There is a lion outside! I shall be slain in the streets!
Prov 22:14 The mouth of a loose woman is a deep pit [for ensnaring wild animals]; he with whom the Lord is indignant {and} who is abhorrent to Him will fall into it.
Prov 22:15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.
Prov 22:16 He who oppresses the poor to get gain for himself {and} he who gives to the rich--both will surely come to want.
Prov 22:17 Listen (consent and submit) to the words of the wise, and apply your mind to my knowledge;
Prov 22:18 For it will be pleasant if you keep them in your mind [believing them]; your lips will be accustomed to [confessing] them.
Prov 22:19 So that your trust (belief, reliance, support, and confidence) may be in the Lord, I have made known these things to you today, even to you.
Prov 22:20 Have I not written to you [long ago] excellent things in counsels and knowledge,
Prov 22:21 To make you know the certainty of the words of truth, that you may give a true answer to those who sent you?
Prov 22:22 Rob not the poor [being tempted by their helplessness], neither oppress the afflicted at the gate [where the city court is held],
Prov 22:23 For the Lord will plead their cause and deprive of life those who deprive [the poor or afflicted].
Prov 22:24 Make no friendships with a man given to anger, and with a wrathful man do not associate,
Prov 22:25 Lest you learn his ways and get yourself into a snare.
Prov 22:26 Be not one of those who strike hands {and} pledge themselves, or of those who become security for another's debts.
Prov 22:27 If you have nothing with which to pay, why should he take your bed from under you?
Prov 22:28 Remove not the ancient landmark which your fathers have set up.
Prov 22:29 Do you see a man diligent {and} skillful in his business? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men.
Prov 23:1 WHEN YOU sit down to eat with a ruler, consider who {and} what are before you;
Prov 23:2 For you will put a knife to your throat if you are a man given to desire.
Prov 23:3 Be not desirous of his dainties, for it is deceitful food [offered with questionable motives].
Prov 23:4 Weary not yourself to be rich; cease from your own [human] wisdom.
Prov 23:5 Will you set your eyes upon wealth, when [suddenly] it is gone? For riches certainly make themselves wings, like an eagle that flies toward the heavens.
Prov 23:6 Eat not the bread of him who has a hard, grudging, {and} envious eye, neither desire his dainty foods;
Prov 23:7 For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. As one who reckons, he says to you, eat and drink, yet his heart is not with you [but is grudging the cost].
Prov 23:8 The morsel which you have eaten you will vomit up, and your complimentary words will be wasted.
Prov 23:9 Speak not in the ears of a [self-confident] fool, for he will despise the [godly] Wisdom of your words.
Prov 23:10 Remove not the ancient landmark and enter not into the fields of the fatherless,
Prov 23:11 For their Redeemer is mighty; He will plead their cause against you.
Prov 23:12 Apply your mind to instruction {and} correction and your ears to words of knowledge.

Prov 23:13 Withhold not discipline from the child; for if you strike {and} punish him with the [reedlike] rod, he will not die.
Prov 23:14 You shall whip him with the rod and deliver his life from Sheol (Hades, the place of the dead).
Prov 23:15 My son, if your heart is wise, my heart will be glad, even mine;
Prov 23:16 Yes, my heart will rejoice when your lips speak right things.
Prov 23:17 Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the reverent {and} worshipful fear of the Lord all the day long.
Prov 23:18 For surely there is a latter end [a future and a reward], and your hope {and} expectation shall not be cut off.
Prov 23:19 Hear, my son, and be wise, and direct your mind in the way [of the Lord].
Prov 23:20 Do not associate with winebibbers; be not among them {nor} among gluttonous eaters of meat,
Prov 23:21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty, and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.
Prov 23:22 Hearken to your father, who begot you, and despise not your mother when she is old.
Prov 23:23 Buy the truth and sell it not; not only that, but also get discernment {and} judgment, instruction and understanding.
Prov 23:24 The father of the [uncompromisingly] righteous (the upright, in right standing with God) shall greatly rejoice, and he who becomes the father of a wise child shall have joy in him.
Prov 23:25 Let your father and your mother be glad, and let her who bore you rejoice.
Prov 23:26 My son, give me your heart and let your eyes observe {and} delight in my ways,
Prov 23:27 For a harlot is a deep ditch, and a loose woman is a narrow pit.
Prov 23:28 She also lies in wait as a robber {or} as one waits for prey, and she increases the treacherous among men.
Prov 23:29 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaining? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness {and} dimness of eyes?
Prov 23:30 Those who tarry long at the wine, those who go to seek {and} try mixed wine.
Prov 23:31 Do not look at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the wineglass, when it goes down smoothly.
Prov 23:32 At the last it bites like a serpent and stings like an adder.
Prov 23:33 [Under the influence of wine] your eyes will behold strange things [and loose women] and your mind will utter things turned the wrong way [untrue, incorrect, and petulant].
Prov 23:34 Yes, you will be [as unsteady] as he who lies down in the midst of the sea, and [as open to disaster] as he who lies upon the top of a mast.
Prov 23:35 You will say, They struck me, but I was not hurt! They beat me [as with a hammer], but I did not feel it! When shall I awake? I will crave {and} seek more wine again [and escape reality].
Prov 24:1 BE NOT envious of evil men, nor desire to be with them;
Prov 24:2 For their minds plot oppression {and} devise violence, and their lips talk of causing trouble {and} vexation.
Prov 24:3 Through skillful {and} godly Wisdom is a house (a life, a home, a family) built, and by understanding it is established [on a sound and good foundation],
Prov 24:4 And by knowledge shall its chambers [of every area] be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.
Prov 24:5 A wise man is strong {and} {is better than a strong man}, and a man of knowledge increases {and} strengthens his power;
Prov 24:6 For by wise counsel you can wage your war, and in an abundance of counselors there is victory {and} safety.
Prov 24:7 Wisdom is too high for a fool; he opens not his mouth in the gate [where the city's rulers sit in judgment].
Prov 24:8 He who plans to do evil will be called a mischief-maker.
Prov 24:9 The plans of the foolish {and} the thought of foolishness are sin, and the scoffer is an abomination to men.
Prov 24:10 If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.
Prov 24:11 Deliver those who are drawn away to death, and those who totter to the slaughter, hold them back [from their doom].
Prov 24:12 If you [profess ignorance and] say, Behold, we did not know this, does not He Who weighs {and} ponders the heart perceive {and} consider it? And He Who guards your life, does not He know it? And shall not He render to [you and] every man according to his works?
Prov 24:13 My son, eat honey, because it is good, and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste.
Prov 24:14 So shall you know skillful {and} godly Wisdom to be thus to your life; if you find it, then shall there be a future {and} a reward, and your hope {and} expectation shall not be cut off.
Prov 24:15 Lie not in wait as a wicked man against the dwelling of the [uncompromisingly] righteous (the upright, in

right standing with God); destroy not his resting-place;
Prov 24:16 For a righteous man falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked are overthrown by calamity.
Prov 24:17 Rejoice not when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles {or} is overthrown,
Prov 24:18 Lest the Lord see it and it be evil in His eyes {and} displease Him, and He turn away His wrath from him [to expend it upon you, the worse offender].
Prov 24:19 Fret not because of evildoers, neither be envious of the wicked,
Prov 24:20 For there shall be no reward for the evil man; the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.
Prov 24:21 My son, [reverently] fear the Lord and the king, and do not associate with those who are given to change [of allegiance, and are revolutionary],
Prov 24:22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly, and who knows the punishment {and} ruin which both [the Lord and the king] will bring upon [the rebellious]?
Prov 24:23 These also are sayings of the wise: To discriminate {and} show partiality, having respect of persons in judging, is not good.
Prov 24:24 He who says to the wicked, You are righteous {and} innocent--peoples will curse him, nations will defy {and} abhor him.
Prov 24:25 But to those [upright judges] who rebuke the wicked, it will go well with them {and} they will find delight, and a good blessing will be upon them.
Prov 24:26 He kisses the lips [and wins the hearts of men] who give a right answer.
Prov 24:27 [Put first things first.] Prepare your work outside and get it ready for yourself in the field; and afterward build your house {and} establish a home.
Prov 24:28 Be not a witness against your neighbor without cause, and deceive not with your lips.
Prov 24:29 Say not, I will do to him as he has done to me; I will pay the man back for his deed.
Prov 24:30 I went by the field of the lazy man, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;
Prov 24:31 And, behold, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles were covering its face, and its stone wall was broken down.
Prov 24:32 Then I beheld {and} considered it well; I looked {and} received instruction.
Prov 24:33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep--
Prov 24:34 So shall your poverty come as a robber, and your want as an armed man.
Prov 25:1 THESE ARE also the proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied:
Prov 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing, but the glory of kings is to search out a thing.
Prov 25:3 As the heavens for height and the earth for depth, so the hearts {and} minds of kings are unsearchable.
Prov 25:4 Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth [the material for] a vessel for the silversmith [to work up].
Prov 25:5 Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness (moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation).
Prov 25:6 Be not forward (self-assertive and boastfully ambitious) in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great men;
Prov 25:7 For better it is that it should be said to you, Come up here, than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, whose eyes have seen you.
Prov 25:8 Rush not forth soon to quarrel [before magistrates or elsewhere], lest you know not what to do in the end when your neighbor has put you to shame.
Prov 25:9 Argue your cause with your neighbor himself; discover not {and} disclose not another's secret,
Prov 25:10 Lest he who hears you revile you {and} bring shame upon you and your ill repute have no end.
Prov 25:11 A word fitly spoken {and} in due season is like apples of gold in settings of silver.
Prov 25:12 Like an earring {or} nose ring of gold or an ornament of fine gold is a wise reprover to an ear that listens {and} obeys.
Prov 25:13 Like the cold of snow [brought from the mountains] in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to those who send him; for he refreshes the life of his masters.
Prov 25:14 Whoever falsely boasts of gifts [he does not give] is like clouds and wind without rain.
Prov 25:15 By long forbearance {and} calmness of spirit a judge {or} ruler is persuaded, and soft speech breaks down the most bonelike resistance.
Prov 25:16 Have you found [pleasure sweet like] honey? Eat only as much as is sufficient for you, lest, being filled with it, you vomit it.
Prov 25:17 Let your foot seldom be in your neighbor's house, lest he become tired of you and hate you.

Prov 25:18 A man who bears false witness against his neighbor is like a heavy sledgehammer and a sword and a sharp arrow.
Prov 25:19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth or a foot out of joint.
Prov 25:20 He who sings songs to a heavy heart is like him who lays off a garment in cold weather {and} like vinegar upon soda.
Prov 25:21 If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink;
Prov 25:22 For in doing so, you will heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord will reward you.
Prov 25:23 The north wind brings forth rain; so does a backbiting tongue bring forth an angry countenance.
Prov 25:24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop than to share a house with a disagreeing, quarrelsome, {and} scolding woman.
Prov 25:25 Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far [home] country.
Prov 25:26 Like a muddied fountain and a polluted spring is a righteous man who yields, falls down, {and} compromises his integrity before the wicked.
Prov 25:27 It is not good to eat much honey; so for men to seek glory, their own glory, causes suffering {and} is not glory.
Prov 25:28 He who has no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down and without walls.
Prov 26:1 LIKE SNOW in summer and like rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a [self-confident] fool.
Prov 26:2 Like the sparrow in her wandering, like the swallow in her flying, so the causeless curse does not alight.
Prov 26:3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, and a [straight, slender] rod for the backs of [self-confident] fools.
Prov 26:4 Answer not a [self-confident] fool according to his folly, lest you also be like him.
Prov 26:5 Answer a [self-confident] fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes {and} conceit.
Prov 26:6 He who sends a message by the hand of a fool cuts off the feet [of satisfactory delivery] and drinks the damage.
Prov 26:7 Like the legs of a lame man which hang loose, so is a parable in the mouth of a fool.
Prov 26:8 Like he who binds a stone in a sling, so is he who gives honor to a [self-confident] fool.
Prov 26:9 Like a thorn that goes [without being felt] into the hand of a drunken man, so is a proverb in the mouth of a [self-confident] fool.
Prov 26:10 [But] like an archer who wounds all, so is he who hires a fool or chance passers-by.
Prov 26:11 As a dog returns to his vomit, so a fool returns to his folly.
Prov 26:12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes {and} conceit? There is more hope for a [self-confident] fool than for him.
Prov 26:13 The sluggard says, There is a lion in the way! A lion is in the streets!
Prov 26:14 As the door turns on its hinges, so does the lazy man [move not from his place] upon his bed.
Prov 26:15 The slothful {and} self-indulgent buries his hand in his bosom; it distresses {and} wearies him to bring it again to his mouth.
Prov 26:16 The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes {and} conceit than seven men who can render a reason {and} answer discreetly.
Prov 26:17 He who, passing by, stops to meddle with strife that is none of his business is like one who takes a dog by the ears.
Prov 26:18 Like a madman who casts firebrands, arrows, and death,
Prov 26:19 So is the man who deceives his neighbor and then says, Was I not joking?
Prov 26:20 For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, contention ceases.
Prov 26:21 As coals are to hot embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man to inflame strife.
Prov 26:22 The words of a whisperer {or} slanderer are like dainty morsels {or} words of sport [to some, but to others are like deadly wounds]; and they go down into the innermost parts of the body [or of the victim's nature].
Prov 26:23 Burning lips [uttering insincere words of love] and a wicked heart are like an earthen vessel covered with the scum thrown off from molten silver [making it appear to be solid silver].
Prov 26:24 He who hates pretends with his lips, but stores up deceit within himself.
Prov 26:25 When he speaks kindly, do not trust him, for seven abominations are in his heart.
Prov 26:26 Though his hatred covers itself with guile, his wickedness shall be shown openly before the assembly.
Prov 26:27 Whoever digs a pit [for another man's feet] shall fall into it himself, and he who rolls a stone [up a height to do mischief], it will return upon him.
Prov 26:28 A lying tongue hates those it wounds {and} crushes, and a flattering mouth works ruin.

Prov 27:1 DO NOT boast of [yourself and] tomorrow, for you know not what a day may bring forth.
Prov 27:2 Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.
Prov 27:3 Stone is heavy and sand weighty, but a fool's [unreasoning] wrath is heavier {and} more intolerable than both of them.
Prov 27:4 Wrath is cruel and anger is an overwhelming flood, but who is able to stand before jealousy?
Prov 27:5 Open rebuke is better than love that is hidden.
Prov 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are lavish {and} deceitful.
Prov 27:7 He who is satiated [with sensual pleasures] loathes {and} treads underfoot a honeycomb, but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.
Prov 27:8 Like a bird that wanders from her nest, so is a man who strays from his home.
Prov 27:9 Oil and perfume rejoice the heart; so does the sweetness of a friend's counsel that comes from the heart.
Prov 27:10 Your own friend and your father's friend, forsake them not; neither go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity. Better is a neighbor who is near [in spirit] than a brother who is far off [in heart].
Prov 27:11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him who reproaches me [as having failed in my parental duty].
Prov 27:12 A prudent man sees the evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished [with suffering].
Prov 27:13 [The judge tells the creditor] Take the garment of one who is security for a stranger; and hold him in pledge when he is security for foreigners.
Prov 27:14 The flatterer who loudly praises {and} glorifies his neighbor, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted as cursing him [for he will be suspected of sinister purposes].
Prov 27:15 A continual dripping on a day of violent showers and a contentious woman are alike;
Prov 27:16 Whoever attempts to restrain [a contentious woman] might as well try to stop the wind--his right hand encounters oil [and she slips through his fingers].
Prov 27:17 Iron sharpens iron; so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend [to show rage or worthy purpose].
Prov 27:18 Whoever tends the fig tree shall eat its fruit; so he who patiently {and} faithfully guards {and} heeds his master shall be honored.
Prov 27:19 As in water face answers to {and} reflects face, so the heart of man to man.
Prov 27:20 Sheol (the place of the dead) and Abaddon (the place of destruction) are never satisfied; so [the lust of] the eyes of man is never satisfied.
Prov 27:21 As the refining pot for silver and the furnace for gold [bring forth all the impurities of the metal], so let a man be in his trial of praise [ridding himself of all that is base or insincere; for a man is judged by what he praises and of what he boasts].
Prov 27:22 Even though like grain you should pound a fool in a mortar with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him.
Prov 27:23 Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, and look well to your herds;
Prov 27:24 For riches are not forever; does a crown endure to all generations?
Prov 27:25 When the hay is gone, the tender grass shows itself, and herbs of the mountain are gathered in,
Prov 27:26 The lambs will be for your clothing, and the goats [will furnish you] the price of a field.
Prov 27:27 And there will be goats' milk enough for your food, for the food of your household, and for the maintenance of your maids.
Prov 28:1 THE WICKED flee when no man pursues them, but the [uncompromisingly] righteous are bold as a lion.
Prov 28:2 When a land transgresses, it has many rulers, but when the ruler is a man of discernment, understanding, {and} knowledge, its stability will long continue.
Prov 28:3 A poor man who oppresses the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaves no food [plundering them of their last morsels].
Prov 28:4 Those who forsake the law [of God and man] praise the wicked, but those who keep the law [of God and man] contend with them.
Prov 28:5 Evil men do not understand justice, but they who crave {and} seek the Lord understand it fully.
Prov 28:6 Better is the poor man who walks in his integrity than he who willfully goes in double {and} wrong ways, though he is rich.
Prov 28:7 Whoever keeps the law [of God and man] is a wise son, but he who is a companion of gluttons {and} the carousing, self-indulgent, {and} extravagant shames his father.
Prov 28:8 He who by charging excessive interest {and} who by unjust efforts to get gain increases his material possession gathers it for him [to spend] who is kind {and} generous to the poor.

Prov 28:9 He who turns away his ear from hearing the law [of God and man], even his prayer is an abomination, hateful {and} revolting [to God].
Prov 28:10 Whoever leads the upright astray into an evil way, he will himself fall into his own pit, but the blameless will have a goodly inheritance.
Prov 28:11 The rich man is wise in his own eyes {and} conceit, but the poor man who has understanding will find him out.
Prov 28:12 When the [uncompromisingly] righteous triumph, there is great glory {and} celebration; but when the wicked rise [to power], men hide themselves.
Prov 28:13 He who covers his transgressions will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes his sins will obtain mercy.
Prov 28:14 Blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) is the man who reverently {and} worshipfully fears [the Lord] at all times [regardless of circumstances], but he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.
Prov 28:15 Like a roaring lion or a ravenous {and} charging bear is a wicked ruler over a poor people.
Prov 28:16 A ruler who lacks understanding is [like a wicked one] a great oppressor, but he who hates covetousness {and} unjust gain shall prolong his days.
Prov 28:17 If a man willfully sheds the blood of a person [and keeps the guilt of murder upon his conscience], he is fleeing to the pit (the grave) {and} hastening to his own destruction; let no man stop him!
Prov 28:18 He who walks uprightly shall be safe, but he who willfully goes in double {and} wrong ways shall fall in one of them.
Prov 28:19 He who cultivates his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless people {and} pursuits will have poverty enough.
Prov 28:20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings, but he who makes haste to be rich [at any cost] shall not go unpunished.
Prov 28:21 To have respect of persons {and} to show partiality is not good, neither is it good that man should transgress for a piece of bread.
Prov 28:22 He who has an evil {and} covetous eye hastens to be rich and knows not that want will come upon him.
Prov 28:23 He who rebukes a man shall afterward find more favor than he who flatters with the tongue.
Prov 28:24 Whoever robs his father or his mother and says, This is no sin--he is in the same class as [an open, lawless robber and] a destroyer.
Prov 28:25 He who is of a greedy spirit stirs up strife, but he who puts his trust in the Lord shall be enriched {and} blessed.
Prov 28:26 He who leans on, trusts in, {and} is confident of his own mind {and} heart is a [self-confident] fool, but he who walks in skillful {and} godly Wisdom shall be delivered.
Prov 28:27 He who gives to the poor will not want, but he who hides his eyes [from their want] will have many a curse.
Prov 28:28 When the wicked rise [to power], men hide themselves; but when they perish, the [consistently] righteous increase {and} become many.
Prov 29:1 HE WHO, being often reproved, hardens his neck shall suddenly be destroyed--and that without remedy.
Prov 29:2 When the [uncompromisingly] righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked man rules, the people groan {and} sigh.
Prov 29:3 Whoever loves skillful {and} godly Wisdom rejoices his father, but he who associates with harlots wastes his substance.
Prov 29:4 The king by justice establishes the land, but he who exacts gifts {and} tribute overthrows it.
Prov 29:5 A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his own feet.
Prov 29:6 In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare, but the [uncompromisingly] righteous man sings and rejoices.
Prov 29:7 The [consistently] righteous man knows {and} cares for the rights of the poor, but the wicked man has no interest in such knowledge.
Prov 29:8 Scoffers set a city afire [inflaming the minds of the people], but wise men turn away wrath.
Prov 29:9 If a wise man has an argument with a foolish man, the fool only rages or laughs, and there is no rest.
Prov 29:10 The bloodthirsty hate the blameless man, but the upright care for {and} seek [to save] his life.
Prov 29:11 A [self-confident] fool utters all his anger, but a wise man holds it back and stills it.
Prov 29:12 If a ruler listens to falsehood, all his officials will become wicked.
Prov 29:13 The poor man and the oppressor meet together--the Lord gives light to the eyes of both.

Prov 29:14 The king who faithfully judges the poor, his throne shall be established continuously.
Prov 29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left undisciplined brings his mother to shame.
Prov 29:16 When the wicked are in authority, transgression increases, but the [uncompromisingly] righteous shall see the fall of the wicked.
Prov 29:17 Correct your son, and he will give you rest; yes, he will give delight to your heart.
Prov 29:18 Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelation of God], the people perish; but he who keeps the law [of God, which includes that of man]--blessed (happy, fortunate, and enviable) is he.
Prov 29:19 A servant will not be corrected by words alone; for though he understands, he will not answer [the master who mistreats him].
Prov 29:20 Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a [self-confident] fool than for him.
Prov 29:21 He who pampers his servant from childhood will have him expecting the rights of a son afterward.
Prov 29:22 A man of wrath stirs up strife, and a man given to anger commits {and} causes much transgression.
Prov 29:23 A man's pride will bring him low, but he who is of a humble spirit will obtain honor.
Prov 29:24 Whoever is partner with a thief hates his own life; he falls under the curse [pronounced upon him who knows who the thief is] but discloses nothing.
Prov 29:25 The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever leans on, trusts in, {and} puts his confidence in the Lord is safe {and} set on high.
Prov 29:26 Many crave {and} seek the ruler's favor, but the wise man [waits] for justice from the Lord.
Prov 29:27 An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous, and he who is upright in the way [of the Lord] is an abomination to the wicked.
Prov 30:1 THE WORDS of Agur son of Jakeh of Massa: The man says to Ithiel, to Ithiel and to Ucal:
Prov 30:2 Surely I am too brutish {and} stupid to be called a man, and I have not the understanding of a man [for all my secular learning is as nothing].
Prov 30:3 I have not learned skillful {and} godly Wisdom, that I should have the knowledge {or} burden of the Holy One.
Prov 30:4 Who has ascended into heaven and descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in His garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, if you know?
Prov 30:5 Every word of God is tried {and} purified; He is a shield to those who trust {and} take refuge in Him.
Prov 30:6 Add not to His words, lest He reprove you, and you be found a liar.
Prov 30:7 Two things have I asked of You [O Lord]; deny them not to me before I die:
Prov 30:8 Remove far from me falsehood and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me,
Prov 30:9 Lest I be full and deny You and say, Who is the Lord? Or lest I be poor and steal, and so profane the name of my God.
Prov 30:10 Do not accuse {and} hurt a servant before his master, lest he curse you, and you be held guilty [of adding to the burdens of the lowly].
Prov 30:11 There is a class of people who curse their fathers and do not bless their mothers.
Prov 30:12 There is a class of people who are pure in their own eyes, and yet are not washed from their own filth.
Prov 30:13 There is a class of people--oh, how lofty are their eyes and their raised eyelids!
Prov 30:14 There is a class of people whose teeth are as swords and whose fangs as knives, to devour the poor from the earth and the needy from among men.
Prov 30:15 The leech has two daughters, crying, Give, give! There are three things that are never satisfied, yes, four that do not say, It is enough:
Prov 30:16 Sheol (the place of the dead), the barren womb, the earth that is not satisfied with water, and the fire that says not, It is enough.
Prov 30:17 The eye that mocks a father and scorns to obey a mother, the ravens of the valley will pick it out, and the young vultures will devour it.
Prov 30:18 There are three things which are too wonderful for me, yes, four which I do not understand:
Prov 30:19 The way of an eagle in the air, the way of a serpent upon a rock, the way of a ship in the midst of the sea, and the way of a man with a maid.
Prov 30:20 This is the way of an adulterous woman: she eats and wipes her mouth and says, I have done no wickedness.
Prov 30:21 Under three things the earth is disquieted, and under four it cannot bear up:

Prov 30:22 Under a servant when he reigns, a [empty-headed] fool when he is filled with food,
Prov 30:23 An unloved {and} repugnant woman when she is married, and a maidservant when she supplants her mistress.
Prov 30:24 There are four things which are little on the earth, but they are exceedingly wise:
Prov 30:25 The ants are a people not strong, yet they lay up their food in the summer;
Prov 30:26 The conies are but a feeble folk, yet they make their houses in the rocks;
Prov 30:27 The locusts have no king, yet they go forth all of them by bands;
Prov 30:28 The lizard you can seize with your hands, yet it is in kings' palaces.
Prov 30:29 There are three things which are stately in step, yes, four which are stately in their stride:
Prov 30:30 The lion, which is mightiest among beasts and turns not back before any;
Prov 30:31 The war horse [well-knit in the loins], the male goat also, and the king [when his army is with him and] against whom there is no uprising.
Prov 30:32 If you have done foolishly in exalting yourself, or if you have thought evil, lay your hand upon your mouth.
Prov 30:33 Surely the churning of milk brings forth butter, and the wringing of the nose brings forth blood; so the forcing of wrath brings forth strife.
Prov 31:1 THE WORDS of Lemuel king of Massa, which his mother taught him:
Prov 31:2 What, my son? What, son of my womb? What [shall I advise you], son of my vows {and} dedication to God?
Prov 31:3 Give not your strength to [loose] women, nor your ways to those who {and} that which ruin {and} destroy kings.
Prov 31:4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, or for rulers to desire strong drink,
Prov 31:5 Lest they drink and forget the law {and} what it decrees, and pervert the justice due any of the afflicted.
Prov 31:6 Give strong drink [as medicine] to him who is ready to pass away, and wine to him in bitter distress of heart.
Prov 31:7 Let him drink and forget his poverty and [seriously] remember his want {and} misery no more.
Prov 31:8 Open your mouth for the dumb [those unable to speak for themselves], for the rights of all who are left desolate {and} defenseless;
Prov 31:9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, and administer justice for the poor and needy.
Prov 31:10 A capable, intelligent, {and} virtuous woman--who is he who can find her? She is far more precious than jewels {and} her value is far above rubies {or} pearls.
Prov 31:11 The heart of her husband trusts in her confidently {and} relies on and believes in her securely, so that he has no lack of [honest] gain or need of [dishonest] spoil.
Prov 31:12 She comforts, encourages, {and} does him only good as long as there is life within her.
Prov 31:13 She seeks out wool and flax and works with willing hands [to develop it].
Prov 31:14 She is like the merchant ships loaded with foodstuffs; she brings her household's food from a far [country].
Prov 31:15 She rises while it is yet night and gets [spiritual] food for her household and assigns her maids their tasks.
Prov 31:16 She considers a [new] field before she buys {or} accepts it [expanding prudently and not courting neglect of her present duties by assuming other duties]; with her savings [of time and strength] she plants fruitful vines in her vineyard. [S. of Sol. 8:12.]
Prov 31:17 She girds herself with strength [spiritual, mental, and physical fitness for her God-given task] and makes her arms strong {and} firm.
Prov 31:18 She tastes {and} sees that her gain from work [with and for God] is good; her lamp goes not out, but it burns on continually through the night [of trouble, privation, or sorrow, warning away fear, doubt, and distrust].
Prov 31:19 She lays her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.
Prov 31:20 She opens her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out her filled hands to the needy [whether in body, mind, or spirit].
Prov 31:21 She fears not the snow for her family, for all her household are doubly clothed in scarlet.
Prov 31:22 She makes for herself coverlets, cushions, {and} rugs of tapestry. Her clothing is of linen, pure {and} fine, and of purple [such as that of which the clothing of the priests and the hallowed cloths of the temple were made].
Prov 31:23 Her husband is known in the [city's] gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.
Prov 31:24 She makes fine linen garments {and} leads others to buy them; she delivers to the merchants girdles [or sashes that free one up for service].
Prov 31:25 Strength and dignity are her clothing {and} her position is strong and secure; she rejoices over the future [the latter day or time to come, knowing that she and her family are in readiness for it]!

Prov 31:26 She opens her mouth in skillful and godly Wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness [giving counsel and instruction].
Prov 31:27 She looks well to how things go in her household, and the bread of idleness (gossip, discontent, and self-pity) she will not eat.
Prov 31:28 Her children rise up and call her blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied); and her husband boasts of {and} praises her, [saying],
Prov 31:29 Many daughters have done virtuously, nobly, {and} well [with the strength of character that is steadfast in goodness], but you excel them all.
Prov 31:30 Charm {and} grace are deceptive, and beauty is vain [because it is not lasting], but a woman who reverently {and} worshipfully fears the Lord, she shall be praised!
Prov 31:31 Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates [of the city]!
Eccl 1:1 THE WORDS of the Preacher, the son of David and king in Jerusalem.
Eccl 1:2 Vapor of vapors {and} futility of futilities, says the Preacher. Vapor of vapors {and} futility of futilities! All is vanity (emptiness, falsity, and vainglory).
Eccl 1:3 What profit does man have left from all his toil at which he toils under the sun? [Is life worth living?]
Eccl 1:4 One generation goes and another generation comes, but the earth remains forever.
Eccl 1:5 The sun also rises and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises.
Eccl 1:6 The wind goes to the south and circles about to the north; it circles {and} circles about continually, and on its circuit the wind returns again.
Eccl 1:7 All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full. To the place from which the rivers come, to there {and} from there they return again.
Eccl 1:8 All things are weary with toil {and} all words are feeble; man cannot utter it. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.
Eccl 1:9 The thing that has been--it is what will be again, and that which has been done is that which will be done again; and there is nothing new under the sun.
Eccl 1:10 Is there a thing of which it may be said, See, this is new? It has already been, in the vast ages of time [recorded or unrecorded] which were before us.
Eccl 1:11 There is no remembrance of former happenings {or} men, neither will there be any remembrance of happenings of generations that are to come by those who are to come after them.
Eccl 1:12 I, the Preacher, have been king over Israel in Jerusalem.
Eccl 1:13 And I applied myself by heart {and} mind to seek and search out by [human] wisdom all human activity under heaven. It is a miserable business which God has given to the sons of man with which to busy themselves.
Eccl 1:14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity, a striving after the wind {and} a feeding on wind.
Eccl 1:15 What is crooked cannot be made straight, and what is defective {and} lacking cannot be counted.
Eccl 1:16 I entered into counsel with my own mind, saying, Behold, I have acquired great [human] wisdom, yes, more than all who have been over Jerusalem before me; and my mind has had great experience of [moral] wisdom and [scientific] knowledge.
Eccl 1:17 And I gave my mind to know [practical] wisdom and to discern [the character of] madness and folly [in which men seem to find satisfaction]; I perceived that this also is a searching after wind {and} a feeding on it.
Eccl 1:18 For in much [human] wisdom is much vexation, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.
Eccl 2:1 I SAID in my mind, Come now, I will prove you with mirth {and} test you with pleasure; so have a good time [enjoy pleasure]. But this also was vanity (emptiness, falsity, and futility)!
Eccl 2:2 I said of laughter, It is mad, and of pleasure, What does it accomplish?
Eccl 2:3 I searched in my mind how to cheer my body with wine--yet at the same time having my mind hold its course {and} guide me with [human] wisdom--and how to lay hold of folly, till I might see what was good for the sons of men to do under heaven all the days of their lives.
Eccl 2:4 I made great works; I built myself houses, I planted vineyards.
Eccl 2:5 I made for myself gardens and orchards and I planted in them all kinds of fruit trees.
Eccl 2:6 I made for myself pools of water from which to water the forest {and} make the trees bud.
Eccl 2:7 I bought menservants and maidservants and had servants born in my house. Also I had great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem.
Eccl 2:8 I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and of the provinces. I got for myself men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men--concubines very many.

Eccl 2:9 So I became great and increased more than all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me {and} stood by me.
Eccl 2:10 And whatever my eyes desired I kept not from them; I withheld not my heart from any pleasure, for my heart rejoiced in all my labor, and this was my portion {and} reward for all my toil.
Eccl 2:11 Then I looked on all that my hands had done and the labor I had spent in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after the wind {and} a feeding on it, and there was no profit under the sun.
Eccl 2:12 So I turned to consider [human] wisdom and madness and folly; for what can the man do who succeeds the king? Nothing but what has been done already.
Eccl 2:13 Then I saw that even [human] wisdom [that brings sorrow] is better than [the pleasures of] folly as far as light is better than darkness.
Eccl 2:14 The wise man's eyes are in his head, but the fool walks in darkness; and yet I perceived that [in the end] one event happens to them both.
Eccl 2:15 Then said I in my heart, As it happens to the fool, so it will happen even to me. And of what use is it then for me to be more wise? Then I said in my heart, This also is vanity (emptiness, vainglory, and futility)!
Eccl 2:16 For of the wise man, the same as of the fool, there is no permanent remembrance, since in the days to come all will be long forgotten. And how does the wise man die? Even as the fool!
Eccl 2:17 So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to me; for all is vanity and a striving after the wind {and} a feeding on it.
Eccl 2:18 And I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will succeed me.
Eccl 2:19 And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have dominion over all my labor in which I have toiled and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This is also vanity (emptiness, falsity, and futility)!
Eccl 2:20 So I turned around and gave my heart up to despair over all the labor of my efforts under the sun.
Eccl 2:21 For here is a man whose labor is with wisdom and knowledge and skill; yet to a man who has not toiled for it he must leave it all as his portion. This also is vanity (emptiness, falsity, and futility) and a great evil!
Eccl 2:22 For what has a man left from all his labor and from the striving {and} vexation of his heart in which he has toiled under the sun?
Eccl 2:23 For all his days are but pain {and} sorrow, and his work is a vexation {and} grief; his mind takes no rest even at night. This is also vanity (emptiness, falsity, and futility)!
Eccl 2:24 There is nothing better for a man than that he should eat and drink and make himself enjoy good in his labor. Even this, I have seen, is from the hand of God.
Eccl 2:25 For who can eat or who can have enjoyment any more than I can--{apart from Him} ?
Eccl 2:26 For to the person who pleases Him God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and heaping up, that he may give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after the wind {and} a feeding on it.
Eccl 3:1 TO EVERYTHING there is a season, and a time for every matter {or} purpose under heaven:
Eccl 3:2 A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted,
Eccl 3:3 A time to kill and a time to heal, a time to break down and a time to build up,
Eccl 3:4 A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,
Eccl 3:5 A time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
Eccl 3:6 A time to get and a time to lose, a time to keep and a time to cast away,
Eccl 3:7 A time to rend and a time to sew, a time to keep silence and a time to speak,
Eccl 3:8 A time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.
Eccl 3:9 What profit remains for the worker from his toil?
Eccl 3:10 I have seen the painful labor {and} exertion {and} miserable business which God has given to the sons of men with which to exercise {and} busy themselves.
Eccl 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He also has planted eternity in men's hearts {and} minds [a divinely implanted sense of a purpose working through the ages which nothing under the sun but God alone can satisfy], yet so that men cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.
Eccl 3:12 I know that there is nothing better for them than to be glad and to get {and} do good as long as they live;
Eccl 3:13 And also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor--it is the gift of God.
Eccl 3:14 I know that whatever God does, it endures forever; nothing can be added to it nor anything taken from it.

And God does it so that men will [reverently] fear Him [revere and worship Him, knowing that He is].
Eccl 3:15 That which is now already has been, and that which is to be already has been; and God seeks that which has passed by [so that history repeats itself].
Eccl 3:16 Moreover, I saw under the sun that in the place of justice there was wickedness, and that in the place of righteousness wickedness was there also.
Eccl 3:17 I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time [appointed] for every matter {and} purpose and for every work.
Eccl 3:18 I said in my heart regarding the subject of the sons of men, God is trying (separating and sifting) them, that they may see that by themselves [under the sun, without God] they are but like beasts.
Eccl 3:19 For that which befalls the sons of men befalls beasts; even [in the end] one thing befalls them both. As the one dies, so dies the other. Yes, they all have one breath {and} spirit, so that a man has no preeminence over a beast; for all is vanity (emptiness, falsity, and futility)!
Eccl 3:20 All go to one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.
Eccl 3:21 Who knows the spirit of man, whether it goes upward, and the spirit of the beast, whether it goes downward to the earth?
Eccl 3:22 So I saw that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his own works, for that is his portion. For who shall bring him back to see what will happen after he is gone?
Eccl 4:1 THEN I returned and considered all the oppressions that are practiced under the sun: And I beheld the tears of the oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors was power, but they [too] had no comforter.
Eccl 4:2 So I praised {and} thought more fortunate those who have been long dead than the living, who are still alive.
Eccl 4:3 But better than them both [I thought] is he who has not yet been born, who has not seen the evil deeds that are done under the sun.
Eccl 4:4 Then I saw that all painful effort in labor and all skill in work comes from man's rivalry with his neighbor. This is also vanity, a vain striving after the wind {and} a feeding on it.
Eccl 4:5 The fool folds his hands together and eats his own flesh [destroying himself by indolence].
Eccl 4:6 Better is a handful with quietness than both hands full with painful effort, a vain striving after the wind {and} a feeding on it.
Eccl 4:7 Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun [in one of its peculiar forms].
Eccl 4:8 Here is one alone--no one with him; he neither has child nor brother. Yet there is no end to all his labor, neither is his eye satisfied with riches, neither does he ask, For whom do I labor and deprive myself of good? This is also vanity (emptiness, falsity, and futility); yes, it is a painful effort {and} an unhappy business.
Eccl 4:9 Two are better than one, because they have a good [more satisfying] reward for their labor;
Eccl 4:10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!
Eccl 4:11 Again, if two lie down together, then they have warmth; but how can one be warm alone?
Eccl 4:12 And though a man might prevail against him who is alone, two will withstand him. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.
Eccl 4:13 Better is a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king who no longer knows how to receive counsel (friendly reproof and warning)--
Eccl 4:14 Even though [the youth] comes out of prison to reign, while the other, born a king, becomes needy.
Eccl 4:15 I saw all the living who walk under the sun with the youth who was to stand up in the king's stead.
Eccl 4:16 There was no end to all the people; he was over all of them. Yet those who come later will not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity (emptiness, falsity, vainglory) and a striving after the wind {and} a feeding on it.
Eccl 5:1 KEEP YOUR foot [give your mind to what you are doing] when you go [as Jacob to sacred Bethel] to the house of God. For to draw near to hear {and} obey is better than to give the sacrifice of fools [carelessly, irreverently] too ignorant to know that they are doing evil.
Eccl 5:2 Be not rash with your mouth, and let not your heart be hasty to utter a word before God. For God is in heaven, and you are on earth; therefore let your words be few.
Eccl 5:3 For a dream comes with much business {and} painful effort, and a fool's voice with many words.
Eccl 5:4 When you vow a vow {or} make a pledge to God, do not put off paying it; for God has no pleasure in fools (those who witlessly mock Him). Pay what you vow.
Eccl 5:5 It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.
Eccl 5:6 Do not allow your mouth to cause your body to sin, and do not say before the messenger [the priest] that it

was an error {or} mistake. Why should God be [made] angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands?
Eccl 5:7 For in a multitude of dreams there is futility {and} worthlessness, and ruin in a flood of words. But [reverently] fear God [revere and worship Him, knowing that He is].
Eccl 5:8 If you see the oppression of the poor and the violent taking away of justice and righteousness in the state {or} province, do not marvel at the matter. [Be sure that there are those who will attend to it] for a higher [official] than the high is observing, and higher ones are over them.
Eccl 5:9 Moreover, the profit of the earth is for all; the king himself is served by the field {and} in all, a king is an advantage to a land with cultivated fields.
Eccl 5:10 He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver, nor he who loves abundance with gain. This also is vanity (emptiness, falsity, and futility)!
Eccl 5:11 When goods increase, they who eat them increase also. And what gain is there to their owner except to see them with his eyes?
Eccl 5:12 The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the fullness of the rich will not let him sleep.
Eccl 5:13 There is a serious {and} severe evil which I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt.
Eccl 5:14 But those riches are lost in a bad venture; and he becomes the father of a son, and there is nothing in his hand [with which to support the child].
Eccl 5:15 As [the man] came forth from his mother's womb, so he will go again, naked as he came; and he will take away nothing for all his labor which he can carry in his hand.
Eccl 5:16 And this also is a serious {and} severe evil--that in all points as he came, so shall he go; and what gain has he who labors for the wind?
Eccl 5:17 All his days also he eats in darkness [cheerlessly, with no sweetness and light in them], and much sorrow and sickness and wrath are his.
Eccl 5:18 Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is for one to eat and drink, and to find enjoyment in all the labor in which he labors under the sun all the days which God gives him--for this is his [allotted] part.
Eccl 5:19 Also, every man to whom God has given riches and possessions, and the power to enjoy them and to accept his appointed lot and to rejoice in his toil--this is the gift of God [to him].
Eccl 5:20 For he shall not much remember [seriously] the days of his life, because God [Himself] answers {and} corresponds to the joy of his heart [the tranquillity of God is mirrored in him].
Eccl 6:1 THERE IS an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it lies heavily upon men:
Eccl 6:2 A man to whom God has given riches, possessions, and honor, so that he lacks nothing for his soul of all that he might desire, yet God does not give him the power {or} capacity to enjoy them [things which are gifts from God], but a stranger [in whom he has no interest succeeds him and] consumes {and} enjoys them. This is vanity (emptiness, falsity, and futility); it is a sore affliction!
Eccl 6:3 If a man begets a hundred children and lives many years so that the days of his years are many, but his life is not filled with good, and also he is given no burial [honors nor is laid to rest in the sepulcher of his fathers], I say that [he who had] an untimely birth [resulting in death] is better off than he,
Eccl 6:4 For [the untimely one] comes in futility and goes into darkness, and in darkness his name is covered.
Eccl 6:5 Moreover, he has not seen the sun nor had any knowledge, yet he [the stillborn child] has rest rather than he [who is aware of all that he has missed and all that he would not have had to suffer].
Eccl 6:6 Even though he lives a thousand years twice over and yet has seen no good {and} experienced no enjoyment--do not all go to one place [the place of the dead]?
Eccl 6:7 All the labor of man is for his mouth [for self-preservation and enjoyment], and yet his desire is not satisfied.
Eccl 6:8 For what advantage has the wise man over the fool [being worldly-wise is not the secret to happiness]? What advantage has the poor man who has learned how to walk before the living [publicly, with men's eyes upon him; being poor is not the secret to happiness either]?
Eccl 6:9 Better is the sight of the eyes [the enjoyment of what is available to one] than the cravings of wandering desire. This is also vanity (emptiness, falsity, and futility) and a striving after the wind {and} a feeding on it!
Eccl 6:10 Whatever [man] is, he has been named that long ago, and it is known that it is man [Adam]; nor can he contend with Him who is mightier than he [whether God or death].
Eccl 6:11 Seeing that there are [all these and] many other things {and} words that increase the emptiness, falsity, vainglory, {and} futility [of living], what profit {and} what outcome is there for man?
Eccl 6:12 For who [limited to human wisdom] knows what is good for man in his life, all the days of his vain life

which he spends as a shadow [going through the motions but accomplishing nothing]? For who can tell a man what will happen [to his work, his treasure, his plans] under the sun after he is gone?
Eccl 7:1 A GOOD name is better than precious perfume, and the day of death better than the day of one's birth.
Eccl 7:2 It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to heart.
Eccl 7:3 Sorrow is better than laughter, for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better {and} gains gladness.
Eccl 7:4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth {and} sensual joy.
Eccl 7:5 It is better for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise than to hear the song of fools.
Eccl 7:6 For like the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool. This also is vanity (emptiness, falsity, and futility)!
Eccl 7:7 Surely oppression {and} extortion make a wise man foolish, and a bribe destroys the understanding {and} judgment.
Eccl 7:8 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning of it, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.
Eccl 7:9 Do not be quick in spirit to be angry {or} vexed, for anger {and} vexation lodge in the bosom of fools.
Eccl 7:10 Do not say, Why were the old days better than these? For it is not wise {or} because of wisdom that you ask this.
Eccl 7:11 Wisdom is as good as an inheritance, yes, more excellent it is for those [the living] who see the sun.
Eccl 7:12 For wisdom is a defense even as money is a defense, but the excellency of knowledge is that wisdom shields {and} preserves the life of him who has it.
Eccl 7:13 Consider the work of God: who can make straight what He has made crooked?
Eccl 7:14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider that God has made the one side by side with the other, so that man may not find out anything that shall be after him.
Eccl 7:15 I have seen everything in the days of my vanity (my emptiness, falsity, vainglory, and futility): there is a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in [spite of] his evildoing.
Eccl 7:16 Be not [morbidly exacting and externally] righteous overmuch, neither strive to make yourself [pretentiously appear] overwise--why should you [get puffed up and] destroy yourself [with presumptuous self-sufficiency]?
Eccl 7:17 [Although all have sinned] be not wicked overmuch {or} willfully, neither be foolish--why should you die before your time?
Eccl 7:18 It is good that you should take hold of this and from that withdraw not your hand; for he who [reverently] fears {and} worships God will come forth from them all.
Eccl 7:19 [True] wisdom is a strength to the wise man more than ten rulers {or} valiant generals who are in the city.
Eccl 7:20 Surely there is not a righteous man upon earth who does good and never sins.
Eccl 7:21 Do not give heed to everything that is said, lest you hear your servant cursing you--
Eccl 7:22 For often your own heart knows that you have likewise cursed others.
Eccl 7:23 All this have I tried {and} proved by wisdom. I said, I will be wise [independently of God]--but it was far from me.
Eccl 7:24 That which is is far off, and that which is deep is very deep--who can find it out [true wisdom independent of the fear of God]?
Eccl 7:25 I turned about [penitent] and my heart was set to know and to search out and to seek [true] wisdom and the reason of things, and to know that wickedness is folly and that foolishness is madness [and what had led me into such wickedness and madness].
Eccl 7:26 And I found that [of all sinful follies none has been so ruinous in seducing one away from God as idolatrous women] more bitter than death is the woman whose heart is snares and nets and whose hands are bands. Whoever pleases God shall escape from her, but the sinner shall be taken by her.
Eccl 7:27 Behold, this I have found, says the Preacher, while weighing one thing after another to find out the right estimate [and the reason]--
Eccl 7:28 Which I am still seeking but have not found--one upright man among a thousand have I found, but an upright woman among all those [one thousand in my harem] have I not found.
Eccl 7:29 Behold, this is the only [reason for it that] I have found: God made man upright, but they [men and women] have sought out many devices [for evil].
Eccl 8:1 WHO IS like the wise man? And who knows the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom makes his face

shine, and the hardness of his countenance is changed.
Eccl 8:2 I counsel you to keep the king's command, and that in regard to the oath of God [by which you swore to him loyalty].
Eccl 8:3 Be not panic-stricken {and} hasty to get out of his presence. Persist not in an evil thing, for he does whatever he pleases.
Eccl 8:4 For the word of a king is authority {and} power, and who can say to him, What are you doing?
Eccl 8:5 Whoever observes the [king's] command will experience no harm, and a wise man's mind will know both when and what to do.
Eccl 8:6 For every purpose {and} matter has its [right] time and judgment, although the misery {and} wickedness of man lies heavily upon him [who rebels against the king].
Eccl 8:7 For he does not know what is to be, for who can tell him how {and} when it will be?
Eccl 8:8 There is no man who has power over the spirit to retain the breath of life, neither has he power over the day of death; and there is no discharge in battle [against death], neither will wickedness deliver those who are its possessors {and} given to it.
Eccl 8:9 All this have I seen while applying my mind to every work that is done under the sun. There is a time in which one man has power over another to his own hurt {or} to the other man's.
Eccl 8:10 And so I saw the wicked buried--those who had come and gone out of the holy place [but did not thereby escape their doom], and they are [praised and] forgotten in the city where they had done such things. This also is vanity (emptiness, falsity, vainglory, and futility)!
Eccl 8:11 Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, the hearts of the sons of men are fully set to do evil.
Eccl 8:12 Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and his days [seemingly] are prolonged [in his wickedness], yet surely I know that it will be well with those who [reverently] fear God, who revere {and} worship Him, realizing His continual presence.
Eccl 8:13 But it will not be well with the wicked, neither will he prolong his days like a shadow, because he does not [reverently] fear {and} worship God.
Eccl 8:14 Here also is a futility that goes on upon the earth: there are righteous men who fare as though they were wicked, and wicked men who fare as though they were righteous. I say that this also is vanity (emptiness, falsity, and futility)!
Eccl 8:15 Then I commended enjoyment, because a man has no better thing under the sun [without God] than to eat and to drink and to be joyful, for that will remain with him in his toil through the days of his life which God gives him under the sun.
Eccl 8:16 When I applied my mind to know wisdom and to see the business activity {and} the painful effort that take place upon the earth--how neither day nor night some men's eyes sleep--
Eccl 8:17 Then I saw all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun--because however much a man may toil in seeking, yet he will not find it out; yes, more than that, though a wise man thinks {and} claims he knows, yet will he not be able to find it out.
Eccl 9:1 FOR ALL this I took to heart, exploring {and} examining it all, how the righteous (the upright, in right standing with God) and the wise and their works are in the hands of God. Whether it is to be love or hatred no man knows; all that is before them.
Eccl 9:2 All things come alike to all. There is one event to the righteous and to the wicked, to the good and to the clean and to the unclean; to him who sacrifices and to him who does not sacrifice. As is the good man, so is the sinner; and he who swears is as he who fears {and} shuns an oath.
Eccl 9:3 This evil is in all that is done under the sun: one fate comes to all. Also the hearts of men are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead.
Eccl 9:4 [There is no exemption] but he who is joined to all the living has hope--for a living dog is better than a dead lion.
Eccl 9:5 For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing; and they have no more reward [here], for the memory of them is forgotten.
Eccl 9:6 Their love and their hatred and their envy have already perished; neither have they any more a share in anything that is done under the sun.
Eccl 9:7 Go your way, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a cheerful heart [if you are righteous, wise, and in the hands of God], for God has already accepted your works.
Eccl 9:8 Let your garments be always white [with purity], and let your head not lack [the] oil [of gladness].

Eccl 9:9 Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun--all the days of futility. For that is your portion in this life and in your work at which you toil under the sun.
Eccl 9:10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol (the place of the dead), where you are going.
Eccl 9:11 I returned and saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong, neither is bread to the wise nor riches to men of intelligence {and} understanding nor favor to men of skill; but time and chance happen to them all.
Eccl 9:12 For man also knows not his time [of death]: as the fishes are taken in an evil net, and as the birds are caught in the snare, so are the sons of men snared in an evil time when [calamity] falls suddenly upon them.
Eccl 9:13 This [illustration of] wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed great to me:
Eccl 9:14 There was a little city with few men in it. And a great king came against it and besieged it and built great bulwarks against it.
Eccl 9:15 But there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no man [seriously] remembered that poor man.
Eccl 9:16 But I say that wisdom is better than might, though the poor man's wisdom is despised and his words are not heeded.
Eccl 9:17 The words of wise men heard in quiet are better than the shouts of him who rules among fools.
Eccl 9:18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.
Eccl 10:1 DEAD FLIES cause the ointment of the perfumer to putrefy [and] send forth a vile odor; so does a little folly [in him who is valued for wisdom] outweigh wisdom and honor.
Eccl 10:2 A wise man's heart turns him toward his right hand, but a fool's heart toward his left.
Eccl 10:3 Even when he who is a fool walks along the road, his heart {and} understanding fail him, and he says of everyone {and} to everyone that he is a fool.
Eccl 10:4 If the temper of the ruler rises up against you, do not leave your place [or show a resisting spirit]; for gentleness {and} calmness prevent {or} put a stop to great offenses.
Eccl 10:5 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, like an error which proceeds from the ruler:
Eccl 10:6 Folly is set in great dignity {and} in high places, and the rich sit in low places.
Eccl 10:7 I have seen slaves on horses, and princes walking like slaves on the earth.
Eccl 10:8 He who digs a pit [for others] will fall into it, and whoever breaks through a fence {or} a [stone] wall, a serpent will bite him.
Eccl 10:9 Whoever removes [landmark] stones {or} hews out [new ones with similar intent] will be hurt with them, {and} he who fells trees will be endangered by them.
Eccl 10:10 If the ax is dull and the man does not whet the edge, he must put forth more strength; but wisdom helps him to succeed.
Eccl 10:11 If the serpent bites before it is charmed, then it is no use to call a charmer [and the slanderer is no better than the uncharmed snake].
Eccl 10:12 The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious {and} win him favor, but the lips of a fool consume him.
Eccl 10:13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness, and the end of his talk is wicked madness.
Eccl 10:14 A fool also multiplies words, though no man can tell what will be--and what will happen after he is gone, who can tell him?
Eccl 10:15 The labor of fools wearies every one of them, because [he is so ignorant of the ordinary matters that] he does not even know how to get to town.
Eccl 10:16 Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child {or} a servant and when your officials feast in the morning!
Eccl 10:17 Happy (fortunate and to be envied) are you, O land, when your king is a free man {and} of noble birth {and} character and when your officials feast at the proper time--for strength and not for drunkenness!
Eccl 10:18 Through indolence the rafters [of state affairs] decay {and} the roof sinks in, and through idleness of the hands the house leaks.
Eccl 10:19 [Instead of repairing the breaches, the officials] make a feast for laughter, serve wine to cheer life, and [depend on tax] money to answer for all of it.
Eccl 10:20 Curse not the king, no, not even in your thoughts, and curse not the rich in your bedchamber, for a bird of the air will carry the voice, and a winged creature will tell the matter.
Eccl 11:1 CAST YOUR bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days.
Eccl 11:2 Give a portion to seven, yes, even [divide it] to eight, for you know not what evil may come upon the earth.
Eccl 11:3 If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth; and if a tree falls toward the south or

toward the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.
Eccl 11:4 He who observes the wind [and waits for all conditions to be favorable] will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap.
Eccl 11:5 As you know not what is the way of the wind, or how the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a pregnant woman, even so you know not the work of God, Who does all.
Eccl 11:6 In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening withhold not your hands, for you know not which shall prosper, whether this or that, or whether both alike will be good.
Eccl 11:7 Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun.
Eccl 11:8 Yes, if a man should live many years, let him rejoice in them all; yet let him [seriously] remember the days of darkness, for they will be many. All that comes is vanity (emptiness, falsity, vainglory, and futility)!
Eccl 11:9 Rejoice, O young man, in your adolescence, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your [full-grown] youth. And walk in the ways of your heart and in the sight of your eyes, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.
Eccl 11:10 Therefore remove [the lusts that end in] sorrow {and} vexation from your heart {and} mind and put away evil from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity [transitory, idle, empty, and devoid of truth].
Eccl 12:1 REMEMBER [earnestly] also your Creator [that you are not your own, but His property now] in the days of your youth, before the evil days come or the years draw near when you will say [of physical pleasures], I have no enjoyment in them--
Eccl 12:2 Before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened [sight is impaired], and the clouds [of depression] return after the rain [of tears];
Eccl 12:3 In the day when the keepers of the house [the hands and the arms] tremble, and the strong men [the feet and the knees] bow themselves, and the grinders [the molar teeth] cease because they are few, and those who look out of the windows [the eyes] are darkened;
Eccl 12:4 When the doors [the lips] are shut in the streets and the sound of the grinding [of the teeth] is low, and one rises up at the voice of a bird {and} the crowing of a cock, and all the daughters of music [the voice and the ear] are brought low;
Eccl 12:5 Also when [the old] are afraid of danger from that which is high, and fears are in the way, and the almond tree [their white hair] blooms, and the grasshopper [a little thing] is a burden, and desire {and} appetite fail, because man goes to his everlasting home and the mourners go about the streets {or} marketplaces.
Eccl 12:6 [Remember your Creator earnestly now] before the silver cord [of life] is snapped apart, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern [and the whole circulatory system of the blood ceases to function];
Eccl 12:7 Then shall the dust [out of which God made man's body] return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return to God Who gave it.
Eccl 12:8 Vapor of vapors {and} futility of futilities, says the Preacher. All is futility (emptiness, falsity, vainglory, and transitoriness)!
Eccl 12:9 And furthermore, because the Preacher was wise, he [Solomon] still taught the people knowledge; and he pondered and searched out and set in order many proverbs.
Eccl 12:10 The Preacher sought acceptable words, even to write down rightly words of truth {or} correct sentiment.
Eccl 12:11 The words of the wise are like prodding goads, and firmly fixed [in the mind] like nails are the collected sayings which are given [as proceeding] from one Shepherd.
Eccl 12:12 But about going further [than the words given by one Shepherd], my son, be warned. Of making many books there is no end [so do not believe everything you read], and much study is a weariness of the flesh.
Eccl 12:13 All has been heard; the end of the matter is: Fear God [revere and worship Him, knowing that He is] and keep His commandments, for this is the whole of man [the full, original purpose of his creation, the object of God's providence, the root of character, the foundation of all happiness, the adjustment to all inharmonious circumstances and conditions under the sun] {and} the whole [duty] for every man.
Eccl 12:14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it is good or evil.
Song 1:1 THE SONG of songs [the most excellent of them all] which is Solomon's.
Song 1:2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! [she cries. Then, realizing that Solomon has arrived and has heard her speech, she turns to him and adds] For your love is better than wine!
Song 1:3 [And she continues] The odor of your ointments is fragrant; your name is like perfume poured out. Therefore do the maidens love you.
Song 1:4 Draw me! We will run after you! The king brings me into his apartments! We will be glad and rejoice in

you! We will recall [when we were favored with] your love, more fragrant than wine. The upright [are not offended at your choice, but sincerely] love you.
Song 1:5 I am so black; but [you are] lovely {and} pleasant [the ladies assured her]. O you daughters of Jerusalem, [I am as dark] as the tents of [the Bedouin tribe] Kedar, like the [beautiful] curtains of Solomon!
Song 1:6 [Please] do not look at me, [she said, for] I am swarthy. [I have worked out] in the sun {and} it has left its mark upon me. My stepbrothers were angry with me, and they made me keeper of the vineyards; but my own vineyard [my complexion] I have not kept.
Song 1:7 [Addressing her shepherd, she said] Tell me, O you whom my soul loves, where you pasture your flock, where you make it lie down at noon. For why should I [as I think of you] be as a veiled one straying beside the flocks of your companions?
Song 1:8 If you do not know [where your lover is], O you fairest among women, run along, follow the tracks of the flock, and [amuse yourself by] pasturing your kids beside the shepherds' tents.
Song 1:9 O my love [he said as he saw her], you remind me of my [favorite] mare in the chariot spans of Pharaoh.
Song 1:10 Your cheeks are comely with ornaments, your neck with strings of jewels.
Song 1:11 We will make for you chains {and} ornaments of gold, studded with silver.
Song 1:12 While the king sits at his table [she said], my spikenard [my absent lover] sends forth [his] fragrance [over me].
Song 1:13 My beloved [shepherd] is to me like a [scent] bag of myrrh that lies in my bosom.
Song 1:14 My beloved [shepherd] is to me a cluster of henna flowers in the vineyards of En-gedi [famed for its fragrant shrubs].
Song 1:15 Behold, you are beautiful, my love! Behold, you are beautiful! You have doves' eyes.
Song 1:16 [She cried] Behold, you are beautiful, my beloved [shepherd], yes, delightful! Our arbor {and} couch are green {and} leafy.
Song 1:17 The beams of our house are cedars, and our rafters {and} panels are cypresses {or} pines.
Song 2:1 [SHE SAID] I am only a little rose {or} autumn crocus of the plain of Sharon, or a [humble] lily of the valleys [that grows in deep and difficult places].
Song 2:2 But Solomon replied, Like the lily among thorns, so are you, my love, among the daughters.
Song 2:3 Like an apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved [shepherd] among the sons [cried the girl]! Under his shadow I delighted to sit, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.
Song 2:4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love [for love waved as a protecting and comforting banner over my head when I was near him].
Song 2:5 Sustain me with raisins, refresh me with apples, for I am sick with love.
Song 2:6 [I can feel] his left hand under my head and his right hand embraces me!
Song 2:7 [He said] I charge you, O you daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or by the hinds of the field [which are free to follow their own instincts] that you not try to stir up or awaken [my] love until it pleases.
Song 2:8 [Vividly she pictured it] The voice of my beloved [shepherd]! Behold, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.
Song 2:9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young hart. Behold, he stands behind the wall of our house, he looks in through the windows, he glances through the lattice.
Song 2:10 My beloved speaks and says to me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
Song 2:11 For, behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone.
Song 2:12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing [of birds] has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.
Song 2:13 The fig tree puts forth {and} ripens her green figs, and the vines are in blossom and give forth their fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
Song 2:14 [So I went with him, and when we were climbing the rocky steps up the hillside, my beloved shepherd said to me] O my dove, [while you are here] in the seclusion of the clefts in the solid rock, in the sheltered {and} secret place of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.
Song 2:15 [My heart was touched and I fervently sang to him my desire] Take for us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vineyards [of our love], for our vineyards are in blossom.
Song 2:16 [She said distinctly] My beloved is mine and I am his! He pastures his flocks among the lilies.
Song 2:17 [Then, longingly addressing her absent shepherd, she cried] Until the day breaks and the shadows flee away, return hastily, O my beloved, and be like a gazelle or a young hart as you cover the mountains [which separate us].
Song 3:1 IN THE night I dreamed that I sought the one whom I love. [She said] I looked for him but could not find

him.
Song 3:2 So I decided to go out into the city, into the streets and broad ways [which are so confusing to a country girl], and seek him whom my soul loves. I sought him, but I could not find him.
Song 3:3 The watchmen who go about the city found me, to whom I said, Have you seen him whom my soul loves?
Song 3:4 I had gone but a little way past them when I found him whom my soul loves. I held him and would not let him go until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her who conceived me.
Song 3:5 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or by the hinds of the field that you stir not up nor awaken love until it pleases.
Song 3:6 Who {or} what is this [she asked] that comes gliding out of the wilderness like stately pillars of smoke perfumed with myrrh, frankincense, and all the fragrant powders of the merchant?
Song 3:7 [Someone answered] Behold, it is the traveling litter (the bridal car) of Solomon. Sixty mighty men are around it, of the mighty men of Israel.
Song 3:8 They all handle the sword and are expert in war; every man has his sword upon his thigh, that fear be not excited in the night.
Song 3:9 King Solomon made himself a car {or} a palanquin from the [cedar] wood of Lebanon.
Song 3:10 He made its posts of silver, its back of gold, its seat of purple, the inside of it lovingly {and} intricately wrought in needlework by the daughters of Jerusalem.
Song 3:11 Go forth, O you daughters of Zion, and gaze upon King Solomon wearing the crown with which his mother [Bathsheba] crowned him on the day of his wedding, on the day of his gladness of heart.
Song 4:1 HOW FAIR you are, my love [he said], how very fair! Your eyes behind your veil [remind me] of those of a dove; your hair [makes me think of the black, wavy fleece] of a flock of [the Arabian] goats which one sees trailing down Mount Gilead [beyond the Jordan on the frontiers of the desert].
Song 4:2 Your teeth are like a flock of shorn ewes which have come up from the washing, of which all are in pairs, and none is missing among them.
Song 4:3 Your lips are like a thread of scarlet, and your mouth is lovely. Your cheeks are like halves of a pomegranate behind your veil.
Song 4:4 Your neck is like the tower of David, built for an arsenal, whereon hang a thousand bucklers, all of them shields of warriors.
Song 4:5 Your two breasts are like two fawns, like twins of a gazelle that feed among the lilies.
Song 4:6 Until the day breaks and the shadows flee away, [in my thoughts] I will get to the mountain of myrrh and the hill of frankincense [to him whom my soul adores].
Song 4:7 [He exclaimed] O my love, how beautiful you are! There is no flaw in you!
Song 4:8 Come away with me from Lebanon, my [promised] bride, come with me from Lebanon. Depart from the top of Amana, from the peak of Senir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.
Song 4:9 You have ravished my heart {and} given me courage, my sister, my [promised] bride; you have ravished my heart {and} given me courage with one look from your eyes, with one jewel of your necklace.
Song 4:10 How beautiful is your love, my sister, my [promised] bride! How much better is your love than wine! And the fragrance of your ointments than all spices!
Song 4:11 Your lips, O my [promised] bride, drop honey as the honeycomb; honey and milk are under your tongue. And the odor of your garments is like the odor of Lebanon.
Song 4:12 A garden enclosed {and} barred is my sister, my [promised] bride--a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.
Song 4:13 Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates {or} a paradise with precious fruits, henna with spikenard plants,
Song 4:14 Spikenard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense, myrrh, and aloes, with all the chief spices.
Song 4:15 You are a fountain [springing up] in a garden, a well of living waters, and flowing streams from Lebanon.
Song 4:16 [You have called me a garden, she said] Oh, I pray that the [cold] north wind and the [soft] south wind may blow upon my garden, that its spices may flow out [in abundance for you in whom my soul delights]. Let my beloved come into his garden and eat its choicest fruits.
Song 5:1 I HAVE come into my garden, my sister, my [promised] bride; I have gathered my myrrh with my balsam {and} spice [from your sweet words I have gathered the richest perfumes and spices]. I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk. Eat, O friends [feast on, O revelers of the palace; you can never make my lover disloyal to me]! Drink, yes, drink abundantly of love, O precious one [for now I know you are mine, irrevocably mine! With his confident words still thrilling her heart, through the lattice she saw her shepherd turn away

and disappear into the night].
Song 5:2 I went to sleep, but my heart stayed awake. [I dreamed that I heard] the voice of my beloved as he knocked [at the door of my mother's cottage]. Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my spotless one [he said], for I am wet with the [heavy] night dew; my hair is covered with it.
Song 5:3 [But weary from a day in the vineyards, I had already sought my rest] I had put off my garment--how could I [again] put it on? I had washed my feet--how could I [again] soil them?
Song 5:4 My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, and my heart was moved for him.
Song 5:5 I rose up to open for my beloved, and my hands dripped with myrrh, and my fingers with liquid [sweet-scented] myrrh, [which he had left] upon the handles of the bolt.
Song 5:6 I opened for my beloved, but my beloved had turned away {and} withdrawn himself, and was gone! My soul went forth [to him] when he spoke, but it failed me [and now he was gone]! I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.
Song 5:7 The watchmen who go about the city found me. They struck me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took my veil {and} my mantle from me.
Song 5:8 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if you find my beloved, that you tell him that I am sick from love [simply sick to be with him].
Song 5:9 What is your beloved more than another beloved, O you fairest among women [taunted the ladies]? What is your beloved more than another beloved, that you should give us such a charge?
Song 5:10 [She said] My beloved is fair and ruddy, the chief among ten thousand!
Song 5:11 His head is [as precious as] the finest gold; his locks are curly {and} bushy and black as a raven.
Song 5:12 His eyes are like doves beside the water brooks, bathed in milk {and} fitly set.
Song 5:13 His cheeks are like a bed of spices {or} balsam, like banks of sweet herbs yielding fragrance. His lips are like bloodred anemones or lilies distilling liquid [sweet-scented] myrrh.
Song 5:14 His hands are like rods of gold set with [nails of] beryl {or} topaz. His body is a figure of bright ivory overlaid with [veins of] sapphires.
Song 5:15 His legs are like strong and steady pillars of marble set upon bases of fine gold. His appearance is like Lebanon, excellent, stately, {and} majestic as the cedars.
Song 5:16 His voice {and} speech are exceedingly sweet; yes, he is altogether lovely [the whole of him delights and is precious]. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem!
Song 6:1 WHERE HAS your beloved gone, O you fairest among women? [Again the ladies showed their interest in the remarkable person whom the Shulammite had championed with such unstinted praise; they too wanted to know him, they insisted.] Where is your beloved hiding himself? For we would seek him with you.
Song 6:2 [She replied] My beloved has gone down to his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens and to gather lilies.
Song 6:3 I am my beloved's [garden] and my beloved is mine! He feeds among the lilies [which grow there].
Song 6:4 [He said] You are as beautiful as Tirzah [capital of the northern kingdom's first king], my love, and as comely as Jerusalem, [but you are] as terrible as a bannered host!
Song 6:5 Turn away your [flashing] eyes from me, for they have overcome me! Your hair is like a flock of goats trailing down from Mount Gilead.
Song 6:6 Your teeth are like a flock of ewes coming from their washing, of which all are in pairs, and not one of them is missing.
Song 6:7 Your cheeks are like halves of a pomegranate behind your veil.
Song 6:8 There are sixty queens and eighty concubines, and virgins without number;
Song 6:9 But my dove, my undefiled {and} perfect one, stands alone [above them all]; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her who bore her. The daughters saw her and called her blessed {and} happy, yes, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.
Song 6:10 [The ladies asked] Who is this that looks forth like the dawn, fair as the moon, clear {and} pure as the sun, {and} terrible as a bannered host?
Song 6:11 [The Shulammite replied] I went down into the nut orchard [one day] to look at the green plants of the valley, to see whether the grapevine had budded and the pomegranates were in flower.
Song 6:12 Before I was aware [of what was happening], my desire [to roam about] had brought me into the area of the princes of my people [the king's retinue].
Song 6:13 [I began to flee, but they called to me] Return, return, O Shulammite; return, return, that we may look upon you! [I replied] What is there for you to see in the [poor little] Shulammite? [And they answered] As upon a dance

before two armies {or} a dance of Mahanaim.
Song 7:1 [THEN HER companions began noticing and commenting on the attractiveness of her person] How beautiful are your feet in sandals, O queenly maiden! Your rounded limbs are like jeweled chains, the work of a master hand.
Song 7:2 Your body is like a round goblet in which no mixed wine is wanting. Your abdomen is like a heap of wheat set about with lilies.
Song 7:3 Your two breasts are like two fawns, the twins of a gazelle.
Song 7:4 Your neck is like a tower of ivory, your eyes like the pools of Heshbon by the gate of Bath-rabbim. Your nose is like the tower of Lebanon which looks toward Damascus.
Song 7:5 Your head crowns you like Mount Carmel, and the hair of your head like purple. [Then seeing the king watching the girl in absorbed admiration, the speaker added] The king is held captive by its tresses.
Song 7:6 [The king came forward, saying] How fair and how pleasant you are, O love, with your delights!
Song 7:7 Your stature is like that of a palm tree, and your bosom like its clusters [of dates, declared the king].
Song 7:8 I resolve that I will climb the palm tree; I will grasp its branches. Let your breasts be like clusters of the grapevine, and the scent of your breath like apples,
Song 7:9 And your kisses like the best wine--[then the Shulammite interrupted] that goes down smoothly {and} sweetly for my beloved [shepherd, kisses] gliding over his lips while he sleeps!
Song 7:10 [She proudly said] I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me!
Song 7:11 [She said] Come, my beloved! Let us go forth into the field, let us lodge in the villages.
Song 7:12 Let us go out early to the vineyards and see whether the vines have budded, whether the grape blossoms have opened, and whether the pomegranates are in bloom. There I will give you my love.
Song 7:13 The mandrakes give forth fragrance, and over our doors are all manner of choice fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for you, O my beloved!
Song 8:1 [LOOKING FORWARD to the shepherd's arrival, the eager girl pictures their meeting and says] Oh, that you were like my brother, who nursed from the breasts of my mother! If I should find you without, I would kiss you, yes, and none would despise me [for it].
Song 8:2 I would lead you and bring you into the house of my mother, who would instruct me. I would cause you to drink spiced wine and of the juice of my pomegranates.
Song 8:3 [Then musingly she added] Oh, that his left hand were under my head and that his right hand embraced me!
Song 8:4 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that you never [again attempt to] stir up or awaken love until it pleases.
Song 8:5 Who is this who comes up from the wilderness leaning upon her beloved? [And as they sighted the home of her childhood, the bride said] Under the apple tree I awakened you; there your mother gave you birth, there she was in travail and bore you.
Song 8:6 Set me like a seal upon your heart, like a seal upon your arm; for love is as strong as death, jealousy is as hard {and} cruel as Sheol (the place of the dead). Its flashes are flashes of fire, a most vehement flame [the very flame of the Lord]!
Song 8:7 Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If a man would offer all the goods of his house for love, he would be utterly scorned {and} despised.
Song 8:8 [Gathered with her family and the wedding guests in her mother's cottage, the bride said to her stepbrothers, When I was a little girl, you said] We have a little sister and she has no breasts. What shall we do for our sister on the day when she is spoken for in marriage?
Song 8:9 If she is a wall [discreet and womanly], we will build upon her a turret [a dowry] of silver; but if she is a door [bold and flirtatious], we will enclose her with boards of cedar.
Song 8:10 [Well] I am a wall [with battlements], and my breasts are like the towers of it. Then was I in [the king's] eyes as one [to be respected and to be allowed] to find peace.
Song 8:11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon; he let out the vineyard to keepers; everyone was to bring him a thousand pieces of silver for its fruit.
Song 8:12 You, O Solomon, can have your thousand [pieces of silver], and those who tend the fruit of it two hundred; but my vineyard, which is mine [with all its radiant joy], is before me!
Song 8:13 O you who dwell in the gardens, your companions have been listening to your voice--now cause me to hear it.
Song 8:14 [Joyfully the radiant bride turned to him, the one altogether lovely, the chief among ten thousand to her soul, and with unconcealed eagerness to begin her life of sweet companionship with him, she answered] Make haste, my beloved, {and} come quickly, like a gazelle or a young hart [and take me to our waiting home] upon the mountains of

spices!
Is 1:1 THE VISION [seen by spiritual perception] of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah [the kingdom] and Jerusalem [its capital] in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.
Is 1:2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the Lord has spoken: I have nourished and brought up sons {and} have made them great and exalted, but they have rebelled against Me {and} broken away from Me.
Is 1:3 The ox [instinctively] knows his owner, and the donkey his master's crib, but Israel does not know {or} recognize Me [as Lord], My people do not consider {or} understand.
Is 1:4 Ah, sinful nation, a people loaded with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, sons who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the Lord, they have despised {and} shown contempt {and} provoked the Holy One of Israel to anger, they have become utterly estranged (alienated).
Is 1:5 Why should you be stricken {and} punished any more [since it brings no correction]? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, and the whole heart is faint (feeble, sick, and nauseated).
Is 1:6 From the sole of the foot even to the head there is no soundness {or} health in [the nation's body]--but wounds and bruises and fresh {and} bleeding stripes; they have not been pressed out {and} closed up or bound up or softened with oil. [No one has troubled to seek a remedy.]
Is 1:7 [Because of your detestable disobedience] your country lies desolate, your cities are burned with fire; your land--strangers devour it in your very presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by aliens.
Is 1:8 And the Daughter of Zion [Jerusalem] is left like a [deserted] booth in a vineyard, like a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, like a besieged city [spared, but in the midst of desolation].
Is 1:9 Except the Lord of hosts had left us a very small remnant [of survivors], we should have been like Sodom, and we should have been like Gomorrah.
Is 1:10 Hear [O Jerusalem] the word of the Lord, you rulers {or} judges of [another] Sodom! Give ear to the law {and} the teaching of our God, you people of [another] Gomorrah!
Is 1:11 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me [unless they are the offering of the heart]? says the Lord. I have had enough of the burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts [without obedience]; and I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of he-goats [without righteousness].
Is 1:12 When you come to appear before Me, who requires of you that your [unholy feet] trample My courts?
Is 1:13 Bring no more offerings of vanity (emptiness, falsity, vainglory, and futility); [your hollow offering of] incense is an abomination to Me; the New Moons and Sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot endure--[it is] iniquity {and} profanation, even the solemn meeting.
Is 1:14 Your New Moon festivals and your [hypocritical] appointed feasts My soul hates. They are an oppressive burden to Me; I am weary of bearing them.
Is 1:15 And when you spread forth your hands [in prayer, imploring help], I will hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood!
Is 1:16 Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes! Cease to do evil,
Is 1:17 Learn to do right! Seek justice, relieve the oppressed, {and} correct the oppressor. Defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.
Is 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool.
Is 1:19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;
Is 1:20 But if you refuse and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.
Is 1:21 How the faithful city has become an [idolatrous] harlot, she who was full of justice! Uprightness {and} right standing with God [once] lodged in her--but now murderers.
Is 1:22 Your silver has become dross, your wine is mixed with water.
Is 1:23 Your princes are rebels and companions of thieves; everyone loves bribes and runs after compensation {and} rewards. They judge not for the fatherless {nor} defend them, neither does the cause of the widow come to them [for they delay or turn a deaf ear].
Is 1:24 Therefore says the Lord, the Lord of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will appease Myself on My adversaries and avenge Myself on My enemies.
Is 1:25 And I will bring My hand again upon you and thoroughly purge away your dross [as with lye] and take away all your tin {or} alloy.
Is 1:26 And I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning; afterward you shall be called the City of Righteousness, the Faithful City.

Is 1:27 Zion shall be redeemed with justice, and her [returned] converts with righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God).
Is 1:28 But the crushing {and} destruction of rebels and sinners shall be together, and they who forsake the Lord shall be consumed.
Is 1:29 For you will be ashamed [of the folly and degradation] of the oak {or} terebinth trees in which you found [idolatrous] pleasure, and you will blush with shame for the [idolatrous worship which you practice in the passion-inflaming] gardens which you have chosen.
Is 1:30 For you shall be like an oak {or} terebinth whose leaf withers, and like a garden that has no water.
Is 1:31 And the strong shall become like tow {and} become tinder, and his work like a spark, and they shall both burn together, with none to quench them.
Is 2:1 THE WORD which Isaiah son of Amoz saw [revealed] concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
Is 2:2 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be [firmly] established as the highest of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow to it.
Is 2:3 And many people shall come and say, Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law {and} instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
Is 2:4 And He shall judge between the nations and shall decide [disputes] for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
Is 2:5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.
Is 2:6 Surely [Lord] You have rejected {and} forsaken your people, the house of Jacob, because they are filled [with customs] from the east and with soothsayers [who foretell] like the Philistines; also they strike hands {and} make pledges {and} agreements with the children of aliens.
Is 2:7 Their land also is full of silver and gold; neither is there any end to their treasures. Their land is also full of horses; neither is there any end to their chariots.
Is 2:8 Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, what their own fingers have made.
Is 2:9 And the common man is bowed down [before idols], also the great man is brought low {and} humbles himself--therefore forgive them not [O Lord].
Is 2:10 Enter into the rock and hide yourself in the dust from before the terror of the Lord and from the glory of His majesty.
Is 2:11 The proud looks of man shall be brought low, and the haughtiness of men shall be humbled; and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.
Is 2:12 For there shall be a day of the Lord of hosts against all who are proud and haughty and against all who are lifted up--and they shall be brought low--
Is 2:13 [The wrath of God will begin by coming down] against all the cedars of Lebanon [west of the Jordan] that are high and lifted up, and against all the oaks of Bashan [east of the Jordan],
Is 2:14 And [after that] against all the high mountains and all the hills that are lifted up,
Is 2:15 And against every high tower and every fenced wall,
Is 2:16 And against all the ships of Tarshish and all the picturesque {and} desirable imagery [designed for mere ornament and luxury].
Is 2:17 Then the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be brought low; and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.
Is 2:18 And the idols shall utterly pass away (be abolished).
Is 2:19 Then shall [the stricken, deprived of all in which they had trusted] go into the caves of the rocks and into the holes of the earth from before the terror {and} dread of the Lord and from before the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake mightily {and} terribly the earth.
Is 2:20 In that day men shall cast away to the moles and to the bats their idols of silver and their idols of gold, which they made for themselves to worship,
Is 2:21 To go into the caverns of the rocks and into the clefts of the ragged rocks from before the terror {and} dread of the Lord and from before the glory of His majesty, when He rises to shake mightily {and} terribly the earth.
Is 2:22 Cease to trust in [weak, frail, and dying] man, whose breath is in his nostrils [for so short a time]; in what sense can he be counted as having intrinsic worth?
Is 3:1 FOR BEHOLD, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, is taking away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff [every kind of prop], the whole stay of bread and the whole stay of water,

Is 3:2 The mighty man and the man of war, the judge {and} the [professional] prophet, the one who foretells by divination and the old man,
Is 3:3 The captain of fifty and the man of rank, the counselor and the expert craftsman and the skillful enchanter.
Is 3:4 And I will make boys their princes, and with childishness shall they rule over them [with outrage instead of justice].
Is 3:5 And the people shall be oppressed, each one by another, and each one by his neighbor; the child shall behave himself proudly {and} with insolence against the old man, and the lowborn against the honorable [person of rank].
Is 3:6 When a man shall take hold of his brother in the house of his father, saying, You have a robe, you shall be our judge {and} ruler, and this heap of ruins shall be under your control--
Is 3:7 In that day he will answer, saying, I will not be a healer {and} one who binds up; {I am not a physician}. For in my house is neither bread nor clothing; you shall not make me judge {and} ruler of the people.
Is 3:8 For Jerusalem is ruined and Judah is fallen, because their speech and their deeds are against the Lord, to provoke the eyes of His glory {and} defy His glorious presence.
Is 3:9 Their respecting of persons {and} showing of partiality witnesses against them; they proclaim their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it. Woe to them! For they have brought evil [as a reward upon themselves].
Is 3:10 Say to the righteous that it shall be well with them, for they shall eat the fruit of their deeds.
Is 3:11 Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with them, for what their hands have done shall be done to them.
Is 3:12 As for My people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O My people, your leaders cause you to err, and they confuse (destroy and swallow up) the course of your paths.
Is 3:13 The Lord stands up to contend, and stands to judge the peoples {and} His people.
Is 3:14 The Lord enters into judgment with the elders of His people and their princes: For [by your exactions and oppressions you have robbed the people and ruined the country] you have devoured the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses.
Is 3:15 What do you mean by crushing My people and grinding the faces of the poor? says the Lord God of hosts.
Is 3:16 Moreover, the Lord said, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty and walk with outstretched necks and with undisciplined (flirtatious and alluring) eyes, tripping along with mincing {and} affected gait, and making a tinkling noise with [the anklets on] their feet,
Is 3:17 Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the heads of the daughters of Zion [making them bald], and the Lord will cause them to be [taken as captives and to suffer the indignity of being] stripped naked.
Is 3:18 In that day the Lord will take away the finery of their tinkling anklets, the caps of network, the crescent head ornaments,
Is 3:19 The pendants, the bracelets {or} chains, and the spangled face veils {and} scarfs,
Is 3:20 The headbands, the short ankle chains [attached from one foot to the other to insure a measured gait], the sashes, the perfume boxes, the amulets {or} charms [suspended from the ears or neck],
Is 3:21 The signet rings and nose rings,
Is 3:22 The festal robes, the cloaks, the stoles {and} shawls, and the handbags,
Is 3:23 The hand mirrors, the fine linen [undergarments], the turbans, and the [whole body-enveloping] veils.
Is 3:24 And it shall come to pass that instead of the sweet odor of spices there shall be the stench of rottenness; and instead of a girdle, a rope; and instead of well-set hair, baldness; and instead of a rich robe, a girding of sackcloth; and searing [of captives by the scorching heat] instead of beauty.
Is 3:25 Your men shall fall by the sword, and your mighty men in battle.
Is 3:26 And [Jerusalem's] gates shall lament and mourn [as those who wail for the dead]; and she, being ruined {and} desolate, shall sit upon the ground.
Is 4:1 AND IN that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread and provide our own apparel; only let us be called by your name to take away our reproach [of being unmarried].
Is 4:2 In that day the Branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be excellent and lovely to those of Israel who have escaped.
Is 4:3 And he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who is recorded for life in Jerusalem {and for} {eternal life},
Is 4:4 After the Lord has washed away the [moral] filth of the daughters of Zion [pride, vanity, haughtiness] and has purged the bloodstains of Jerusalem from the midst of it by the spirit {and} blast of judgment and by the spirit {and} blast of burning {and} sifting.
Is 4:5 And the Lord will create over the whole site, over every dwelling place of Mount Zion and over her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory shall be a canopy (a defense

of divine love and protection).
Is 4:6 And there shall be a pavilion for shade in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge and a shelter from storm and from rain.
Is 5:1 LET ME [as God's representative] sing of {and} for my greatly Beloved [God, the Son] a tender song of my Beloved concerning His vineyard [His chosen people]. My greatly Beloved had a vineyard on a very fruitful hill. [S. of Sol. 6:3; Matt. 21:33-40.]
Is 5:2 And He dug {and} trenched the ground and gathered out the stones from it and planted it with the choicest vine and built a tower in the midst of it and hewed out a winepress in it. And He looked for it to bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.
Is 5:3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, between Me and My vineyard [My people, says the Lord].
Is 5:4 What more could have been done for My vineyard that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to bring forth grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?
Is 5:5 And now I will tell you what I will do to My vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be eaten {and} burned up; and I will break down its wall, and it shall be trodden down [by enemies].
Is 5:6 And I will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned or cultivated, but there shall come up briers and thorns. I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
Is 5:7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah His pleasant planting [the plant of His delight]. And He looked for justice, but behold, [He saw] oppression {and} bloodshed; [He looked] for righteousness (for uprightness and right standing with God), but behold, [He heard] a cry [of oppression and distress]!
Is 5:8 Woe to those who join house to house [and by violently expelling the poorer occupants enclose large acreage] and join field to field until there is no place for others and you are made to dwell alone in the midst of the land!
Is 5:9 In my [Isaiah's] ears the Lord of hosts said, Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, even great and beautiful ones shall be without inhabitant.
Is 5:10 For ten acres of vineyard shall yield only about eight gallons, and ten bushels of seed will produce but one bushel.
Is 5:11 Woe unto those who rise early in the morning, that they may pursue strong drink, who tarry late into the night till wine inflames them!
Is 5:12 They have lyre and harp, tambourine and flute and wine at their feasts, but they do not regard the deeds of the Lord, neither do they consider the operation of His hands [in mercy and in judgment].
Is 5:13 Therefore My people go into captivity [to their enemies] without knowing it {and} because they have no knowledge [of God]. And their honorable men [their glory] are famished, and their common people are parched with thirst.
Is 5:14 Therefore Sheol (the unseen state, the realm of the dead) has enlarged its appetite and opened its mouth without measure; and [Jerusalem's] nobility {and} her multitude and her pomp {and} tumult and [the drunken reveler] who exults in her descend into it.
Is 5:15 And the common man is bowed down, and the great man is brought low, and the eyes of the haughty are humbled.
Is 5:16 But the Lord of hosts is exalted in justice, and God, the Holy One, shows Himself holy in righteousness {and} through righteous judgments.
Is 5:17 Then shall the lambs feed [among the ruins] as in their own pasture, and [among] the desolate places of the [exiled] rich shall sojourners {and} aliens eat.
Is 5:18 Woe to those who draw [calamity] with cords of iniquity {and} falsehood, who bring punishment to themselves with a cart rope of wickedness,
Is 5:19 Who say, Let [the Holy One] make haste {and} speed His [prophesied] vengeance, that we may see it; and let the purpose of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come, that we may know it!
Is 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!
Is 5:21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and prudent {and} shrewd in their own sight!
Is 5:22 Woe to those who are mighty heroes at drinking wine and men of strength in mixing alcoholic drinks!--
Is 5:23 Who justify {and} acquit the guilty for a bribe, but take away the rights of the innocent {and} righteous from them!
Is 5:24 Therefore, as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and as the dry grass sinks down in the flame, so their root shall be like rottenness and their blossom shall go up like fine dust--because they have rejected {and} cast away the

law {and} the teaching of the Lord of hosts and have not believed {but} have treated scornfully {and} have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.
Is 5:25 Therefore is the anger of the Lord kindled against His people, and He has stretched forth His hand against them and has smitten them. And the mountains trembled, and their dead bodies were like dung {and} sweepings in the midst of the streets. For all this, His anger is not turned away, but His hand is still stretched out [in judgment].
Is 5:26 And He will lift up a signal to call together a hostile people from afar [to execute His judgment on Judea], and will hiss for them from the end of the earth [as bees are hissed from their hives], and behold, they shall come with speed, swiftly!
Is 5:27 None is weary or stumbles among them, none slumbers or sleeps; nor is the girdle of their loins loosed or the latchet (thong) of their shoes broken;
Is 5:28 Their arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent; their horses' hoofs seem like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind.
Is 5:29 Their roaring is like that of a lioness, they roar like young lions; they growl and seize their prey and carry it safely away, and there is none to deliver it.
Is 5:30 And in that day they [the army from afar] shall roar against [the Jews] like the roaring of the sea. And if one looks to the land, behold, there is darkness and distress; and the light [itself] will be darkened by the clouds of it.
Is 6:1 IN THE year that King Uzziah died, [in a vision] I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and the skirts of His train filled the [most holy part of the] temple.
Is 6:2 Above Him stood the seraphim; each had six wings: with two [each] covered his [own] face, and with two [each] covered his feet, and with two [each] flew.
Is 6:3 And one cried to another and said, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!
Is 6:4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who cried, and the house was filled with smoke.
Is 6:5 Then said I, Woe is me! For I am undone {and} ruined, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!
Is 6:6 Then flew one of the seraphim [heavenly beings] to me, having a live coal in his hand which he had taken with tongs from off the altar;
Is 6:7 And with it he touched my mouth and said, Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity {and} guilt are taken away, and your sin is completely atoned for {and} forgiven.
Is 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? And who will go for Us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.
Is 6:9 And He said, Go and tell this people, Hear {and} hear continually, but understand not; and see {and} see continually, but do not apprehend with your mind.
Is 6:10 Make the heart of this people fat; and make their ears heavy and shut their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and turn again and be healed.
Is 6:11 Then said I, Lord, how long? And He answered, Until cities lie waste without inhabitant and houses without man, and the land is utterly desolate,
Is 6:12 And the Lord removes [His] people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.
Is 6:13 And though a tenth [of the people] remain in the land, it will be for their destruction [eaten up and burned] like a terebinth tree or like an oak whose stump {and} substance remain when they are felled {or} have cast their leaves. The holy seed [the elect remnant] is the stump {and} substance [of Israel].
Is 7:1 IN THE days of Ahaz son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel went up to Jerusalem to wage war against it, but they could not conquer it.
Is 7:2 And the house of David [Judah] was told, Syria is allied with Ephraim [Israel]. And the heart [of Ahaz] and the hearts of his people trembled {and} shook, as the trees of the forest tremble {and} shake with the wind.
Is 7:3 Then said the Lord to Isaiah, Go forth now to meet {Judah's King} Ahaz, you and your son Shear-jashub [a remnant shall return], at the end of the aqueduct {or} canal of the Upper Pool on the highway to the Fuller's Field;
Is 7:4 And say to him, Take heed and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted because of these two stumps of smoking firebrands--at the fierce anger of [the Syrian King] Rezin and Syria and of the son of Remaliah [Pekah, usurper of the throne of Israel].
Is 7:5 Because Syria, Ephraim [Israel], and the son of Remaliah have purposed evil against you [Judah], saying,
Is 7:6 Let us go up against Judah and harass {and} terrify it; and let us cleave it asunder [each of us taking a portion], and set a [vassal] king in the midst of it, namely the son of Tabeel,
Is 7:7 Thus says the Lord God: It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.
Is 7:8 For the head [the capital] of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is [King] Rezin. Within sixty-five

years Ephraim will be broken to pieces so that it will no longer be a people.
Is 7:9 And the head (the capital) of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son [Pekah]. If you will not believe {and} trust {and} rely [on God and on the words of God's prophet instead of Assyria], surely you will not be established {nor} will you remain.
Is 7:10 Moreover, the Lord spoke again to King Ahaz, saying,
Is 7:11 Ask for yourself a sign (a token or proof) of the Lord your God [one that will convince you that God has spoken and will keep His word]; ask it either in the depth below or in the height above [let it be as deep as Sheol or as high as heaven].
Is 7:12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord.
Is 7:13 And [Isaiah] said, Hear then, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary {and} try the patience of men, but will you weary {and} try the patience of my God also?
Is 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: Behold, the young woman who is unmarried {and} a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel [God with us].
Is 7:15 Butter {and} curds and wild honey shall he eat when he knows [enough] to refuse the evil and choose the good.
Is 7:16 For before the child shall know [enough] to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land [Canaan] whose two kings you abhor {and} of whom you are in sickening dread shall be forsaken [both Ephraim and Syria].
Is 7:17 The Lord shall bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim [the ten northern tribes] departed from Judah--even the king of Assyria.
Is 7:18 And in that day the Lord shall whistle for the fly [the numerous and troublesome foe] that is in the whole extent of the canal country of Egypt and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.
Is 7:19 And these [enemies like flies and bees] shall come and shall rest all of them in the desolate {and} rugged valleys {and} deep ravines and in the clefts of the rocks, and on all the thornbushes and on all the pastures.
Is 7:20 In the same day [will the people of Judah be utterly stripped of belongings], the Lord will shave with the razor that is hired from the parts beyond the River [Euphrates]--even with the king of Assyria--[that razor will shave] the head and the hair of the legs, and it shall also consume the beard [leaving Judah with open shame and scorn].
Is 7:21 And [because of the desolation brought on by the invaders] in that day, a man will [be so poor that he will] keep alive only a young milk cow and two sheep.
Is 7:22 And because of the abundance of milk that they will give, he will eat butter {and} curds, for [only] butter {and} curds and [wild] honey [no vegetables] shall everyone eat who is left in the land [these products provided from the extensive pastures and the plentiful wild flowers upon which the bees depend].
Is 7:23 And in that day, in every place where there used to be a thousand vines worth a thousand silver shekels, there will be briers and thorns.
Is 7:24 With arrows and with bows shall a man come [to hunt] there, because all the land will be briers and thorns.
Is 7:25 And as for all the hills that were formerly cultivated with mattock {and} hoe, you will not go there for fear of briers and thorns; but they will become a place where oxen are let loose to pasture and where sheep tread.
Is 8:1 THEN THE Lord said to me, Take a large tablet [of wood, metal, or stone] and write upon it with a graving tool {and} in ordinary characters [which the humblest man can read]: Belonging to Maher-shalal-hash-baz [they (the Assyrians) hasten to the spoil (of Syria and Israel), they speed to the prey].
Is 8:2 And I took faithful witnesses to record {and} attest [this prophecy] for me, Uriah the priest and Zechariah son of Jeberechiah.
Is 8:3 And I approached [my wife] the prophetess, and when she had conceived and borne a son, the Lord said to me, Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz [as a continual reminder to the people of the prophecy],
Is 8:4 For before the child knows how to say, My father or my mother, the riches of Damascus [Syria's capital] and the spoil of Samaria [Israel's capital] shall be carried away before the king of Assyria.
Is 8:5 The Lord spoke to me yet again and said,
Is 8:6 Because this people [Israel and Judah] have refused {and} despised the waters of Shiloah [Siloam, the only perennial fountain of Jerusalem, and symbolic of God's protection and sustaining power] that go gently, and rejoice in {and} with Rezin [the king of Syria] and Remaliah's son [Pekah the king of Israel],
Is 8:7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord brings upon them the waters of the River [Euphrates], strong and many--even the king of Assyria and all the glory [of his gorgeous retinue]; and it will rise over all its channels, brooks, valleys, {and} canals and extend far beyond its banks;
Is 8:8 And it will sweep on into Judah; it will overflow {and} go over [the hills], reaching even [but only] to the neck [of which Jerusalem is the head], and the outstretched wings [of the armies of Assyria] shall fill the breadth of Your

land, O Immanuel [Messiah, God is with us]!
Is 8:9 Make an uproar {and} be broken in pieces, O you peoples [rage, raise the war cry, do your worst, and be utterly dismayed]! Give ear, all you [our enemies] {of} far countries. Gird yourselves [for war], and be thrown into consternation! Gird yourselves, and be [utterly] dismayed!
Is 8:10 Take counsel together [against Judah], but it shall come to nought; speak the word, but it will not stand, for God is with us [Immanuel]!
Is 8:11 For the Lord spoke thus to me with His strong hand [upon me], and warned {and} instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying,
Is 8:12 Do not call conspiracy [or hard, or holy] all that this people will call conspiracy [or hard, or holy]; neither be in fear of what they fear, nor [make others afraid and] in dread.
Is 8:13 The Lord of hosts--regard Him as holy {and} honor His holy name [by regarding Him as your only hope of safety], and let Him be your fear and let Him be your dread [lest you offend Him by your fear of man and distrust of Him].
Is 8:14 And He shall be a sanctuary [a sacred and indestructible asylum to those who reverently fear and trust in Him]; but He shall be a Stone of stumbling and a Rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
Is 8:15 And many among them shall stumble thereon; and they shall fall and be broken, and be snared and taken.
Is 8:16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law {and} the teaching among my [Isaiah's] disciples.
Is 8:17 And I will wait for the Lord, Who is hiding His face from the house of Jacob; and I will look for {and} hope in Him.
Is 8:18 Behold, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are signs and wonders [that are to take place] in Israel from the Lord of hosts, Who dwells on Mount Zion.
Is 8:19 And when the people [instead of putting their trust in God] shall say to you, Consult for direction mediums and wizards who chirp and mutter, should not a people seek {and} consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living?
Is 8:20 [Direct such people] to the teaching and to the testimony! If their teachings are not in accord with this word, it is surely because there is no dawn {and} no morning for them.
Is 8:21 And they [who consult mediums and wizards] shall pass through [the land] sorely distressed and hungry; and when they are hungry, they will fret, and will curse by their king and their God; and whether they look upward
Is 8:22 Or look to the earth, they will behold only distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish, and into thick darkness {and} widespread, obscure night they shall be driven away.
Is 9:1 BUT [in the midst of judgment there is the promise and the certainty of the Lord's deliverance and] there shall be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He will make it glorious, by the way of the Sea [of Galilee, the land] beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.
Is 9:2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light; those who dwelt in the land of intense darkness {and} the shadow of death, upon them has the Light shined.
Is 9:3 You [O Lord] have multiplied the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before You like the joy in harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil [of battle].
Is 9:4 For the yoke of [Israel's] burden, and the staff {or} rod for [goading] their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, You have broken as in the day of [Gideon with] Midian.
Is 9:5 For every [tramping] warrior's war boots {and} all his armor in the battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
Is 9:6 For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father [of Eternity], Prince of Peace.
Is 9:7 Of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from the [latter] time forth, even forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.
Is 9:8 The Lord has sent a word against Jacob [the ten tribes], and it has lighted upon Israel [the ten tribes, the kingdom of Ephraim].
Is 9:9 And all the people shall know it--even Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria [its capital]--who said in pride and stoutness of heart,
Is 9:10 The bricks have fallen, but we will build [all the better] with hewn stones; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will put [costlier] cedars in their place.

Is 9:11 Therefore the Lord has stirred up the adversaries [the Assyrians] of Rezin [king of Syria] against [Ephraim], and He will stir up their enemies {and} arm {and} join them together,
Is 9:12 The Syrians [compelled to fight with their enemies, going] before [on the east] and the Philistines behind [on the west]; and they will devour Israel with open mouth. For all this, [God's] anger is not [then] turned away, but His hand is still stretched out [in judgment].
Is 9:13 Yet the people turn not to Him Who smote them, neither do they seek [inquire for or require as their vital need] the Lord of hosts.
Is 9:14 Therefore the Lord will cut off from Israel head and tail [the highest and the lowest]--[high] palm branch and [low] rush in one day;
Is 9:15 The elderly and honored man, he is the head; and the prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail.
Is 9:16 For they who lead this people cause them to err, and they who are led [astray] by them are swallowed up (destroyed).
Is 9:17 Therefore the Lord will not rejoice over their young men, neither will He have compassion on their fatherless and widows, for everyone is profane and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks folly. For all this, [God's] anger is not turned away, but His hand is still stretched out [in judgment].
Is 9:18 For wickedness burns like a fire; it devours the briers and thorns, and it kindles in the thickets of the forest; they roll upward in a column of smoke.
Is 9:19 Through the wrath of the Lord of hosts the land is darkened {and} burned up, and the people are like fuel for the fire; no man spares his brother.
Is 9:20 They snatch in discord on the right hand, but are still hungry [their cruelty not diminished]; and they devour {and} destroy on the left hand, but are not satisfied. Each devours {and} destroys his own flesh [and blood] {or} his neighbor's.
Is 9:21 Manasseh [thirsts for the blood of his brother] Ephraim, and Ephraim [for that of] Manasseh; but together they are against Judah. For all this, [God's] anger is not turned away, but His hand is still stretched out [in judgment].
Is 10:1 WOE TO those [judges] who issue unrighteous decrees, and to the magistrates who keep causing unjust {and} oppressive decisions to be recorded,
Is 10:2 To turn aside the needy from justice and to make plunder of the rightful claims of the poor of My people, that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless their prey!
Is 10:3 And what will you do in the day of visitation [of God's wrath], and in the desolation which shall come from afar? To whom will you flee for help? And where will you deposit [for safekeeping] your wealth {and} with whom leave your glory?
Is 10:4 Without Me they shall bow down among the prisoners, and they shall fall [overwhelmed] under the heaps of the slain [on the battlefield]. For all this, [God's] anger is not turned away, but His hand is still stretched out [in judgment].
Is 10:5 Woe to the Assyrian, the rod of My anger, the staff in whose hand is My indignation {and} fury [against Israel's disobedience]!
Is 10:6 I send [the Assyrian] against a hypocritical {and} godless nation and against the people of My wrath; I command him to take the spoil and to seize the prey and to tread them down like the mire in the streets.
Is 10:7 However, this is not his intention [nor is the Assyrian aware that he is doing this at My bidding], neither does his mind so think {and} plan; but it is in his mind to destroy and cut off many nations.
Is 10:8 For [the Assyrian] says, Are not my officers all either [subjugated] kings {or} their equal?
Is 10:9 Is not Calno [of Babylonia conquered] like Carchemish [on the Euphrates]? Is not Hamath [in Upper Syria] like Arpad [her neighbor]? Is not Samaria [in Israel] like Damascus [in Syria]? [Have any of these cities been able to resist Assyria? Not one!]
Is 10:10 As my hand has reached to the kingdoms of the idols [which were unable to defend them,] whose graven images were more to be feared {and} dreaded {and} more mighty than those of Jerusalem and of Samaria--
Is 10:11 Shall I not be able to do to Jerusalem and her images as I have done to Samaria and her idols? [says the Assyrian]
Is 10:12 Therefore when the Lord has completed all His work [of chastisement and purification to be executed] on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, it shall be that He will inflict punishment on the fruit [the thoughts, words, and deeds] of the stout {and} arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and the haughtiness of his pride.
Is 10:13 For [the Assyrian king] has said, I have done it solely by the power of my own hand and wisdom, for I have insight {and} understanding. I have removed the boundaries of the peoples and have robbed their treasures; and like a bull I have brought down those who sat on thrones {and} the inhabitants.

Is 10:14 And my hand has found like a nest the wealth of the people; and as one gathers eggs that are forsaken, so I have gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved its wing, or that opened its mouth or chirped.
Is 10:15 Shall the ax boast itself against him who chops with it? Or shall the saw magnify itself against him who wields it back and forth? As if a rod should wield those who lift it up, or as if a staff should lift itself up as if it were not wood [but a man of God]!
Is 10:16 Therefore will the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send leanness among [the Assyrian's] fat ones; and instead of his glory {or} under it He will kindle a burning like the burning of fire.
Is 10:17 And the Light of Israel shall become a fire and His Holy One a flame, and it will burn and devour [the Assyrian's] thorns and briers in one day.
Is 10:18 [The Lord] will consume the glory of the [Assyrian's] forest and of his fruitful field, both soul and body; and it shall be as when a sick man pines away {or} a standard-bearer faints.
Is 10:19 And the remnant of the trees of his forest shall be few, so that a child may make a list of them.
Is 10:20 And it shall be in that day that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more lean upon him who smote them, but will lean upon the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.
Is 10:21 A remnant will return [Shear-jashub, name of Isaiah's son], a remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God.
Is 10:22 For though your population, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of it will return [and survive]. The [fully completed] destruction is decreed (decided upon and brought to an issue); it overflows with justice {and} righteousness [the infliction of just punishment].
Is 10:23 For the Lord, the Lord of hosts, will make a full end, whatever is determined {or} decreed [in Israel], in the midst of all the earth.
Is 10:24 Therefore thus says the Lord, the Lord of hosts, O My people who dwell in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrian, who smites you with a rod and lifts up his staff against you, as [the king of] Egypt did.
Is 10:25 For yet a little while and My indignation against you shall be accomplished, and My anger shall be directed to destruction [of the Assyrian].
Is 10:26 And the Lord of hosts shall stir up {and} brandish a scourge against them as when He smote Midian at the rock of Oreb; and as His rod was over the [Red] Sea, so shall He lift it up as He did in [the flight from] Egypt.
Is 10:27 And it shall be in that day that the burden of [the Assyrian] shall depart from your shoulders, and his yoke from your neck. The yoke shall be destroyed because of fatness [which prevents it from going around your neck].
Is 10:28 [The Assyrian with his army comes to Judah]. He arrives at Aiath; he passes through Migron; at Michmash he gets rid of his baggage [by storing it].
Is 10:29 They go through the pass, they make Geba their camping place for the night; Ramah is afraid {and} trembles, Gibeah [the city] of [King] Saul flees.
Is 10:30 Cry aloud [in consternation], O Daughter of Gallim! Hearken, O Laishah! [Answer her] O you poor Anathoth!
Is 10:31 Madmenah is in flight; the inhabitants of Gebim seize their belongings {and} make their households flee for safety.
Is 10:32 This very day [the Assyrian] will halt at Nob [the city of priests], shaking his fist at the mountain of the Daughter of Zion, at the hill of Jerusalem.
Is 10:33 [But just when the Assyrian is in sight of his goal] behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, will lop off the beautiful boughs with terrorizing force; the high in stature will be hewn down and the lofty will be brought low.
Is 10:34 And He will cut down the thickets of the forest with an ax, and Lebanon [the Assyrian] with its majestic trees shall fall by the Mighty One {and} mightily.
Is 11:1 AND THERE shall come forth a Shoot out of the stock of Jesse [David's father], and a Branch out of his roots shall grow {and} bear fruit.
Is 11:2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him--the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the reverential {and} obedient fear of the Lord--
Is 11:3 And shall make Him of quick understanding, {and} His delight shall be in the reverential {and} obedient fear of the Lord. And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, neither decide by the hearing of His ears;
Is 11:4 But with righteousness {and} justice shall He judge the poor and decide with fairness for the meek, the poor, {and} the downtrodden of the earth; and He shall smite the earth {and} the oppressor with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.
Is 11:5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of His waist and faithfulness the girdle of His loins.
Is 11:6 And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatted domestic animal together; and a little child shall lead them.
Is 11:7 And the cow and the bear shall feed side by side, their young shall lie down together, and the lion shall eat

straw like the ox.
Is 11:8 And the sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
Is 11:9 They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
Is 11:10 And it shall be in that day that the Root of Jesse shall stand as a signal for the peoples; of Him shall the nations inquire {and} seek knowledge, and His dwelling shall be glory [His rest glorious]!
Is 11:11 And in that day the Lord shall again lift up His hand a second time to recover (acquire and deliver) the remnant of His people which is left, from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Pathros, from Ethiopia, from Elam [in Persia], from Shinar [Babylonia], from Hamath [in Upper Syria], and from the countries bordering on the [Mediterranean] Sea.
Is 11:12 And He will raise up a signal for the nations and will assemble the outcasts of Israel and will gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.
Is 11:13 The envy {and} jealousy of Ephraim also shall depart, and they who vex {and} harass Judah from outside {or} inside shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex {and} harass Ephraim.
Is 11:14 But [with united forces Ephraim and Judah] will swoop down upon the shoulders of the Philistines' [land sloping] toward the west; together they will strip the people on the east [the Arabs]. They will lay their hands upon Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites will obey them.
Is 11:15 And the Lord will utterly destroy (doom and dry up) the tongue of the Egyptian sea [the west fork of the Red Sea]; and with His [mighty] scorching wind He will wave His hand over the river [Nile] and will smite it into seven channels and will cause men to cross over dry-shod.
Is 11:16 And there shall be a highway from Assyria for the remnant left of His people, as there was for Israel when they came up out of the land of Egypt.
Is 12:1 AND IN that day you will say, I will give thanks to You, O Lord; for though You were angry with me, Your anger has turned away, and You comfort me.
Is 12:2 Behold, God, my salvation! I will trust and not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and song; yes, He has become my salvation.
Is 12:3 Therefore with joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.
Is 12:4 And in that day you will say, Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name {and} by means of His name [in solemn entreaty]; declare {and} make known His deeds among the peoples of the earth, proclaim that His name is exalted!
Is 12:5 Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done excellent things [gloriously]; let this be made known to all the earth.
Is 12:6 Cry aloud and shout joyfully, you women {and} inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
Is 13:1 THE MOURNFUL, inspired prediction (a burden to be lifted up) concerning Babylon which Isaiah son of Amoz saw [with prophetic insight]:
Is 13:2 Raise up a signal banner upon the high {and} bare mountain, summon them [the Medes and Persians] with loud voice and beckoning hand that they may enter the gates of the [Babylonian] nobles.
Is 13:3 I Myself [says the Lord] have commanded My designated ones and have summoned My mighty men to execute My anger, even My proudly exulting ones [the Medes and Persians]--those who are made to triumph for My honor.
Is 13:4 Hark, the uproar of a multitude in the mountains, like that of a great people! The noise of the tumult of the kingdoms of the nations gathering together! The Lord of hosts is mustering the host for the battle.
Is 13:5 They come from a distant country, from the uttermost part of the heavens [the far east]--even the Lord and the weapons of His indignation--to seize {and} destroy the whole land.
Is 13:6 Wail, for the day of the Lord is at hand; as destruction from the Almighty {and} Sufficient One [Shaddai] will it come!
Is 13:7 Therefore will all hands be feeble, and every man's heart will melt.
Is 13:8 And they [of Babylon] shall be dismayed and terrified, pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman in childbirth. They will gaze stupefied {and} aghast at one another, their faces will be aflame [from the effects of the unprecedented warfare].
Is 13:9 Behold, the day of the Lord is coming!--fierce, with wrath and raging anger--to make the land {and} the [whole] earth a desolation and to destroy out of it its sinners.
Is 13:10 For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be darkened at its

rising and the moon will not shed its light.
Is 13:11 And I, the Lord, will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their guilt {and} iniquity; I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible {and} the boasting of the violent {and} ruthless.
Is 13:12 I will make a man more rare than fine gold, and mankind scarcer than the pure gold of Ophir.
Is 13:13 Therefore I will make the heavens tremble; and the earth shall be shaken out of its place at the wrath of the Lord of hosts in the day of His fierce anger.
Is 13:14 And like the chased roe {or} gazelle, and like sheep that no man gathers, each [foreign resident] will turn to his own people, and each will flee to his own land.
Is 13:15 Everyone who is found will be thrust through, and everyone who is connected with the slain {and} is caught will fall by the sword.
Is 13:16 Their infants also will be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses will be plundered and their wives ravished.
Is 13:17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, who have no regard for silver and do not delight in gold [and thus cannot be bribed].
Is 13:18 Their bows will cut down the young men [of Babylon]; and they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb, their eyes will not spare children.
Is 13:19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, shall be like Sodom and Gomorrah when God overthrew them.
Is 13:20 [Babylon] shall never be inhabited or dwelt in from generation to generation; neither shall the Arab pitch his tent there, nor shall the shepherds make their sheepfolds there.
Is 13:21 But wild beasts of the desert will lie down there, and the people's houses will be full of dolefully howling creatures; and ostriches will dwell there, and wild goats [like demons] will dance there.
Is 13:22 And wolves {and} howling creatures will cry {and} answer in the deserted castles, and jackals in the pleasant palaces. And [Babylon's] time has nearly come, and her days will not be prolonged.
Is 14:1 FOR THE Lord will have mercy on Jacob [the captive Jews in Babylon] and will again choose Israel and set them in their own land; and foreigners [who are proselytes] will join them and will cleave to the house of Jacob (Israel).
Is 14:2 And the peoples [of Babylonia] shall take them and bring them to their own country [of Judea] {and} help restore them. And the house of Israel will possess [the foreigners who prefer to stay with] them in the land of the Lord as male and female servants; and they will take captive [not by physical but by moral might] those whose captives they have been, and they will rule over their [former] oppressors.
Is 14:3 When the Lord has given you rest from your sorrow {and} pain and from your trouble {and} unrest and from the hard service with which you were made to serve,
Is 14:4 You shall take up this [taunting] parable against the king of Babylon and say, How the oppressor has stilled [the restless insolence]! The golden {and} exacting city has ceased!
Is 14:5 The Lord has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the [tyrant] rulers,
Is 14:6 Who smote the peoples in anger with incessant blows {and} trod down the nations in wrath with unrelenting persecution--[until] he who smote is persecuted and no one hinders any more.
Is 14:7 The whole earth is at rest and is quiet; they break forth into singing.
Is 14:8 Yes, the fir trees {and} cypresses rejoice at you [O kings of Babylon], even the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since you have been laid low, no woodcutter comes up against us.
Is 14:9 Sheol (Hades, the place of the dead) below is stirred up to meet you at your coming [O tyrant Babylonian rulers]; it stirs up the shades of the dead to greet you--even all the chief ones of the earth; it raises from their thrones [in astonishment at your humbled condition] all the kings of the nations.
Is 14:10 All of them will [tauntingly] say to you, Have you also become weak as we are? Have you become like us?
Is 14:11 Your pomp {and} magnificence are brought down to Sheol (the underworld), along with the sound of your harps; the maggots [which prey upon dead bodies] are spread out under you and worms cover you [O Babylonian rulers].
Is 14:12 How have you fallen from heaven, O light-bringer {and} daystar, son of the morning! How you have been cut down to the ground, you who weakened {and} laid low the nations [O blasphemous, satanic king of Babylon!]
Is 14:13 And you said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit upon the mount of assembly in the uttermost north.
Is 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.

Is 14:15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol (Hades), to the innermost recesses of the pit (the region of the dead).
Is 14:16 Those who see you will gaze at you {and} consider you, saying, Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms?--
Is 14:17 Who made the world like a wilderness and overthrew its cities, who would not permit his prisoners to return home?
Is 14:18 All the kings of the nations, all of them lie sleeping in glorious array, each one in his own sepulcher.
Is 14:19 But you are cast away from your tomb like a loathed growth {or} premature birth {or} an abominable branch [of the family] {and} like the raiment of the slain; and you are clothed with the slain, those thrust through with the sword, who go down to the stones of the pit [into which carcasses are thrown], like a dead body trodden underfoot.
Is 14:20 You shall not be joined with them in burial, because you have destroyed your land and have slain your people. May the descendants of evildoers nevermore be named!
Is 14:21 Prepare a slaughtering place for his sons because of the guilt {and} iniquity of their fathers, so that they may not rise, possess the earth, and fill the face of the world with cities.
Is 14:22 And I will rise up against them, says the Lord of hosts, and cut off from Babylon name and remnant, and son and son's son, says the Lord.
Is 14:23 I will also make it a possession of the hedgehog {and} porcupine, and of marshes {and} pools of water, and I will sweep it with the broom of destruction, says the Lord of hosts.
Is 14:24 The Lord of hosts has sworn, saying, Surely, as I have thought {and} planned, so shall it come to pass, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand--
Is 14:25 That I will break the Assyrian in My land, and upon My mountains I will tread him underfoot. Then shall the [Assyrian's] yoke depart from [the people of Judah], and his burden depart from their shoulders.
Is 14:26 This is the [Lord's] purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth [regarded as conquered and put under tribute by Assyria]; and this is [His omnipotent] hand that is stretched out over all the nations.
Is 14:27 For the Lord of hosts has purposed, and who can annul it? And His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?
Is 14:28 In the year that King Ahaz [of Judah] died there came this mournful, inspired prediction (a burden to be lifted up):
Is 14:29 Rejoice not, O Philistia, all of you, because the rod [of Judah] that smote you is broken; for out of the serpent's root shall come forth an adder [King Hezekiah of Judah], and its [the serpent's] offspring will be a fiery, flying serpent.
Is 14:30 And the firstborn of the poor {and} the poorest of the poor [of Judah] shall feed on My meadows, and the needy will lie down in safety; but I will kill your root with famine, and your remnant shall be slain.
Is 14:31 Howl, O gate! Cry, O city! Melt away, O Philistia, all of you! For there is coming a smoke out of the north, and there is no straggler in his ranks {and} none stands aloof [in Hezekiah's battalions].
Is 14:32 What then shall one answer the messengers of the [Philistine] nation? That the Lord has founded Zion, and in her shall the poor {and} afflicted of His people trust {and} find refuge.
Is 15:1 THE MOURNFUL, inspired prediction (a burden to be lifted up) concerning Moab: Because in a night Ar of Moab is laid waste and brought to silence! Because in a night Kir of Moab is laid waste and brought to silence!
Is 15:2 They are gone up to Bayith and to Dibon, to the high places to weep. Moab wails over Nebo and over Medeba; on all their heads is baldness, and every beard is cut off [as a sign of deep sorrow and humiliation].
Is 15:3 In their streets they gird themselves with sackcloth; on the tops of their houses and in their broad places everyone wails, weeping abundantly.
Is 15:4 And Heshbon and Elealeh [cities in possession of Moab] cry out; their voice is heard even to Jahaz. Therefore the armed soldiers of Moab cry out; [Moab's] life is grievous {and} trembles within him.
Is 15:5 My heart cries out for Moab; his nobles {and} other fugitives flee to Zoar, to Eglath-shelishiyah [like a heifer three years old]. For with weeping they go up the ascent of Luhith; for on the road to Horonaim they raise a cry of destruction.
Is 15:6 For the waters of Nimrim are desolations, for the grass is withered away and the new growth fails; there is no green thing.
Is 15:7 Therefore the abundance [of possessions] they have acquired and stored away they [now] carry over the willow brook {and} to the valley of the Arabians.
Is 15:8 For the cry [of distress] has gone round the borders of Moab; the wailing has reached to Eglaim, and the prolonged {and} mournful cry to Beer-elim.
Is 15:9 For the waters of Dimon are full of blood; yet I [the Lord] will bring even more on Dimon--a lion upon those

of Moab who escape and upon the remnant of the land.
Is 16:1 YOU [Moabites, now fugitives in Edom, which is ruled by the king of Judah] send lambs to the ruler of the land, from Sela {or} Petra through the desert {and} wilderness to the mountain of the Daughter of Zion [Jerusalem].
Is 16:2 For like wandering birds, like a brood cast out {and} a scattered nest, so shall the daughters of Moab be at the fords of the [river] Arnon.
Is 16:3 [Say to the ruler] Give counsel, execute justice [for Moab, O king of Judah]; make your shade [over us] like night in the midst of noonday; hide the outcasts, betray not the fugitive to his pursuer.
Is 16:4 Let our outcasts of Moab dwell among you; be a sheltered hiding place to them from the destroyer. When the extortion {and} the extortioner have been brought to nought, and destruction has ceased, and the oppressors {and} they who trample men are consumed {and} have vanished out of the land,
Is 16:5 Then in mercy {and} loving-kindness shall a throne be established, and One shall sit upon it in truth {and} faithfulness in the tent of David, judging and seeking justice and being swift to do righteousness.
Is 16:6 We have heard of the pride of Moab, that he is very proud--even of his arrogance, his conceit, his wrath, his untruthful boasting.
Is 16:7 Moab therefore shall wail for Moab; everyone shall wail. For the ruins, flagons of wine, {and} the raisin cakes of Kir-hareseth you shall sigh and mourn, utterly stricken {and} discouraged.
Is 16:8 For the fields of Heshbon languish {and} wither, and the vines of Sibmah; the lords of the nations have broken down [Moab's] choice vine branches, which reached even to Jazer, wandering into the wilderness; its shoots stretched out abroad, they passed over [the shores of] the [Dead] Sea.
Is 16:9 Therefore I [Isaiah] will weep with the weeping of Jazer for the vines of Sibmah. I will drench you with my tears, O Heshbon and Elealeh; for upon your summer fruits and your harvest the shout [of alarm and the cry of the enemy] has fallen.
Is 16:10 And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the plentiful field; and in the vineyards there is no singing, nor is there joyful sound; the treaders tread out no wine in the presses, for the shout of joy has been made to cease.
Is 16:11 Wherefore my heart sounds like a harp [in mournful compassion] for Moab, and my inner being [goes out] for Kir-hareseth [for those brick-walled citadels of his].
Is 16:12 It shall be that when Moab presents himself, when he wearies himself [worshiping] on the high place [of idolatry], he will come to his sanctuary [of Chemosh, god of Moab], but he will not prevail. [Then will he be ashamed of his god.]
Is 16:13 This is the word that the Lord has spoken concerning Moab since that time [when Moab's pride and resistance to God were first known].
Is 16:14 But now the Lord has spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of a hireling [who will not serve longer than the allotted time], the glory of Moab shall be brought into contempt, in spite of all his mighty multitudes of people; and the remnant that survives will be very small, feeble, {and} of no account.
Is 17:1 THE MOURNFUL, inspired prediction (a burden to be lifted up) concerning Damascus [capital of Syria, and Israel's bulwark against Assyria]. Behold, Damascus will cease to be a city and will become a heap of ruins.
Is 17:2 The cities of Aroer [east of the Jordan] are forsaken; they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid.
Is 17:3 His bulwark [Syria] {and} the fortress shall disappear from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus; and the remnant of Syria will be like the [departed] glory of the children of Israel [her ally], says the Lord of hosts.
Is 17:4 And in that day the former glory of Jacob [Israel--his might, his population, his prosperity] shall be enfeebled, and the fat of his flesh shall become lean.
Is 17:5 And it shall be as when the reaper gathers the standing grain and his arm harvests the ears; yes, it shall be as when one gathers the ears of grain in the fertile Valley of Rephaim.
Is 17:6 Yet gleanings [of grapes] shall be left in it [the land of Israel], as after the beating of an olive tree [with a stick], two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outermost branches of the fruitful tree, says the Lord, the God of Israel.
Is 17:7 In that day will men look to their Maker, and their eyes shall regard the Holy One of Israel.
Is 17:8 And they will not look to the [idolatrous] altars, the work of their hands, neither will they have respect for what their fingers have made--either the Asherim [symbols of the goddess Asherah] or the sun-images.
Is 17:9 In that day will their [Syria's and Israel's] strong cities be like the forsaken places in the wood and on the mountaintop, as they [the Amorites and the Hivites] forsook their [cities] because of the children of Israel; and there will be desolation.
Is 17:10 Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation [O Judah] and have not been mindful of the Rock of

your strength, your Stronghold--therefore, you have planted pleasant nursery grounds {and} plantings [to Adonis, pots of quickly withered flowers used to set by their doors or in the courts of temples], and have set [the grounds] with vine slips of a strange [God],
Is 17:11 And in the day of your planting you hedge it in, and in the morning you make your seed to blossom, yet [promising as it is] the harvest shall be a heap of ruins {and} flee away in the day of expected possession and of desperate sorrow {and} sickening, incurable pain.
Is 17:12 Hark, the uproar of a multitude of peoples! They roar {and} thunder like the noise of the seas! Ah, the roar of nations! They roar like the roaring of rushing {and} mighty waters!
Is 17:13 The nations will rush {and} roar like the rushing {and} roaring of many waters--but [God] will rebuke them, and they will flee far off and will be chased like chaff on the mountains before the wind, and like rolling thistledown {or} whirling dust of the stubble before the storm.
Is 17:14 At evening time, behold, terror! And before the morning, they [the terrorizing Assyrians] are not. This is the portion of those who strip us [the Jews] of what belongs to us, and the lot of those who rob us. [Fulfilled in Isa. 37:36.]
Is 18:1 WOE TO the land whirring with wings which is beyond the rivers of Cush {or} Ethiopia,
Is 18:2 That sends ambassadors by the Nile, even in vessels of papyrus upon the waters! Go, you swift messengers, to a nation tall and polished, to a people terrible from their beginning [feared and dreaded near and far], a nation strong and victorious, whose land the rivers divide!
Is 18:3 All you inhabitants of the world, you who dwell on the earth, when a signal is raised on the mountains--look! When a trumpet is blown--hear!
Is 18:4 For thus the Lord has said to me: I will be still and I will look on from My dwelling place, like clear {and} glowing heat in sunshine, like a fine cloud of mist in the heat of harvest.
Is 18:5 For before the harvest, when the blossom is over and the flower becomes a ripening grape, He will cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and the spreading branches He will remove and cut away.
Is 18:6 They [the dead bodies of the slain warriors] shall be left together to the ravenous birds of the mountains and to the beasts of the earth; and the ravenous birds will summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth will winter upon them.
Is 18:7 At that time shall a present be brought to the Lord of hosts from a people tall and polished, from a people terrible from their beginning {and} feared {and} dreaded near and far, a nation strong and victorious, whose land the rivers {or} great channels divide--to the place [of worship] of the Name of the Lord of hosts, to Mount Zion [in Jerusalem].
Is 19:1 THE MOURNFUL, inspired prediction (a burden to be lifted up) concerning Egypt: Behold, the Lord is riding on a swift cloud and comes to Egypt; and the idols of Egypt will tremble at His presence, and the hearts of the Egyptians will melt within them.
Is 19:2 And I will stir up Egyptians against Egyptians, and they will fight, every one against his brother and every one against his neighbor, city against city, kingdom against kingdom.
Is 19:3 And the spirit of the Egyptians within them will become exhausted and emptied out {and} will fail, and I will destroy their counsel {and} confound their plans; and they will seek counsel from the idols and the sorcerers, and from those having familiar spirits (the mediums) and the wizards.
Is 19:4 And I will give over the Egyptians into the hand of a hard {and} cruel master, and a fierce king will rule over them, says the Lord, the Lord of hosts.
Is 19:5 And the waters shall fail from the Nile, and the river shall be wasted and become dry.
Is 19:6 And the rivers shall become foul, the streams {and} canals of Egypt shall be diminished and dried up, the reeds and the rushes shall wither {and} rot away.
Is 19:7 The meadows by the Nile, by the brink of the Nile, and all the sown fields of the Nile shall become dry, be blown away, and be no more.
Is 19:8 The fishermen will lament, and all who cast a hook into the Nile will mourn; and they who spread nets upon the waters will languish.
Is 19:9 Moreover, they who work with combed flax and they who weave white [cotton] cloth will be confounded {and} in despair.
Is 19:10 [Those who are] the pillars {and} foundations of Egypt will be crushed, and all those who work for hire {or} who build dams will be grieved.
Is 19:11 The princes of Zoan [ancient capital of the Pharaohs] are utterly foolish; the counsel of the wisest counselors of Pharaoh has become witless (stupid). How can you say to Pharaoh, I am a son of the wise, a son of ancient kings?

Is 19:12 Where then are your wise men? Let them tell you now [if they are so wise], and let them make known what the Lord of hosts has purposed against Egypt [if they can].
Is 19:13 The princes of Zoan have become fools, and the princes of Memphis are confused {and} deceived; those who are the cornerstones of her tribes have led Egypt astray.
Is 19:14 The Lord has mingled a spirit of perverseness, error, {and} confusion within her; [her leaders] have caused Egypt to stagger in all her doings, as a drunken man staggers in his vomit.
Is 19:15 Neither can any work [done singly or by concerted action] accomplish anything for Egypt, whether by head or tail, palm branch or rush [high or low].
Is 19:16 In that day will the Egyptians be like women [timid and helpless]; and they will tremble and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the Lord of hosts which He shakes over them.
Is 19:17 And the land of Judah [allied to Assyria] shall become a terror to the Egyptians; everyone to whom mention of it is made will be afraid {and} everyone who mentions it--to him will they turn in fear, because of the purpose of the Lord of hosts which He purposes against Egypt.
Is 19:18 In that day there will be five cities in the land of Egypt that speak the language of [the Hebrews of] Canaan and swear allegiance to the Lord of hosts. One of them will be called the City of the Sun {or} Destruction.
Is 19:19 In that day there will be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the Lord at its border.
Is 19:20 And it will be a sign and a witness to the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the Lord because of oppressors, and He will send them a savior, even a mighty one, and he will deliver them.
Is 19:21 And the Lord will make Himself known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know (have knowledge of, be acquainted with, give heed to, and cherish) the Lord in that day and will worship with sacrifices of animal {and} vegetable offerings; they will vow a vow to the Lord and perform it.
Is 19:22 And the Lord shall smite Egypt, smiting and healing it; and they will return to the Lord, and He will listen to their entreaties and heal them.
Is 19:23 In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt and the Egyptian into Assyria; and the Egyptians will worship [the Lord] with the Assyrians.
Is 19:24 In that day Israel shall be the third, with Egypt and with Assyria [in a Messianic league], a blessing in the midst of the earth,
Is 19:25 Whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying, Blessed be Egypt My people and Assyria the work of My hands and Israel My heritage.
Is 20:1 IN THE year that the Tartan [Assyrian commander in chief] came to Ashdod in Philistia, sent by Sargon king of Assyria, he fought against Ashdod and took it.
Is 20:2 At that time the Lord spoke by Isaiah son of Amoz, saying, Go, loose the sackcloth from off your loins and take your shoes off your feet. And he had done so, walking around stripped [to his loincloth] and barefoot.
Is 20:3 And the Lord said, As My servant Isaiah has walked [comparatively] naked and barefoot for three years, as a sign and forewarning concerning Egypt and concerning Cush (Ethiopia),
Is 20:4 So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptian captives and the Ethiopian exiles, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with buttocks uncovered--to the shame of Egypt.
Is 20:5 And they shall be dismayed and confounded because of Ethiopia their hope {and} expectation and Egypt their glory {and} boast.
Is 20:6 And the inhabitants of this coastland [the Israelites and their neighbors] will say in that day, See! This is what comes to those in whom we trusted {and} hoped, to whom we fled for help to deliver us from the king of Assyria! But we, how shall we escape [captivity and exile]?
Is 21:1 THE MOURNFUL, inspired prediction (a burden to be lifted up) concerning the Desert of the Sea [which was Babylon after great dams were raised to control the waters of the Euphrates River which overflowed it like a sea--and would do so again]: As whirlwinds in the South (the Negeb) sweep through, so it [the judgment of God by hostile armies] comes from the desert, from a terrible land.
Is 21:2 A hard {and} grievous vision is declared to me: the treacherous dealer deals treacherously, and the destroyer destroys. Go up, O Elam! Besiege, O Media! All the sighing [caused by Babylon's ruthless oppressions] I will cause to cease [says the Lord].
Is 21:3 Therefore are my [Isaiah's] loins filled with anguish, pangs have seized me like the pangs of a woman in childbirth; I am bent {and} pained so that I cannot hear, I am dismayed so that I cannot see.
Is 21:4 My mind reels {and} wanders, horror terrifies me. [In my mind's eye I am at the feast of Belshazzar. I see the defilement of the golden vessels taken from God's temple, I watch the handwriting appear on the wall--I know that

Babylon's great king is to be slain.] The twilight I looked forward to with pleasure has been turned into fear {and} trembling for me.
Is 21:5 They prepare the table, they spread the rugs, [and having] set the watchers [the revelers take no other precaution], they eat, they drink. Arise, you princes, and oil your shields [for your deadly foe is at the gates]!
Is 21:6 For thus has the Lord said to me: Go, set [yourself as] a watchman, let him declare what he sees.
Is 21:7 And when he sees a troop, horsemen in pairs, a troop of donkeys, and a troop of camels, he shall listen diligently, very diligently.
Is 21:8 And [the watchman] cried like a lion, O Lord, I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my station every night.
Is 21:9 And see! Here comes a troop of men {and} chariots, horsemen in pairs! And he [the watchman] tells [what it foretells]: Babylon has fallen, has fallen! And all the graven images of her gods lie shattered on the ground [in my vision]!
Is 21:10 O you my threshed and winnowed ones [my own people the Jews, who must be trodden down by Babylon], that which I have heard from the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, I have [joyfully] announced to you [Babylon is to fall]!
Is 21:11 The mournful, inspired prediction (a burden to be lifted up) concerning Dumah (Edom): One calls to me from Seir (Edom), Watchman, what of the night? [How far is it spent? How long till morning?] Guardian, what of the night?
Is 21:12 The watchman said, The morning comes, but also the night. [Another time, if Edom earnestly wishes to know] if you will inquire [of me], inquire; return, come again.
Is 21:13 The mournful, inspired prediction (a burden to be lifted up) concerning Arabia: In the forests {and} thickets of Arabia you shall lodge, O you caravans of Dedanites [from northern Arabia].
Is 21:14 To the thirsty [Dedanites] bring water, O inhabitants of the land of Tema [in Arabia]; meet the fugitive with bread [suitable] for him.
Is 21:15 For they have fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war [the press of battle].
Is 21:16 For the Lord has said this to me, Within a year, according to the years of a hireling [who will work no longer than was agreed], all the glory of Kedar [an Arabian tribe] will fail.
Is 21:17 And the remainder of the number of archers {and} their bows, the mighty men of the sons of Kedar, will be diminished {and} few; for the Lord, the God of Israel, has spoken it.
Is 22:1 THE MOURNFUL, inspired prediction (a burden to be lifted up) concerning the Valley of Vision: What do you mean [I wonder] that you have all gone up to the housetops,
Is 22:2 You who are full of shouting, a tumultuous city, a joyous {and} exultant city? [O Jerusalem] your slain warriors have not met [a glorious] death with the sword or in battle.
Is 22:3 All your [military] leaders have fled together; without the bow [which they had thrown away] they have been taken captive {and} bound by the archers. All of you who were found were bound together [as captives], though they had fled far away.
Is 22:4 Therefore I [Isaiah] said, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly. Do not hasten {and} try to comfort me over the destruction of the daughter of my people.
Is 22:5 For it is a day of discomfiture {and} of tumult, of treading down, of confusion {and} perplexity from the Lord God of hosts in the Valley of Vision, a day of breaking down the walls and of crying to the mountains.
Is 22:6 And [in my vision I saw] Elam take up the quiver, with troops in chariots, infantry, {and} horsemen; and Kir [with Elam subject to Assyria] uncovered the shield.
Is 22:7 And it came to pass that your choicest valleys were full of chariots, and the horsemen took their station [and set themselves in offensive array at the gate of Jerusalem]. [Fulfilled in II Chron. 32; Isa. 36.]
Is 22:8 Then [God] removed the protective covering of Judah; and you looked to the weapons in the House of the Forest [the king's armory] in that day.
Is 22:9 You saw that the breaches [in the walls] of the City of David [the citadel of Zion] were many; [since the water supply was still defective] you collected [within the city's walls] the waters of the Lower Pool.
Is 22:10 And you numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and you broke down the houses [to get materials] to fortify the [city] wall.
Is 22:11 You also made a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the Old Pool, but you did not look to the Maker of it, nor did you recognize Him Who planned it long ago.
Is 22:12 And in that day the Lord God of hosts called you to weeping and mourning, to the shaving off of all your hair

[in humiliation] and to the girding with sackcloth.
Is 22:13 But instead, see the pleasure and mirth, slaying oxen and killing sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine, [with the idea] Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!
Is 22:14 And the Lord of hosts revealed Himself in my ears [as He said], Surely this unatoned sin shall not be purged from you until [you are punished--and the punishment will be] death, says the Lord God of hosts.
Is 22:15 Come, go to this [contemptible] steward {and} treasurer, to Shebna, who is over the house [but who is presumptuous enough to be building himself a tomb among those of the mighty, a tomb worthy of a king], and say to him,
Is 22:16 What business have you here? And whom have you entombed here, that you have the right to hew out for yourself a tomb here? He hews out a sepulcher for himself on the height! He carves out a dwelling for himself in the rock!
Is 22:17 Behold, the Lord will hurl you away violently, O you strong man; yes, He will take tight hold of you {and} He will surely cover you [with shame].
Is 22:18 He will surely roll you up in a bundle [Shebna] and toss you like a ball into a large country; there you will die and there will be your splendid chariots, you disgrace to your master's house!
Is 22:19 And I will thrust you from your office, and from your station will you be pulled down.
Is 22:20 And in that day I will call My servant, Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
Is 22:21 And I will clothe him with your robe and will bind your girdle on him and will commit your authority to his hand; he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.
Is 22:22 And the key of the house of David I will lay upon his shoulder; he shall open and no one shall shut, he shall shut and no one shall open.
Is 22:23 And I will fasten him like a peg {or} nail in a firm place; and he will become a throne of honor {and} glory to his father's house.
Is 22:24 And they will hang on him the honor {and} the whole weight of [responsibility for] his father's house: the offspring and issue [of the family, high and low], every small vessel, from the cups even to all the flasks {and} big bulging bottles.
Is 22:25 In that day, says the Lord of hosts, the nail {or} peg that was fastened into the sure place shall give way {and} be moved and be hewn down and fall, and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off; for the Lord has spoken it.
Is 23:1 THE MOURNFUL, inspired prediction (a burden to be lifted up) concerning Tyre: Wail, you ships of [Tyre returning from trading with] Tarshish, for Tyre is laid waste, so that there is no house, no harbor; from the land of Kittim (Cyprus) they learn of it.
Is 23:2 Be still, you inhabitants of the coast, you merchants of Sidon, {your messengers} passing over the sea have replenished you [with wealth and industry],
Is 23:3 And were on great waters. The seed {or} grain of the Shihor, the harvest [due to the overflow] of the Nile River, was [Tyre's] revenue, and she became the merchandise of the nations.
Is 23:4 Be ashamed, O Sidon [mother-city of Tyre, now a widow bereaved of her children], for the sea has spoken, the stronghold of the sea, saying, I have neither travailed nor brought forth children; I have neither nourished {and} reared young men nor brought up virgins.
Is 23:5 When the report comes to Egypt, they will be sorely pained over the report about Tyre.
Is 23:6 Pass over to Tarshish [to seek safety as exiles]! Wail, you inhabitants of the [Tyre] coast!
Is 23:7 Is this your jubilant city, whose origin dates back into antiquity, whose own feet are accustomed to carry her far off to settle [daughter cities]?
Is 23:8 Who has purposed this against Tyre, the bestower of crowns, whose merchants were princes, whose traders were the honored of the earth?
Is 23:9 The Lord of hosts has purposed it [in accordance with a fixed principle of His government], to defile the pride of all glory and to bring into dishonor {and} contempt all the honored of the earth.
Is 23:10 Overflow your land like [the overflow of] the Nile River, O Daughter of Tarshish; there is no girdle of restraint [on you] any more [to make you pay tribute or customs or duties to Tyre].
Is 23:11 He stretched out His hand over the sea, He shook the kingdoms; the Lord has given a command concerning Canaan to destroy her strongholds {and} fortresses [Tyre, Sidon, etc.].
Is 23:12 And He said, You shall no more exult, you oppressed {and} crushed one, O Virgin Daughter of Sidon. Arise, pass over to Kittim (Cyprus); but even there you will have no rest.
Is 23:13 Look at the land of the Chaldeans! That people and not the Assyrians designed {and} assigned [Tyre] for the wild beasts {and} those who [previously] dwelt in the wilderness. They set up their siege works, they overthrew its

palaces, they made it a ruin!
Is 23:14 Howl, you ships of Tarshish, for your stronghold [of Tyre] is laid waste [your strength has been destroyed].
Is 23:15 And in that day Tyre will be in obscurity {and} forgotten for seventy years, according to the days of one dynasty. After the end of seventy years will Tyre sing as a harlot [who has been forgotten but again attracts her lovers].
Is 23:16 Take a harp, go about the city, forgotten harlot; play skillfully {and} make sweet melody, sing many songs, that you may be remembered.
Is 23:17 And after the end of seventy years the Lord will remember Tyre; and she will return to her hire and will play the harlot [resume her commerce] with all the kingdoms of the world on the face of the earth.
Is 23:18 But her gain and her hire [the profits of Tyre's new prosperity] will be dedicated to the Lord [eventually]; it will not be treasured or stored up, for her gain will be used for those who dwell in the presence of the Lord [the ministers], that they may eat sufficiently and have durable {and} stately clothing [suitable for those who minister at God's altar].
Is 24:1 BEHOLD, THE Lord will make the land {and} the earth empty and make it waste and turn it upside down (twist the face of it) and scatter abroad its inhabitants.
Is 24:2 And it shall be--as [what happens] with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the creditor, so with the debtor.
Is 24:3 The land {and} the earth shall be utterly laid waste and utterly pillaged; for the Lord has said this.
Is 24:4 The land {and} the earth mourn and wither, the world languishes and withers, the high ones of the people [and the heavens with the earth] languish.
Is 24:5 The land {and} the earth also are defiled by their inhabitants, because they have transgressed the laws, disregarded the statutes, and broken the everlasting covenant.
Is 24:6 Therefore a curse devours the land {and} the earth, and they who dwell in it suffer the punishment of their guilt. Therefore the inhabitants of the land {and} the earth are scorched {and} parched [under the curse of God's wrath], and few people are left.
Is 24:7 The new wine mourns, the vine languishes; all the merrymakers sigh.
Is 24:8 The mirth of the timbrels is stilled, the noise of those who rejoice ends, the joy of the lyre is stopped.
Is 24:9 No more will they drink wine with a song; strong drink will be bitter to those who drink it.
Is 24:10 The wasted city of emptiness {and} confusion is broken down; every house is shut up so that no one may enter.
Is 24:11 There is crying in the streets for wine; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is banished {and} gone into captivity.
Is 24:12 In the city is left desolation, and its gate is battered {and} destroyed.
Is 24:13 For so shall it be in the midst of the earth among the peoples, as the shaking {and} beating of an olive tree, or as the gleaning when the vintage is done [and only a small amount of the fruit remains].
Is 24:14 [But] these [who have escaped and remain] lift up their voices, they shout; for the majesty of the Lord they cry aloud from the [Mediterranean] Sea.
Is 24:15 Wherefore glorify the Lord in the east [whether in the region of daybreak's lights and fires, or in the west]; [glorify] the name of the Lord, the God of Israel in the isles {and} coasts of the [Mediterranean] Sea.
Is 24:16 From the uttermost parts of the earth have we heard songs: Glory to the Righteous One [and to the people of Israel]! But I say, Emaciated I pine away, I pine away. Woe is me! The treacherous dealers deal treacherously! Yes, the treacherous dealers deal very treacherously.
Is 24:17 Terror and pit [of destruction] and snare are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth!
Is 24:18 And he who flees at the noise of the terror will fall into the pit; and he who comes up out of the pit will be caught in the snare. For the windows of the heavens are opened [as in the deluge], and the foundations of the earth tremble {and} shake.
Is 24:19 The earth is utterly broken, the earth is rent asunder, the earth is shaken violently.
Is 24:20 The earth shall stagger like a drunken man and shall sway to and fro like a hammock; its transgression shall lie heavily upon it, and it shall fall and not rise again.
Is 24:21 And in that day the Lord will visit {and} punish the host of the high ones on high [the host of heaven in heaven, celestial beings] and the kings of the earth on the earth.
Is 24:22 And they will be gathered together as prisoners are gathered in a pit {or} dungeon; they will be shut up in prison, and after many days they will be visited, inspected, {and} punished {or} pardoned.

Is 24:23 Then the moon will be confounded and the sun ashamed, when [they compare their ineffectual fire to the light of] the Lord of hosts, Who will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before His elders will show forth His glory.
Is 25:1 O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You, I will praise Your name, for You have done wonderful things, even purposes planned of old [and fulfilled] in faithfulness and truth.
Is 25:2 For You have made a city a heap, a fortified city a ruin, a palace of aliens without a city [is no more a city]; it will never be rebuilt.
Is 25:3 Therefore [many] a strong people will glorify You, [many] a city of terrible {and} ruthless nations will [reverently] fear You.
Is 25:4 For You have been a stronghold for the poor, a stronghold for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm, a shade from the heat; for the blast of the ruthless ones is like a rainstorm against a wall.
Is 25:5 As the heat in a dry land [is reduced by the shadow of a cloud, so] You will bring down the noise of aliens [exultant over their enemies]; and as the heat is brought low by the shadow of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless ones is brought low.
Is 25:6 And on this Mount [Zion] shall the Lord of hosts make for all peoples a feast of rich things [symbolic of His coronation festival inaugurating the reign of the Lord on earth, in the wake of a background of gloom, judgment, and terror], a feast of wines on the lees--of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.
Is 25:7 And He will destroy on this mountain the covering of the face that is cast over the heads of all peoples [in mourning], and the veil [of profound wretchedness] that is woven {and} spread over all nations.
Is 25:8 He will swallow up death [in victory; He will abolish death forever]. And the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; and the reproach of His people He will take away from off all the earth; for the Lord has spoken it.
Is 25:9 It shall be said in that day, Behold our God upon Whom we have waited {and} hoped, that He might save us! This is the Lord, we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.
Is 25:10 For the hand of the Lord shall rest on this Mount [Zion], and Moab shall be threshed {and} trodden down in his place as straw is trodden down in the [filthy] water of a [primitive] cesspit.
Is 25:11 And though [Moab] stretches forth his hands in the midst of [the filthy water] as a swimmer stretches out his hands to swim, the Lord will bring down [Moab's] pride in spite of the skillfulness of his hands {and} together with the spoils of his hands.
Is 25:12 And the high fortifications of your walls [the Lord] will bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the dust.
Is 26:1 IN THAT day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; [the Lord] sets up salvation as walls and bulwarks.
Is 26:2 Open the gates, that the [uncompromisingly] righteous nation which keeps her faith {and} her troth [with God] may enter in.
Is 26:3 You will guard him {and} keep him in perfect {and} constant peace whose mind [both its inclination and its character] is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You, {and} hopes confidently in You.
Is 26:4 So trust in the Lord (commit yourself to Him, lean on Him, hope confidently in Him) forever; for the Lord God is an everlasting Rock [the Rock of Ages].
Is 26:5 For He has brought down the inhabitants of the height, the lofty city; He lays it low, lays it low to the ground; He brings it even to the dust.
Is 26:6 The foot has trampled it down--even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy.
Is 26:7 The way of the [consistently] righteous (those living in moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relationship of their lives) is level {and} straight; You, O [Lord], Who are upright, direct aright {and} make level the path of the [uncompromisingly] just {and} righteous.
Is 26:8 Yes, in the path of Your judgments, O Lord, we wait [expectantly] for You; our heartfelt desire is for Your name and for the remembrance of You.
Is 26:9 My soul yearns for You [O Lord] in the night, yes, my spirit within me seeks You earnestly; for [only] when Your judgments are in the earth will the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God).
Is 26:10 Though favor is shown to the wicked, yet they do not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness they deal perversely and refuse to see the majesty of the Lord.
Is 26:11 Though Your hand is lifted high to strike, Lord, they do not see it. Let them see Your zeal for Your people and be ashamed; yes, let the fire reserved for Your enemies consume them.
Is 26:12 Lord, You will ordain peace (God's favor and blessings, both temporal and spiritual) for us, for You have also

wrought in us {and} for us all our works.
Is 26:13 O Lord, our God, other masters besides You have ruled over us, but we will acknowledge {and} mention Your name only.
Is 26:14 They [the former tyrant masters] are dead, they shall not live {and} reappear; they are powerless ghosts, they shall not rise {and} come back. Therefore You have visited and made an end of them and caused every memory of them [every trace of their supremacy] to perish.
Is 26:15 You have increased the nation, O Lord; You have increased the nation. You are glorified; You have enlarged all the borders of the land.
Is 26:16 Lord, when they were in trouble {and} distress, they sought {and} visited You; they poured out a prayerful whisper when Your chastening was upon them.
Is 26:17 As a woman with child drawing near the time of her delivery is in pain {and} writhes and cries out in her pangs, so we have been before You (at Your presence), O Lord.
Is 26:18 We have been with child, we have been writhing {and} in pain; we have, as it were, brought forth [only] wind. We have not wrought any deliverance in the earth, and the inhabitants of the world [of Israel] have not yet been born.
Is 26:19 Your dead shall live [O Lord]; the bodies of our dead [saints] shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For Your dew [O Lord] is a dew of [sparkling] light [heavenly, supernatural dew]; and the earth shall cast forth the dead [to life again; for on the land of the shades of the dead You will let Your dew fall].
Is 26:20 Come, my people, enter your chambers and shut your doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until the [Lord's] wrath is past.
Is 26:21 For behold, the Lord is coming out of His place [heaven] to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; the earth also will disclose the blood shed upon her and will no longer cover her slain {and} conceal her guilt.
Is 27:1 IN THAT day [the Lord will deliver Israel from her enemies and also from the rebel powers of evil and darkness] His sharp {and} unrelenting, great, and strong sword will visit {and} punish Leviathan the swiftly fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisting {and} winding serpent; and He will slay the monster that is in the sea.
Is 27:2 In that day [it will be said of the redeemed nation of Israel], A vineyard beloved {and} lovely; sing a responsive song to it {and} about it!
Is 27:3 I, the Lord, am its Keeper; I water it every moment; lest anyone harm it, I guard {and} keep it night and day.
Is 27:4 Wrath is not in Me. Would that the briers {and} thorns [the wicked internal foe] were lined up against Me in battle! I would stride in against them; I would burn them up together.
Is 27:5 Or else [if all Israel would escape being burned up together there is but one alternative], let them take hold of My strength {and} make complete surrender to My protection, that they may make peace with Me! Yes, let them make peace with Me!
Is 27:6 In the days {and} generations to come Jacob shall take root; Israel shall blossom and send forth shoots and fill the whole world with fruit [of the knowledge of the true God].
Is 27:7 Has [the Lord] smitten [Israel] as He smote those who smote them? Or have [the Israelites] been slain as their slayers were slain?
Is 27:8 By driving them out of Canaan, by exile, You contended with them in a measure [O Lord]--He removed them with His rough blast as in the day of the east wind.
Is 27:9 Only on this condition shall the iniquity of Jacob (Israel) be forgiven {and} purged, and this shall be the full fruit [God requires] for taking away his sin: that [Israel] should make all the stones of the [idol] altars like chalk stones crushed to pieces, so that the Asherim and the sun-images shall not remain standing {or} rise again.
Is 27:10 For the fortified city is solitary, a habitation deserted and forsaken like the wilderness; there the calf grazes, and there he lies down; he strips its branches {and} eats its twigs.
Is 27:11 When its boughs are withered {and} dry, they are broken off; the women come {and} set them afire. For they are a people of no understanding {or} discernment--{witless folk}; therefore He Who made them will not have compassion on them, and He Who formed them will show them no favor.
Is 27:12 And it shall be in that day that the Lord will thresh out His grain from the flood of the River [Euphrates] to the Brook of Egypt, and you will be gathered one by one {and} one to another, O children of Israel!
Is 27:13 And it shall be in that day that a great trumpet will be blown; and they will come who were lost {and} ready to perish in the land of Assyria and those who were driven out to the land of Egypt, and they will worship the Lord on the holy mountain at Jerusalem.
Is 28:1 WOE TO [Samaria] the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim [the ten tribes], and to the fading flower of its glorious beauty, which is on the head of the rich valley of those overcome {and} smitten down with wine!

Is 28:2 Behold, the Lord has a strong and mighty one [the Assyrian]; like a tempest of hail, a destroying storm, like a flood of mighty overflowing waters, he will cast it down to the earth with violent hand.
Is 28:3 With [alien] feet [Samaria] the proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim will be trodden down.
Is 28:4 And the fading flower of its glorious beauty, which is on the head of the rich valley, will be like the early fig before the fruit harvest, which, when anyone sees it, he snatches and eats it up greedily at once. [So in an amazingly short time will the Assyrians devour Samaria, Israel's capital.]
Is 28:5 [But] in that [future Messianic] day the Lord of hosts shall become a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty to the [converted] remnant of His people,
Is 28:6 And a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgment {and} administers the law, and strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate.
Is 28:7 But even these reel from wine and stagger from strong drink: the priest and the prophet reel from strong drink; they are confused from wine, they stagger {and} are gone astray through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble when pronouncing judgment.
Is 28:8 For all the tables are full of filthy vomit, so that there is no place that is clean.
Is 28:9 To whom will He teach knowledge? [Ask the drunkards.] And whom will He make to understand the message? Those who are babies, just weaned from the milk and taken from the breasts? [Is that what He thinks we are?]
Is 28:10 For it is [His prophets repeating over and over]: precept upon precept, precept upon precept, rule upon rule, rule upon rule; here a little, there a little.
Is 28:11 No, but [the Lord will teach the rebels in a more humiliating way] by men with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people [says Isaiah, and teach them His lessons].
Is 28:12 To these [complaining Jews the Lord] had said, This is the true rest [the way to true comfort and happiness] that you shall give to the weary, and, This is the [true] refreshing--yet they would not listen [to His teaching].
Is 28:13 Therefore the word of the Lord will be to them [merely monotonous repeatings of]: precept upon precept, precept upon precept, rule upon rule, rule upon rule; here a little, there a little--that they may go and fall backward, and be broken and snared and taken.
Is 28:14 Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scoffers who rule this people in Jerusalem!
Is 28:15 Because you have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol (the place of the dead) we have an agreement--when the overflowing scourge passes through, it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter.
Is 28:16 Therefore thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am laying in Zion for a foundation a Stone, a tested Stone, a precious Cornerstone of sure foundation; he who believes (trusts in, relies on, and adheres to that Stone) will not {be ashamed} {or} give way {or} hasten away [in sudden panic].
Is 28:17 I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plummet; and hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and waters will overwhelm the hiding place (the shelter).
Is 28:18 And your covenant with death shall be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol (the place of the dead) shall not stand; when the overwhelming scourge passes through, then you will be trodden down by it.
Is 28:19 As often as it passes through, it [the enemy's scourge] will take you; for morning by morning will it pass through, by day and by night. And it will be utter terror merely to hear {and} comprehend the report {and} the message of it [but only hard treatment and dispersion will make you understand God's instruction].
Is 28:20 For [they will find that] the bed is too short for a man to stretch himself on and the covering too narrow for him to wrap himself in. [All their sources of confidence will fail them.]
Is 28:21 For the Lord will rise up as on Mount Perazim, He will be wrathful as in the Valley of Gibeon, that He may do His work, His strange work, and bring to pass His act, His strange act.
Is 28:22 Now therefore do not be scoffers, lest the bands which bind you be made strong; for a decree of destruction have I heard from the Lord God of hosts upon the whole land {and} the whole earth.
Is 28:23 Give ear and hear my [Isaiah's] voice; listen and hear my words.
Is 28:24 Does he who plows for sowing plow continually? Does he continue to plow and harrow the ground after it is smooth?
Is 28:25 When he has leveled its surface, does he not cast abroad [the seed of] dill {or} fennel and scatter cummin [a seasoning], and put the wheat in rows, and barley in its intended place, and spelt [an inferior kind of wheat] as the border?
Is 28:26 [And he trains each of them correctly] for his God instructs him correctly and teaches him.
Is 28:27 For dill is not threshed with a sharp threshing instrument, nor is a cartwheel rolled over cummin; but dill is beaten off with a staff, and cummin with a rod [by hand].

Is 28:28 Does one crush bread grain? No, he does not thresh it continuously. But when he has driven his cartwheel and his horses over it, he scatters it [tossing it up to the wind] without having crushed it.
Is 28:29 This also comes from the Lord of hosts, Who is wonderful in counsel [and] excellent in wisdom {and} effectual working.
Is 29:1 WOE TO Ariel [Jerusalem], to Ariel, the city where David encamped! Add yet another year; let the feasts run their round [but only one year more].
Is 29:2 Then will I distress Ariel; and there shall be mourning and lamentation, yet she shall be to Me like an Ariel [an altar hearth, a hearth of burning, the altar of God].
Is 29:3 And I will encamp against you round about; and I will hem you in with siege works and I will set up fortifications against you.
Is 29:4 And you shall be laid low [Jerusalem], speaking from beneath the ground, and your speech shall come humbly from the dust. And your voice shall be like that of a ghost [produced by a medium] coming from the earth, and your speech shall whisper {and} squeak as it chatters from the dust.
Is 29:5 But the multitude of your [enemy] strangers that assail you shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the ruthless {and} terrible ones like chaff that blows away. And in an instant, suddenly,
Is 29:6 You shall be visited {and} delivered by the Lord of hosts with thunder and earthquake and great noise, with whirlwind and tempest and the flame of a devouring fire.
Is 29:7 And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel [Jerusalem], even all that fight against her and her stronghold and that distress her, shall be as a dream, a vision of the night.
Is 29:8 It shall be as when a hungry man dreams that he is eating, but he wakens with his craving not satisfied; or as when a thirsty man dreams that he is drinking, but he wakens and is faint, and his thirst is not quenched. So shall the multitude of all the nations be that fight against Mount Zion.
Is 29:9 Stop and wonder [at this prophecy, if you choose, whether you understand it or not; soon you will witness the actual event] and be confounded [reluctantly]! Blind yourselves [now, if you choose; take your pleasure] and then be blinded [at the actual occurrence]. They are drunk, but not from wine; they stagger, but not from strong drink [but from spiritual stupor].
Is 29:10 For the Lord has poured out on you the spirit of deep sleep. And He has closed your eyes, the prophets; and your heads, the seers, He has covered {and} muffled.
Is 29:11 And the vision of all this has become for you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, Read this, I pray you, he says, I cannot, for it is sealed.
Is 29:12 And when the book is given to him who is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray you, he says, I cannot read.
Is 29:13 And the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near Me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips but remove their hearts {and} minds far from Me, and their fear {and} reverence for Me are a commandment of men that is learned by repetition [without any thought as to the meaning],
Is 29:14 Therefore, behold! I will again do marvelous things with this people, marvelous and astonishing things; and the wisdom of their wise men will perish, and the understanding of their discerning men will vanish {or} be hidden.
Is 29:15 Woe to those who [seek to] hide deep from the Lord their counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, Who sees us? Who knows us?
Is 29:16 [Oh, your perversity!] You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be considered of no more account than the clay? Shall the thing that is made say of its maker, He did not make me; or the thing that is formed say of him who formed it, He has no understanding?
Is 29:17 Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field and the fruitful field esteemed as a forest?
Is 29:18 And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and out of obscurity {and} gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.
Is 29:19 The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice {and} exult in the Holy One of Israel.
Is 29:20 For the terrible one [the Assyrian enemy] shall come to nought, and the scoffer shall cease, and all those who watch for iniquity [as an occasion for accusation] shall be cut off--
Is 29:21 Those who make a man an offender {and} bring condemnation upon him with a word, and lay a trap for him who upholds justice at the city gate, and thrust aside the innocent {and} truly righteous with an empty plea.
Is 29:22 Therefore thus says the Lord, Who redeemed Abraham [out of Ur and idolatry], concerning the house of Jacob: Jacob shall not then be ashamed; not then shall his face become pale [with fear and disappointment because of his children's degeneracy].

Is 29:23 For when he sees his children [walking in the way of piety and virtue], the work of My hands in his midst, they will revere My name; they will revere the Holy One of Jacob and reverently fear the God of Israel.
Is 29:24 Those who err in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur [discontentedly] will accept instruction.
Is 30:1 WOE TO the rebellious children, says the Lord, who take counsel {and} carry out a plan, but not Mine, and who make a league {and} pour out a drink offering, but not of My Spirit, thus adding sin to sin;
Is 30:2 Who set out to go down into Egypt, and have not asked Me--to flee to the stronghold of Pharaoh {and} to strengthen themselves in his strength and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!
Is 30:3 Therefore shall the strength {and} protection of Pharaoh turn to your shame, and the refuge in the shadow of Egypt be to your humiliation {and} confusion.
Is 30:4 For though [Pharaoh's] officials are at Zoan and his ambassadors arrive at Hanes [in Egypt],
Is 30:5 Yet will all be ashamed because of a people [the Egyptians] who cannot profit them, who are not a help or benefit, but a shame and disgrace.
Is 30:6 A mournful, inspired prediction (a burden to be lifted up) concerning the beasts of the South (the Negeb): Oh, the heavy burden, the load of treasures going to Egypt! Through a land of trouble and anguish, in which are lioness and lion, viper and fiery flying serpent, they carry their riches upon the shoulders of young donkeys, and their treasures upon the humps of camels, to a people that will not {and} cannot profit them.
Is 30:7 For Egypt's help is worthless and toward no purpose. Therefore I have called her Rahab Who Sits Still.
Is 30:8 Now, go, write it before them on a tablet and inscribe it in a book, that it may be as a witness for the time to come forevermore.
Is 30:9 For this is a rebellious people, faithless {and} lying sons, children who will not hear the law {and} instruction of the Lord;
Is 30:10 Who [virtually] say to the seers [by their conduct], See not! and to the prophets, Prophesy not to us what is right! Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceitful illusions.
Is 30:11 Get out of the true way, turn aside out of the path, cease holding up before us the Holy One of Israel.
Is 30:12 Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel: Because you despise {and} spurn this [My] word and trust in cunning {and} oppression, in crookedness {and} perverseness, and rely on them,
Is 30:13 Therefore this iniquity {and} guilt will be to you like a broken section of a high wall, bulging out and ready [at some distant day] to fall, whose crash will [then] come suddenly {and} swiftly, in an instant.
Is 30:14 And he shall break it as a potter's vessel is broken, breaking it in pieces without sparing so that there cannot be found among its pieces one large enough to carry coals of fire from the hearth or to dip water out of the cistern.
Is 30:15 For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning [to Me] and resting [in Me] you shall be saved; in quietness and in [trusting] confidence shall be your strength. But you would not,
Is 30:16 And you said, No! We will speed [our own course] on horses! Therefore you will speed [in flight from your enemies]! You said, We will ride upon swift steeds [doing our own way]! Therefore will they who pursue you be swift, [so swift that]
Is 30:17 One thousand of you will flee at the threat of one of them; at the threat of five you will flee till you are left like a beacon {or} a flagpole on the top of a mountain, and like a signal on a hill.
Is 30:18 And therefore the Lord [earnestly] waits [expecting, looking, and longing] to be gracious to you; and therefore He lifts Himself up, that He may have mercy on you {and} show loving-kindness to you. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are all those who [earnestly] wait for Him, who expect {and} look {and} long for Him [for His victory, His favor, His love, His peace, His joy, and His matchless, unbroken companionship]!
Is 30:19 O people who dwell in Zion at Jerusalem, you will weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you.
Is 30:20 And though the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide Himself any more, but your eyes will constantly behold your Teacher.
Is 30:21 And your ears will hear a word behind you, saying, This is the way; walk in it, when you turn to the right hand and when you turn to the left.
Is 30:22 Then you will defile your carved images overlaid with silver and your molten images plated with gold; you will cast them away as a filthy bloodstained cloth, and you will say to them, Be gone!
Is 30:23 Then will He give you rain for the seed with which you sow the soil, and bread grain from the produce of the ground, and it will be rich and plentiful. In that day your cattle will feed in large pastures.
Is 30:24 The oxen likewise and the young donkeys that till the ground will eat savory {and} salted fodder, which has

been winnowed with shovel and with fork.
Is 30:25 And upon every high mountain and upon every high hill there will be brooks and streams of water in the day of the great slaughter [the day of the Lord], when the towers fall [and all His enemies are destroyed].
Is 30:26 Moreover, the light of the moon will be like the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, like the light of seven days [concentrated in one], in the day that the Lord binds up the hurt of His people, and heals their wound [inflicted by Him because of their sins].
Is 30:27 Behold, the Name of the Lord comes from afar, burning with His anger, and in thick, rising smoke. His lips are full of indignation, and His tongue is like a consuming fire.
Is 30:28 And His breath is like an overflowing stream that reaches even to the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction; and a bridle that causes them to err will be in the jaws of the people.
Is 30:29 You shall have a song as in the night when a holy feast is kept, and gladness of heart as when one marches in procession with a flute to go to the temple on the mountain of the Lord, to the Rock of Israel.
Is 30:30 And the Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard and the descending blow of His arm to be seen, coming down with indignant anger and with the flame of a devouring fire, amid crashing blast {and} cloudburst, tempest, and hailstones.
Is 30:31 At the voice of the Lord the Assyrians will be stricken with dismay {and} terror, when He smites them with His rod.
Is 30:32 And every passing stroke of the staff of punishment {and} doom which the Lord lays upon them shall be to the sound of [Israel's] timbrels and lyres, when in battle He attacks [Assyria] with swinging {and} menacing arms.
Is 30:33 For Topheth [a place of burning and abomination] has already been laid out {and} long ago prepared; yes, for the [Assyrian] king {and} [the god] Molech it has been made ready, its pyre made deep {and} large, with fire and much wood; the breath of the Lord, like a stream of brimstone, kindles it.
Is 31:1 WOE TO those who go down to Egypt for help, who rely on horses and trust in chariots because they are many and in horsemen because they are very strong, but they look not to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek {and} consult the Lord!
Is 31:2 And yet He is wise and brings calamity and does not retract His words; He will arise against the house (the whole race) of evildoers and against the helpers of those who work iniquity.
Is 31:3 Now the Egyptians are men and not God, and their horses are flesh and not spirit; and when the Lord stretches out His hand, both [Egypt] who helps will stumble, and [Judah] who is helped will fall, and they will all perish {and} be consumed together.
Is 31:4 For the Lord has said to me, As the lion or the young lion growls over his prey--and though a large band of shepherds is called out against him, he will not be terrified at their voice or daunted at their noise--so the Lord of hosts will come down to fight upon Mount Zion and upon its hills.
Is 31:5 Like birds hovering, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; He will protect and deliver it, He will pass over {and} spare and preserve it.
Is 31:6 Return, O children of Israel, to Him against Whom you have so deeply plunged into revolt.
Is 31:7 For in that day every man of you will cast away [in contempt and disgust] his idols of silver and his idols of gold, which your own hands have sinfully made for you.
Is 31:8 Then the Assyrian shall fall by a sword not of man; and a sword, not of men [but of God], shall devour him. And he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be subjected to forced labor.
Is 31:9 [In his flight] he shall pass beyond his rock [refuge and stronghold] because of terror; even his officers shall desert the standard in fear {and} panic, says the Lord, Whose fire is in Zion and Whose furnace is in Jerusalem.
Is 32:1 BEHOLD, A King will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule with justice.
Is 32:2 And each one of them shall be like a hiding place from the wind and a shelter from the storm, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a great rock in a weary land [to those who turn to them].
Is 32:3 Then the eyes of those who see will not be closed {or} dimmed, and the ears of those who hear will listen.
Is 32:4 And the mind of the rash will understand knowledge {and} have good judgment, and the tongue of the stammerers will speak readily and plainly.
Is 32:5 The fool (the unbeliever and the ungodly) will no more be called noble, nor the crafty {and} greedy [for gain] said to be bountiful {and} princely.
Is 32:6 For the fool speaks folly and his mind plans iniquity: practicing profane ungodliness and speaking error concerning the Lord, leaving the craving of the hungry unsatisfied and causing the drink of the thirsty to fail.
Is 32:7 The instruments {and} methods of the fraudulent {and} greedy [for gain] are evil; he devises wicked devices to ruin the poor {and} the lowly with lying words, even when the plea of the needy is just {and} right.

Is 32:8 But the noble, openhearted, {and} liberal man devises noble things; and he stands for what is noble, openhearted, {and} generous.
Is 32:9 Rise up, you women who are at ease! Hear my [Isaiah's] voice, you confident {and} careless daughters! Listen to what I am saying!
Is 32:10 In little more than a year you will be shaken with anxiety, you careless {and} complacent women; for the vintage will fail, and the ingathering will not come.
Is 32:11 Tremble, you women who are at ease! Shudder with fear, you complacent ones! Strip yourselves bare and gird sackcloth upon your loins [in grief]!
Is 32:12 They shall beat upon their breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine,
Is 32:13 For the land of my people growing over with thorns and briers--yes, for all the houses of joy in the joyous city.
Is 32:14 For the palace shall be forsaken, the populous city shall be deserted; the hill and the watchtower shall become dens [for wild animals] endlessly, a joy for wild donkeys, a pasture for flocks,
Is 32:15 Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is valued as a forest.
Is 32:16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness (moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation) will abide in the fruitful field.
Is 32:17 And the effect of righteousness will be peace [internal and external], and the result of righteousness will be quietness and confident trust forever.
Is 32:18 My people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, in safe dwellings, and in quiet resting-places.
Is 32:19 But it [the wrath of the Lord] shall hail, coming down overpoweringly on the forest [the army of the Assyrians], and the capital city shall be utterly humbled {and} laid prostrate.
Is 32:20 Happy {and} fortunate are you who cast your seed upon all waters [when the river overflows its banks; for the seed will sink into the mud and when the waters subside, the plant will spring up; you will find it after many days and reap an abundant harvest], you who safely send forth the ox and the donkey [to range freely].
Is 33:1 WOE TO you, O destroyer, you who were not yourself destroyed, who deal treacherously though they [your victims] did not deal treacherously with you! When you have ceased to destroy, you will be destroyed; and when you have stopped dealing treacherously, they will deal treacherously with you.
Is 33:2 O Lord, be gracious to us; we have waited [expectantly] for You. Be the arm [of Your servants--their strength and defense] every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble.
Is 33:3 At the noise of the tumult [caused by Your voice at which the enemy is overthrown], the peoples flee; at the lifting up of Yourself, nations are scattered.
Is 33:4 And the spoil [of the Assyrians] is gathered [by the inhabitants of Jerusalem] as the caterpillar gathers; as locusts leap {and} run to and fro, so [the Jews spoil the Assyrians' forsaken camp as they] leap upon it.
Is 33:5 The Lord is exalted, for He dwells on high; He will fill Zion with justice and righteousness (moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation).
Is 33:6 And there shall be stability in your times, an abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the reverent fear {and} worship of the Lord is your treasure {and} His.
Is 33:7 Behold, their valiant ones cry without; the ambassadors of peace weep bitterly.
Is 33:8 The highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceases. The enemy has broken the covenant, he has despised the cities {and} {the witnesses}, he regards no man.
Is 33:9 The land mourns and languishes, Lebanon is confounded and [its luxuriant verdure] withers away; Sharon [a fertile pasture region south of Mount Carmel] is like a desert, and Bashan [a broad, fertile plateau east of the Jordan River] and [Mount] Carmel shake off their leaves.
Is 33:10 Now will I arise, says the Lord. Now will I lift up Myself; now will I be exalted.
Is 33:11 You conceive chaff, you bring forth stubble; your breath is a fire that consumes you.
Is 33:12 And the people will be burned as if to lime, like thorns cut down that are burned in the fire.
Is 33:13 Hear, you who are far off [says the Lord], what I have done; and you who are near, acknowledge My might!
Is 33:14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling seizes the godless ones. [They cry] Who among us can dwell with that devouring fire? Who among us can dwell with those everlasting burnings?
Is 33:15 He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, who despises gain from fraud {and} from oppression, who shakes his hand free from the taking of bribes, who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed and shuts his eyes to avoid looking upon evil.
Is 33:16 [Such a man] will dwell on the heights; his place of defense will be the fortresses of rocks; his bread will be

given him; water for him will be sure.
Is 33:17 Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; [your eyes] will behold a land of wide distances that stretches afar.
Is 33:18 Your mind will meditate on the terror: [asking] Where is he who counted? Where is he who weighed the tribute? Where is he who counted the towers?
Is 33:19 You will see no more the fierce {and} insolent people, a people of a speech too deep {and} obscure to be comprehended, of a strange {and} stammering tongue that you cannot understand.
Is 33:20 Look upon Zion, the city of our set feasts {and} solemnities! Your eyes shall see Jerusalem, a quiet habitation, a tent that shall not be taken down; not one of its stakes shall ever be pulled up, neither shall any of its cords be broken.
Is 33:21 But there the Lord will be for us in majesty {and} splendor a place of broad rivers and streams, where no oar-propelled boat can go, and no mighty {and} stately ship can pass.
Is 33:22 For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King; He will save us.
Is 33:23 Your hoisting ropes hang loose; they cannot strengthen {and} hold firm the foot of their mast or keep the sail spread out. Then will prey and spoil in abundance be divided; even the lame will take the prey.
Is 33:24 And no inhabitant [of Zion] will say, I am sick; the people who dwell there will be forgiven their iniquity {and} guilt.
Is 34:1 COME NEAR, you nations, to hear; and hearken, you peoples! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it; the world, and all things that come forth from it.
Is 34:2 For the Lord is indignant against all nations, and His wrath is against all their host. He has utterly doomed them, He has given them over to slaughter.
Is 34:3 Their slain also shall be cast out, and the stench of their dead bodies shall rise, and the mountains shall flow with their blood.
Is 34:4 All the host of the heavens shall be dissolved {and} crumble away, and the skies shall be rolled together like a scroll; and all their host [the stars and the planets] shall drop like a faded leaf from the vine, and like a withered fig from the fig tree.
Is 34:5 Because My sword has been bathed {and} equipped in heaven, behold, it shall come down upon Edom [the descendants of Esau], upon the people whom I have doomed for judgment.
Is 34:6 The sword of the Lord is filled with blood [of sacrifices], it is gorged {and} greased with fatness--with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the Lord has a sacrifice in Bozrah [capital of Edom] and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.
Is 34:7 And the wild oxen shall fall with them, and the [young] bullocks with the [old and mighty] bulls; and their land shall be drunk {and} soaked with blood, and their dust made rich with fatness.
Is 34:8 For the Lord has a day of vengeance, a year of recompense, for the cause of Zion.
Is 34:9 And the streams [of Edom] will be turned into pitch and its dust into brimstone, and its land will become burning pitch.
Is 34:10 [The burning of Edom] shall not be quenched night or day; its smoke shall go up forever. From generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it forever and ever.
Is 34:11 But the pelican and the porcupine will possess it; the owl {and} the bittern and the raven will dwell in it. And He will stretch over it [Edom] the measuring line of confusion and the plummet stones of chaos [over its nobles].
Is 34:12 They shall call its nobles to proclaim the kingdom, but nothing shall be there, and all its princes shall be no more.
Is 34:13 And thorns shall come up in its palaces {and} strongholds, nettles and brambles in its fortresses; and it shall be a habitation for jackals, an abode for ostriches.
Is 34:14 And the wild beasts of the desert will meet here with howling creatures [wolves and hyenas] and the [shaggy] wild goat will call to his fellow; the night monster will settle there and find a place of rest.
Is 34:15 There shall the arrow snake make her nest and lay her eggs and hatch them and gather her young under her shade; there shall the kites be gathered [also to breed] every one with its mate.
Is 34:16 Seek out of the book of the Lord and read: not one of these [details of prophecy] shall fail, none shall want {and} lack her mate [in fulfillment]. For the mouth [of the Lord] has commanded, and His Spirit has gathered them.
Is 34:17 And He has cast the lot for them, and His hand has portioned [Edom] to [the wild beasts] by measuring line. They shall possess it forever; from generation to generation they shall dwell in it.
Is 35:1 THE WILDERNESS and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the rose {and} the autumn crocus.
Is 35:2 It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,

the excellency of [Mount] Carmel and [the plain] of Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty {and} splendor {and} excellency of our God.
Is 35:3 Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble {and} tottering knees.
Is 35:4 Say to those who are of a fearful {and} hasty heart, Be strong, fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance; with the recompense of God He will come and save you.
Is 35:5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
Is 35:6 Then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
Is 35:7 And the burning sand {and} the mirage shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lay resting, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.
Is 35:8 And a highway shall be there, and a way; and it shall be called the Holy Way. The unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for the redeemed; the wayfaring men, yes, the simple ones {and} fools, shall not err in it {and} lose their way.
Is 35:9 No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk on it.
Is 35:10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing, and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
Is 36:1 NOW IN the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them.
Is 36:2 And the king of Assyria sent the Rabshakeh [the military official] from Lachish [the Judean fortress commanding the road from Egypt] to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem with a great army. And he stood by the canal of the Upper Pool on the highway to the Fuller's Field.
Is 36:3 Then came out to meet him Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who was over the [royal] household, and Shebna the secretary, and Joah son of Asaph, the recording historian.
Is 36:4 And the Rabshakeh said to them, Say to Hezekiah, Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria: What reason for confidence is this in which you trust?
Is 36:5 Do you suppose that mere words of the lips can pass for warlike counsel and strength? Now in whom do you trust {and} on whom do you rely, that you rebel against me?
Is 36:6 Behold, you trust in the staff of this bruised {and} broken reed, Egypt, which will pierce the hand of any man who leans on it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust {and} rely on him.
Is 36:7 But if you say to me, We trust in {and} rely on the Lord our God--is it not He Whose high places and Whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, saying to Judah and to Jerusalem, You shall worship before this altar?
Is 36:8 Now therefore, I pray you, make a wager with my master the king of Assyria {and} give him pledges, and I will give you two thousand horses--if you are able on your part to put riders on them.
Is 36:9 How then can you repulse the attack of a single captain of the least of my master's servants, when you put your reliance on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?
Is 36:10 Moreover, is it without the Lord that I have now come up against this land to destroy it? The Lord said to me, Go up against this land and destroy it.
Is 36:11 Then Eliakim and Shebna and Joah said to the Rabshakeh, We pray you, speak to your servants in the Aramaic {or} Syrian language, for we understand it; and do not speak to us in the language of the Jews in the hearing of the people on the wall.
Is 36:12 But the Rabshakeh said, Has my master sent me to speak these words only to your master and to you? Has he not sent me to the men sitting on the wall, who are doomed with you to eat their own dung and drink their own urine?
Is 36:13 Then the Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the language of the Jews: Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria!
Is 36:14 Thus says the king: Let not Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you.
Is 36:15 Nor let Hezekiah make you trust in {and} rely on the Lord, saying, The Lord will surely deliver us; this city will not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.
Is 36:16 Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria: Make your peace with me and come out to me; and eat every one from his own vine and every one from his own fig tree and drink every one the water of his own cistern,
Is 36:17 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards.
Is 36:18 Beware lest Hezekiah persuade {and} mislead you by saying, The Lord will deliver us. Has any one of the

gods of the nations ever delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?
Is 36:19 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad [in Syria]? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim [a place from which the Assyrians brought colonists to inhabit evacuated Samaria]? And have [the gods] delivered Samaria [capital of the ten northern tribes of Israel] out of my hand?
Is 36:20 Who among all the gods of these lands has delivered his land out of my hand, that [you should think that] the Lord can deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?
Is 36:21 But they kept still and answered him not a word, for the king's [Hezekiah's] command was, Do not answer him.
Is 36:22 Then Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the secretary, and Joah son of Asaph, the recording historian came to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of the Rabshakeh [the Assyrian military official].
Is 37:1 AND WHEN King Hezekiah heard it, he rent his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth and went into the house of the Lord.
Is 37:2 And he sent Eliakim, who was over the [royal] household, and Shebna the secretary, and the older priests, clothed with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz.
Is 37:3 And they said to him, Thus says Hezekiah: This day is a day of trouble {and} distress and of rebuke and of disgrace; for children have come to the birth, and there is no strength to bring them forth.
Is 37:4 It may be that the Lord your God will hear the words of the Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria, his master, has sent to mock, reproach, insult, {and} defy the living God, and will rebuke the words which the Lord your God has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant [of His people] that is left.
Is 37:5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.
Is 37:6 And Isaiah said to them, You shall say to your master, Thus says the Lord: Do not be afraid because of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have reviled {and} blasphemed Me.
Is 37:7 Behold, I will put a spirit in him so that he will hear a rumor and return to his own land, and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.
Is 37:8 So the Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah [a fortified city of Judah]; for he had heard that the king had departed from Lachish.
Is 37:9 And [Sennacherib king of Assyria] heard concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He has come forth to make war with you. And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,
Is 37:10 Thus shall you speak to Hezekiah king of Judah: Let not your God in Whom you trust deceive you by saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.
Is 37:11 Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, destroying them utterly. And shall you be delivered?
Is 37:12 Have the gods of the nations delivered those whom my predecessors have destroyed, as Gozan, Haran [of Mesopotamia], Rezeph, and the children of Eden who were in Telassar?
Is 37:13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad [of northern Syria], and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, the king of Hena, or the king of Ivvah?
Is 37:14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it. And Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord and spread it before the Lord.
Is 37:15 And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord:
Is 37:16 O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, Who [in symbol] are enthroned above the cherubim [of the ark in the temple], You are the God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.
Is 37:17 Incline Your ear, O Lord, and hear; open Your eyes, O Lord, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib which he has sent to mock, reproach, insult, {and} defy the living God.
Is 37:18 It is true, Lord, that the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations and their lands
Is 37:19 And have cast the gods of those peoples into the fire, for they were not gods but the work of men's hands, wood and stone. Therefore they have destroyed them.
Is 37:20 Now therefore, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know (understand and realize) that You are the Lord, even You only.
Is 37:21 Then Isaiah son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria,
Is 37:22 This is the word which the Lord has spoken concerning him: The Virgin Daughter of Zion has despised you and laughed you to scorn; the Daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head behind you.
Is 37:23 Whom have you mocked and reviled [insulted and blasphemed]? And against Whom have you raised your

voice and haughtily lifted your eyes? Against the Holy One of Israel!
Is 37:24 By your servants you have mocked, reproached, insulted, {and} defied the Lord, and you have said, With my many chariots I have gone up to the height of the mountains, to the inner recesses of Lebanon. I cut down its tallest cedars {and} its choicest cypress trees; I came to its remotest height, its most luxuriant {and} dense forest;
Is 37:25 I dug wells and drank foreign waters, and with the sole of my feet I have dried up all the rivers [the Nile streams] of Egypt.
Is 37:26 [But, says the God of Israel] have you not heard that I purposed to do it long ago, that I planned it in ancient times? Now I have brought it to pass, that you [king of Assyria] should [be My instrument to] lay waste fortified cities, making them ruinous heaps.
Is 37:27 Therefore their inhabitants had little power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were like the grass of the field and like the green herb, like the grass on the housetops and like a field of grain blasted before it is grown {or} is in stalk.
Is 37:28 But I [the Lord] know your sitting down and your going out and your coming in and your raging against Me.
Is 37:29 Because your raging against Me and your arrogance {and} careless ease have come to My ears, therefore will I put My hook in your nose and My bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way you came.
Is 37:30 And [now, Hezekiah, says the Lord] this shall be the sign [of these things] to you: you shall eat this year what grows of itself, and in the second year that which springs from the same. And in the third year sow and reap, and plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them.
Is 37:31 And the remnant that has survived of the house of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward.
Is 37:32 For out of Jerusalem will go forth a remnant, and a band that survives out of Mount Zion. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.
Is 37:33 Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the king of Assyria: He shall not come into this city or shoot an arrow here or come before it with shield or cast up a siege mound against it.
Is 37:34 By the way that he came, by the same way he shall return, and he shall not come into this city, says the Lord.
Is 37:35 For I will defend this city to save it, for My own sake and for the sake of My servant David.
Is 37:36 And the Angel of the Lord went forth, and slew 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when [the living] arose early in the morning, behold, all these were dead bodies.
Is 37:37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and returned and dwelt at Nineveh.
Is 37:38 And as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons killed him with the sword, and they escaped into the land of Armenia {or} Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.
Is 38:1 IN THOSE days King Hezekiah of Judah became ill and was at the point of death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, came to him and said, Thus says the Lord: Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.
Is 38:2 Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord
Is 38:3 And said, Remember [earnestly] now, O Lord, I beseech You, how I have walked before You in faithfulness {and} in truth, with a whole heart [absolutely devoted to You], and have done what is good in Your sight. And Hezekiah wept bitterly.
Is 38:4 Then came the word of the Lord to Isaiah, saying,
Is 38:5 Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will add to your life fifteen years.
Is 38:6 And I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city [Jerusalem].
Is 38:7 And this will be the sign to you from the Lord that the Lord will do this thing that He has spoken:
Is 38:8 Behold, I will turn the shadow [denoting the time of day] on the steps {or} degrees, which has gone down on the steps {or} sundial of Ahaz, backward ten steps {or} degrees. And the sunlight turned back ten steps on the steps on which it had gone down.
Is 38:9 This is the writing of Hezekiah king of Judah after he had been sick and had recovered from his sickness:
Is 38:10 I said, In the noontide {and} tranquillity of my days I must depart; I am to pass through the gates of Sheol (the place of the dead), deprived of the remainder of my years.
Is 38:11 I said, I shall not see the Lord, even the Lord, in the land of the living; I shall behold man no more among the inhabitants of the world.
Is 38:12 My [fleshly] dwelling is plucked up {and} is removed from me like a shepherd's tent. I have rolled up my life as a weaver [rolls up the finished web]; [the Lord] cuts me free from the loom; from day to night You bring me to an end.

Is 38:13 I thought {and} quieted myself until morning. Like a lion He breaks all my bones; from day to night You bring me to an end.
Is 38:14 Like a twittering swallow {or} a crane, so do I chirp {and} chatter; I moan like a dove. My eyes are weary {and} dim with looking upward. O Lord, I am oppressed; take my side {and} be my security [as of a debtor being sent to prison].
Is 38:15 But what can I say? For He has both spoken to me and He Himself has done it. I must go softly [as in solemn procession] all my years {and} my sleep has fled because of the bitterness of my soul.
Is 38:16 O Lord, by these things men live; and in all these is the life of my spirit. O give me back my health and make me live!
Is 38:17 Behold, it was for my peace that I had intense bitterness; but You have loved back my life from the pit of corruption {and} nothingness, for You have cast all my sins behind Your back.
Is 38:18 For Sheol (the place of the dead) cannot confess {and} reach out the hand to You, death cannot praise {and} rejoice in You; they who go down to the pit cannot hope for Your faithfulness [to Your promises; their probation is at an end, their destiny is sealed].
Is 38:19 The living, the living--they shall thank {and} praise You, as I do this day; the father shall make known to the children Your faithfulness {and} Your truth.
Is 38:20 The Lord is ready to save (deliver) me; therefore we will sing my songs with [my] stringed instruments all the days of our lives in the house of the Lord.
Is 38:21 Now Isaiah had said, Let them take a cake of figs and lay it for a plaster upon the boil, that he may recover.
Is 38:22 Hezekiah also had said, What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the Lord?
Is 39:1 AT THAT time Merodach-baladan son of Baladan king of Babylon sent [messengers with] letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he had heard that he had been sick and had recovered.
Is 39:2 And Hezekiah was glad {and} welcomed them and showed them the house of his spices {and} precious things--the silver, the gold, the spices, the precious ointment, all the house of his armor {and} his jewels, and all that was found in his treasuries. There was nothing in his house nor in all his dominion that Hezekiah did not show them.
Is 39:3 Then came Isaiah the prophet to King Hezekiah and said to him, What did these men say? From where did they come to you? And Hezekiah said, They came to me from a far country, even from Babylon.
Is 39:4 Then Isaiah said, What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah answered, They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them.
Is 39:5 Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the Lord of hosts:
Is 39:6 Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and that which your predecessors have stored up till this day, shall be carried to Babylon. Nothing shall be left, says the Lord.
Is 39:7 And some of your own sons who are born to you shall be taken away, and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.
Is 39:8 Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, The word of the Lord which you have spoken is good. And he added, For there will be peace and faithfulness [to His promises to us] in my days.
Is 40:1 COMFORT, COMFORT My people, says your God.
Is 40:2 Speak tenderly to the heart of Jerusalem, and cry to her that her time of service {and} her warfare are ended, that [her punishment is accepted and] her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received [punishment] from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.
Is 40:3 A voice of one who cries: Prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord [clear away the obstacles]; make straight {and} smooth in the desert a highway for our God!
Is 40:4 Every valley shall be lifted {and} filled up, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked {and} uneven shall be made straight {and} level, and the rough places a plain.
Is 40:5 And the glory (majesty and splendor) of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.
Is 40:6 A voice says, Cry [prophesy]! And I said, What shall I cry? [The voice answered, Proclaim:] All flesh is as frail as grass, and all that makes it attractive [its kindness, its goodwill, its mercy from God, its glory and comeliness, however good] is transitory, like the flower of the field.
Is 40:7 The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely [all] the people are like grass.
Is 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.
Is 40:9 O you who bring good tidings to Zion, get up to the high mountain. O you who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid; say to the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

Is 40:10 Behold, the Lord God will come with might, and His arm will rule for Him. Behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him.
Is 40:11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd: He will gather the lambs in His arm, He will carry them in His bosom and will gently lead those that have their young.
Is 40:12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, marked off the heavens with a [nine-inch] span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?
Is 40:13 Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, or as His counselor has taught Him?
Is 40:14 With whom did He take counsel, that instruction might be given Him? Who taught Him the path of justice and taught Him knowledge and showed Him the way of understanding?
Is 40:15 Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket and are counted as small dust on the scales; behold, He takes up the isles like a very little thing.
Is 40:16 And all Lebanon's [forests] cannot supply sufficient fuel, nor all its wild beasts furnish victims enough to burn sacrifices [worthy of the Lord].
Is 40:17 All the nations are as nothing before Him; they are regarded by Him as less than nothing and emptiness (waste, futility, and worthlessness).
Is 40:18 To whom then will you liken God? Or with what likeness will you compare Him?
Is 40:19 The graven image! A workman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and casts silver chains for it.
Is 40:20 He who is so impoverished that he has no offering {or} oblation {or} rich gift to give [to his god is constrained to make a wooden offering, an idol; so he] chooses a tree that will not rot; he seeks out a skillful craftsman to carve {and} set up an image that will not totter {or} deteriorate.
Is 40:21 [You worshipers of idols, you are without excuse.] Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? [These things ought to convince you of God's omnipotence and of the folly of bowing to idols.] Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
Is 40:22 It is God Who sits above the circle (the horizon) of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; it is He Who stretches out the heavens like [gauze] curtains and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in,
Is 40:23 Who brings dignitaries to nothing, Who makes the judges {and} rulers of the earth as chaos (emptiness, falsity, and futility).
Is 40:24 Yes, these men are scarcely planted, scarcely are they sown, scarcely does their stock take root in the earth, when [the Lord] blows upon them and they wither, and the whirlwind {or} tempest takes them away like stubble.
Is 40:25 To whom then will you liken Me, that I should be equal to him? says the Holy One.
Is 40:26 Lift up your eyes on high and see! Who has created these? He Who brings out their host by number and calls them all by name; through the greatness of His might and because He is strong in power, not one is missing {or} lacks anything.
Is 40:27 Why, O Jacob, do you say, and declare, O Israel, My way {and} my lot are hidden from the Lord, and my right is passed over without regard from my God?
Is 40:28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, does not faint or grow weary; there is no searching of His understanding.
Is 40:29 He gives power to the faint {and} weary, and to him who has no might He increases strength [causing it to multiply and making it to abound].
Is 40:30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and [selected] young men shall feebly stumble {and} fall exhausted;
Is 40:31 But those who wait for the Lord [who expect, look for, and hope in Him] shall change {and} renew their strength {and} power; they shall lift their wings {and} mount up [close to God] as eagles [mount up to the sun]; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint {or} become tired.
Is 41:1 LISTEN IN silence before Me, O islands {and} regions bordering on the sea! And let the people gather {and} renew their strength [for the argument; let them offer their strongest arguments]! Let them come near, then let them speak; let us come near together for judgment [and decide the point at issue between us concerning the enemy advancing from the east].
Is 41:2 Who has roused up one [Cyrus] from the east, whom He calls in righteousness to His service {and} whom victory meets at every step? He [the Lord] subdues nations before him and makes him ruler over kings. He turns them to dust with the sword [of Cyrus], and to driven straw {and} chaff with his bow.
Is 41:3 He [Cyrus] pursues them and passes safely {and} unhindered, even by a way his feet had not trod {and} so swiftly that his feet do not touch the ground.
Is 41:4 Who has prepared and done this, calling forth {and} guiding the destinies of the generations [of the nations] from the beginning? I, the Lord--the first [existing before history began] and with the last [an ever-present,

unchanging God]--I am He.
Is 41:5 The islands {and} coastlands have seen and fear; the ends of the earth tremble. They draw near and come;
Is 41:6 They help every one his neighbor and say to his brother [in his tiresome idol making], Be of good courage!
Is 41:7 So the carpenter encourages the goldsmith, {and} he who smooths [the metal] with the hammer [encourages] him who smites the anvil, saying of the soldering, That is good! And he fastens it with nails so that it cannot be moved.
Is 41:8 But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham My friend,
Is 41:9 You whom I [the Lord] have taken from the ends of the earth and have called from the corners of it, and said to you, You are My servant--I have chosen you and not cast you off [even though you are exiled].
Is 41:10 Fear not [there is nothing to fear], for I am with you; do not look around you in terror {and} be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen {and} harden you to difficulties, yes, I will help you; yes, I will hold you up {and} retain you with My [victorious] right hand of rightness {and} justice.
Is 41:11 Behold, all they who are enraged {and} inflamed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; they who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish.
Is 41:12 You shall seek those who contend with you but shall not find them; they who war against you shall be as nothing, as nothing at all.
Is 41:13 For I the Lord your God hold your right hand; I am the Lord, Who says to you, Fear not; I will help you!
Is 41:14 Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I will help you, says the Lord; your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.
Is 41:15 Behold, I will make you to be a new, sharp, threshing instrument which has teeth; you shall thresh the mountains and beat them small, and shall make the hills like chaff.
Is 41:16 You shall winnow them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the tempest {or} whirlwind shall scatter them. And you shall rejoice in the Lord, you shall glory in the Holy One of Israel.
Is 41:17 The poor and needy are seeking water when there is none; their tongues are parched with thirst. I the Lord will answer them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them.
Is 41:18 I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.
Is 41:19 I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle, and the wild olive; I will set the cypress in the desert, the plane [tree] and the pine [tree] together,
Is 41:20 That men may see and know and consider and understand together that the hand of the Lord has done this, that the Holy One of Israel has created it.
Is 41:21 [You idols made by men's hands, prove your divinity!] Produce your cause [set forth your case], says the Lord. Bring forth your strong proofs, says the King of Jacob.
Is 41:22 Let them bring them forth and tell us what is to happen. Let them tell us the former things, what they are, that we may consider them and know the outcome of them; or declare to us the things to come.
Is 41:23 Tell us the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods; yes, do good or do evil [something or other], that we may stare in astonishment {and} be dismayed as we behold [the miracle] together!
Is 41:24 Behold, you [idols] are nothing, and your work is nothing! The worshiper who chooses you is an abomination [extremely disgusting and shamefully vile in God's sight].
Is 41:25 I have raised up {and} impelled to action one from the north [Cyrus], and he comes; from the rising of the sun he calls upon My name [recognizing that his victories have been granted to him by Me]. And he shall tread upon rulers {and} deputies as upon mortar and as the potter treads clay. [He comes with the suddenness of a comet, but none of the idol oracles of the nations has anticipated it.]
Is 41:26 [What idol] has declared this from the beginning, that we could know? And beforetime, that we could say that he is [unquestionably] right? Yes, there is none who declares it, yes, there is none who proclaims it; yes, [for the truth is, O you dumb idols] there is none who hears you speak!
Is 41:27 I [the Lord] first gave to Zion the announcement, Behold, [the Jews will be restored to their own land, and the man Cyrus shall be raised up who will deliver them] behold them! And to Jerusalem I gave a herald [Isaiah] bringing the good news.
Is 41:28 For I look [upon the heathen prophets and the priests of pagan practices] and there is no man among them [who could predict these events], and among these [idols] there is no counselor who, when I ask of him, can answer a word.
Is 41:29 Behold, these [pagan prophets and priests] are all emptiness (falseness and futility)! Their works are worthless; their molten images are empty wind (confusion and waste).

Is 42:1 BEHOLD MY Servant, Whom I uphold, My elect in Whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice {and} right {and} reveal truth to the nations.
Is 42:2 He will not cry or shout aloud or cause His voice to be heard in the street.
Is 42:3 A bruised reed He will not break, and a dimly burning wick He will not quench; He will bring forth justice in truth.
Is 42:4 He will not fail {or} become weak or be crushed {and} discouraged till He has established justice in the earth; and the islands {and} coastal regions shall wait hopefully for Him {and} expect His direction {and} law.
Is 42:5 Thus says God the Lord--He Who created the heavens and stretched them forth, He Who spread abroad the earth and that which comes out of it, He Who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:
Is 42:6 I the Lord have called You [the Messiah] for a righteous purpose {and} in righteousness; I will take You by the hand and will keep You; I will give You for a covenant to the people [Israel], for a light to the nations [Gentiles],
Is 42:7 To open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon, and those who sit in darkness from the prison.
Is 42:8 I am the Lord; that is My name! And My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to graven images.
Is 42:9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.
Is 42:10 Sing to the Lord a new song, and His praise from the end of the earth! You who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, the islands {and} coastal regions and the inhabitants of them [sing a song such as has never been heard in the heathen world]!
Is 42:11 Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voices, the villages that Kedar inhabits. Let the inhabitants of the rock [Sela or Petra] sing; let them shout from the tops of the mountains!
Is 42:12 Let them give glory to the Lord and declare His praise in the islands {and} coastal regions.
Is 42:13 The Lord will go forth like a mighty man, He will rouse up His zealous indignation {and} vengeance like a warrior; He will cry, yes, He will shout aloud, He will do mightily against His enemies.
Is 42:14 [Thus says the Lord] I have for a long time held My peace, I have been still and restrained Myself. Now I will cry out like a woman in travail, I will gasp and pant together.
Is 42:15 I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their herbage; I will turn the rivers into islands, and I will dry up the pools.
Is 42:16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they know not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known. I will make darkness into light before them and make uneven places into a plain. These things I have determined to do [for them]; and I will not leave them forsaken.
Is 42:17 They shall be turned back, they shall be utterly put to shame, who trust in graven images, who say to molten images, You are our gods.
Is 42:18 Hear, you deaf! And look, you blind, that you may see!
Is 42:19 Who is blind but My servant [Israel]? Or deaf like My messenger whom I send? Who is blind like the one who is at peace with Me [who has been admitted to covenant relationship with Me]? Yes, who is blind like the Lord's servant?
Is 42:20 You have seen many things, but you do not observe {or} apprehend their true meaning. His ears are open, but he hears not!
Is 42:21 It was the Lord's pleasure for His righteousness' sake [in accordance with a steadfast and consistent purpose] to magnify instruction {and} revelation and glorify them.
Is 42:22 But this is a people robbed and plundered; they are all of them snared in holes and hidden in houses of bondage. They have become a prey, with no one to deliver them, a spoil, with no one to say, Restore them! [This shows the condition that will ensue as Israel's punishment for not recognizing the Servant of the Lord and the day of His visit among them.] [Luke19:41-44.]
Is 42:23 Who is there among you who will give ear to this? Who will listen and hear in the time to come?
Is 42:24 Who gave up Jacob [the kingdom of Judah] for spoil, and [the kingdom of] Israel to the robbers? Was it not the Lord, He against Whom we [of Judah] have sinned and in Whose ways they [of Israel] would not walk, neither were they obedient to His law {or} His teaching?
Is 42:25 Therefore He poured out upon [Israel] the fierceness of His anger and the strength of battle. And it set him on fire round about, yet he knew not [the lesson of repentance which the Assyrian conquest was intended to teach]; it burned him, but he did not lay it to heart.
Is 43:1 BUT NOW [in spite of past judgments for Israel's sins], thus says the Lord, He Who created you, O Jacob, and He Who formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you [ransomed you by paying a price instead of leaving

you captives]; I have called you by your name; you are Mine.
Is 43:2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned {or} scorched, nor will the flame kindle upon you.
Is 43:3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt [to the Babylonians] for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba [a province of Ethiopia] in exchange [for your release].
Is 43:4 Because you are precious in My sight and honored, and because I love you, I will give men in return for you and peoples in exchange for your life.
Is 43:5 Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east [where they are dispersed] and gather you from the west.
Is 43:6 I will say to the north, Give up! and to the south, Keep not back. Bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the ends of the earth--
Is 43:7 Even everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory, whom I have formed, whom I have made.
Is 43:8 Bring forth the blind people who have eyes and the deaf who have ears.
Is 43:9 Let all the nations be gathered together and let the peoples be assembled. Who among [the idolaters] could predict this [that Cyrus would be the deliverer of Israel] and show us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses, that they may be justified, or let them hear and acknowledge, It is the truth.
Is 43:10 You are My witnesses, says the Lord, and My servant whom I have chosen, that you may know Me, believe Me {and} remain steadfast to Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me.
Is 43:11 I, even I, am the Lord, and besides Me there is no Savior.
Is 43:12 I have declared [the future] and have saved [the nation in times of danger], and I have shown [that I am God]--when there was no strange and alien god among you; therefore you are My witnesses, says the Lord, that I am God.
Is 43:13 Yes, from the time of the first existence of day {and} from this day forth I am He; and there is no one who can deliver out of My hand. I will work, and who can hinder {or} reverse it?
Is 43:14 Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I have sent [one] to Babylon, and I will bring down all of them as fugitives, [with] all their nobles, even the Chaldeans, into the ships over which they rejoiced.
Is 43:15 I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.
Is 43:16 Thus says the Lord, Who makes a way through the sea and a path through the mighty waters,
Is 43:17 Who brings forth chariot and horse, army and mighty warrior. They lie down together, they cannot rise; they are extinguished, they are quenched like a lampwick:
Is 43:18 Do not [earnestly] remember the former things; neither consider the things of old.
Is 43:19 Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs forth; do you not perceive {and} know it {and} will you not give heed to it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
Is 43:20 The beasts of the field honor Me, the jackals and the ostriches, because I give waters in the wilderness {and} rivers in the desert, to give drink to My people, My chosen,
Is 43:21 The people I formed for Myself, that they may set forth My praise [and they shall do it].
Is 43:22 Yet you have not called upon Me [much less toiled for Me], O Jacob; but you have been weary of Me, O Israel!
Is 43:23 You have not brought Me your sheep {and} goats for burnt offerings, or honored Me with your sacrifices. I have not required you to serve with an offering {or} treated you as a slave by demanding tribute or wearied you with offering incense.
Is 43:24 You have not bought Me sweet cane with money, or satiated Me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have only burdened Me with your sins; you have wearied Me with your iniquities.
Is 43:25 I, even I, am He Who blots out {and} cancels your transgressions, for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins.
Is 43:26 Put Me in remembrance [remind Me of your merits]; let us plead {and} argue together. Set forth your case, that you may be justified (proved right).
Is 43:27 Your first father [Jacob, in particular] sinned, and your teachers [the priests and the prophets--your mediators] transgressed against Me.
Is 43:28 And so I will profane the chief ones of the sanctuary and will deliver Jacob to the curse (the ban, a solemn anathema or excommunication) and [will subject] Israel to reproaches {and} reviling.
Is 44:1 YET NOW hear, O Jacob, My servant and Israel, whom I have chosen.

Is 44:2 Thus says the Lord, Who made you and formed you from the womb, Who will help you: Fear not, O Jacob, My servant, and you Jeshurun [the upright one--applied to Israel as a type of the Messiah], whom I have chosen.
Is 44:3 For I will pour water upon him who is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground. I will pour My Spirit upon your offspring, and My blessing upon your descendants.
Is 44:4 And they shall spring up among the grass like willows {or} poplars by the watercourses.
Is 44:5 One will say, I am the Lord's; and another will call himself by the name of Jacob; and another will write [even brand or tattoo] upon his hand, I am the Lord's, and surname himself by the [honorable] name of Israel.
Is 44:6 Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the First and I am the Last; besides Me there is no God.
Is 44:7 Who is like Me? Let him [stand and] proclaim it, declare it, and set [his proofs] in order before Me, since I made {and} established the people of antiquity. [Who has announced from of old] the things that are coming? Then let them declare yet future things.
Is 44:8 Fear not, nor be afraid [in the coming violent upheavals]; have I not told it to you from of old and declared it? And you are My witnesses! Is there a God besides Me? There is no [other] Rock; I know not any.
Is 44:9 All who make graven idols are confusion, chaos, {and} worthlessness. Their objects (idols) in which they delight do not profit them, and their own witnesses (worshipers) do not see or know, so that they are put to shame.
Is 44:10 Who is [such a fool as] to fashion a god or cast a graven image that is profitable for nothing?
Is 44:11 Behold, all his fellows shall be put to shame, and the craftsmen, [how can they make a god?] they are but men. Let them all be gathered together, let them stand forth; they shall be terrified, they shall be put to shame together.
Is 44:12 The ironsmith sharpens {and} uses a chisel and works it over the coals; he shapes [the core of the idol] with hammers and forges it with his strong arm. He becomes hungry and his strength fails; he drinks no water and is faint.
Is 44:13 The carpenter stretches out a line, he marks it out with a pencil {or} red ocher; he fashions [an idol] with planes and marks it out with the compasses; and he shapes it to have the figure of a man, with the beauty of a man, that it may dwell in a house.
Is 44:14 He hews for himself cedars, and takes the holm tree and the oak and lets them grow strong for himself among the trees of the forest; he plants a fir tree {or} an ash, and the rain nourishes it.
Is 44:15 Then it becomes fuel for a man to burn; a part of it he takes and warms himself, yes, he kindles a fire and bakes bread. [Then out of the remainder, the leavings] he also makes a god and worships it! He [with his own hands] makes it into a graven image and falls down and worships it!
Is 44:16 He burns part of the wood in the fire; with part of it he [cooks and] eats flesh, he roasts meat and is satisfied. Also he warms himself and says, Aha! I am warm, I have seen the fire!
Is 44:17 And from what is left [of the log] he makes a god, his graven idol. He falls down to it, he worships it and prays to it and says, Deliver me, for you are my god!
Is 44:18 They do not know or understand, for their eyes God has let become besmeared so that they cannot see, {and} their minds as well so that they cannot understand.
Is 44:19 And no one considers in his mind, nor has he knowledge and understanding [enough] to say [to himself], I have burned part of this log in the fire, and also I have baked bread on its coals and have roasted meat and eaten it. And shall I make the remainder of it into an abomination [the very essence of what is disgusting, detestable, and shamefully vile in the eyes of a jealous God]? Shall I fall down {and} worship the stock of a tree [a block of wood without consciousness or life]?
Is 44:20 That kind of man feeds on ashes [and finds his satisfaction in ashes]! A deluded mind has led him astray, so that he cannot release {and} save himself, or ask, Is not [this thing I am holding] in my right hand a lie?
Is 44:21 Remember these things [earnestly], O Jacob, O Israel, for you are My servant! I formed you, you are My servant; O Israel, you shall not be forgotten by Me.
Is 44:22 I have blotted out like a thick cloud your transgressions, and like a cloud your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.
Is 44:23 Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it; shout, you depths of the earth; break forth into singing, you mountains, O forest and every tree in it! For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, and He glorifies Himself in Israel.
Is 44:24 Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, and He Who formed you from the womb: I am the Lord, Who made all things, Who alone stretched out the heavens, Who spread out the earth by Myself [who was with Me]?--
Is 44:25 [I am the Lord] Who frustrates the signs {and} confounds the omens [upon which the false prophets' forecasts of the future are based] of the [boasting] liars and makes fools of diviners, Who turns the wise backward and makes their knowledge foolishness,
Is 44:26 [The Lord] Who confirms the word of His servant and performs the counsel of His messengers, Who says of

Jerusalem, She shall [again] be inhabited, and of the cities of Judah, They shall [again] be built, and I will raise up their ruins,
Is 44:27 Who says to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up your rivers,
Is 44:28 Who says of Cyrus, He is My shepherd (ruler), and he shall perform all My pleasure {and} fulfill all My purpose--even saying of Jerusalem, She shall [again] be built, and of the temple, Your foundation shall [again] be laid.
Is 45:1 THUS SAYS the Lord to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held to subdue nations before him, and I will unarm {and} ungird the loins of kings to open doors before him, so that gates will not be shut.
Is 45:2 I will go before you and level the mountains [to make the crooked places straight]; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut asunder the bars of iron.
Is 45:3 And I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, Who calls you by your name.
Is 45:4 For the sake of Jacob My servant, and of Israel My chosen, I have called you by your name. I have surnamed you, though you have not known Me.
Is 45:5 I am the Lord, and there is no one else; there is no God besides Me. I will gird {and} arm you, though you have not known Me,
Is 45:6 That men may know from the east {and} the rising of the sun and from the west {and} the setting of the sun that there is no God besides Me. I am the Lord, and no one else [is He].
Is 45:7 I form the light and create darkness, I make peace [national well-being] and I create [physical] evil (calamity); I am the Lord, Who does all these things.
Is 45:8 Let fall in showers, you heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness [the pure, spiritual, heaven-born possibilities that have their foundation in the holy being of God]; let the earth open, and let them [skies and earth] sprout forth salvation, and let righteousness germinate {and} spring up [as plants do] together; I the Lord have created it.
Is 45:9 Woe to him who strives with his Maker!--a worthless piece of broken pottery among other pieces equally worthless [and yet presuming to strive with his Maker]! Shall the clay say to him who fashions it, What do you think you are making? or, Your work has no handles?
Is 45:10 Woe to him [who complains against his parents that they have begotten him] who says to a father, What are you begetting? or to a woman, With what are you in travail?
Is 45:11 Thus says the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker: Would you question Me about things to come concerning My children, and concerning the work of My hands [would you] command Me?
Is 45:12 I made the earth and created man upon it. I, with My hands, stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host.
Is 45:13 I will raise [Cyrus] up in righteousness [willing in every way that which is right and proper], and I will direct all his ways; he will build My city, and he will let My captives go, not for hire or for a bribe, says the Lord of hosts.
Is 45:14 Thus says the Lord: The labor {and} wealth of Egypt and the merchandise of Ethiopia and the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over to you and they shall be yours; they shall follow you; in chains [of subjection to you] they shall come over, and they shall fall down before you; they shall make supplication to you, saying, Surely God is with you, and there is no other, no God besides Him.
Is 45:15 Truly You are a God Who hides Himself, O God of Israel, the Savior.
Is 45:16 They shall be put to shame, yes, confounded, all of them; they who are makers of idols shall go off into confusion together.
Is 45:17 But Israel shall be saved by the Lord with an everlasting salvation; you shall not be put to shame or confounded to all eternity.
Is 45:18 For thus says the Lord--Who created the heavens, God Himself, Who formed the earth and made it, Who established it and did not create it to be a worthless waste; He formed it to be inhabited--I am the Lord, and there is no one else.
Is 45:19 I have not spoken in secret, in a corner of the land of darkness; I did not call the descendants of Jacob [to a fruitless service], saying, Seek Me for nothing [but I promised them a just reward]. I, the Lord, speak righteousness (the truth--trustworthy, straightforward correspondence between deeds and words); I declare things that are right.
Is 45:20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you survivors of the nations! They have no knowledge who carry about [in religious processions or into battle] their wooden idols and keep on praying to a god that cannot save.
Is 45:21 Declare and bring forward your strong arguments [for praying to gods that cannot save]; yes, take counsel together. Who announced this [the rise of Cyrus and his conquests] beforehand (long ago)? [What god] declared it of

old? Was it not I, the Lord? And there is no other God besides Me, a rigidly {and} uncompromisingly just {and} righteous God and Savior; there is none besides Me.
Is 45:22 Look to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.
Is 45:23 I have sworn by Myself, the word is gone out of My mouth in righteousness and shall not return, that unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear [allegiance].
Is 45:24 Only in the Lord shall one say, I have righteousness (salvation and victory) and strength [to achieve]. To Him shall all come who were incensed against Him, and they shall be ashamed.
Is 45:25 In the Lord shall all the offspring of Israel be justified (enjoy righteousness, salvation, and victory) and shall glory.
Is 46:1 BEL BOWS down, Nebo stoops [gods of Babylon, whose idols are being carried off]; their idols are on the beasts [of burden] and on the cattle. These things that you carry about are loaded as burdens on the weary beasts.
Is 46:2 [The gods] stoop, they bow down together; they cannot save [their own idols], but are themselves going into captivity.
Is 46:3 Listen to Me [says the Lord], O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, you who have been borne by Me from your birth, carried from the womb:
Is 46:4 Even to your old age I am He, and even to hair white with age will I carry you. I have made, and I will bear; yes, I will carry and will save you.
Is 46:5 To whom will you liken Me and make Me equal and compare Me, that we may be alike?
Is 46:6 They lavish gold out of the cup {or} bag, weigh out silver on the scales, and hire a goldsmith, and he fashions it into a god; [then] they fall down, yes, they worship it!
Is 46:7 They bear it upon their shoulders [in religious processions or into battle]; they carry it and set it down in its place, and there it stands. It cannot move from its place. Even if one cries to it for help, yet [the idol] cannot answer or save him out of his distress.
Is 46:8 [Earnestly] remember this, be ashamed {and} own yourselves guilty; bring it again to mind {and} lay it to heart, O you rebels!
Is 46:9 [Earnestly] remember the former things, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me,
Is 46:10 Declaring the end {and} the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure {and} purpose,
Is 46:11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east--the man [Cyrus] who executes My counsel from a far country. Yes, I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed it, and I will do it.
Is 46:12 Listen to Me, you stiff-hearted {and} you who have lost heart, you who are far from righteousness (from uprightness and right standing with God, and from His righteous deliverance).
Is 46:13 I bring near My righteousness [in the deliverance of Israel], it will not be far off; and My salvation shall not tarry. And I will put salvation in Zion, for Israel My glory [yes, give salvation in Zion and My glory to Israel].
Is 47:1 COME DOWN, and sit in the dust, O Virgin Daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground [in abject humiliation]; there is no throne for you, O Daughter of the Chaldeans, for you shall no longer be called dainty and delicate.
Is 47:2 Take the millstones [like the poorest female slave of the household does] and grind meal; take off your veil {and} uncover your hair. Remove your skirt, bare your leg, wade through the rivers [at the command of your captors].
Is 47:3 Your nakedness shall be exposed, and your shame shall be seen. I will take vengeance, and I will spare no man [none I encounter will be able to resist Me],
Is 47:4 [Says] our Redeemer--the Lord of hosts is His name--the Holy One of Israel.
Is 47:5 Sit in silence and go into darkness, O Daughter of the Chaldeans; for you shall no more be called the lady {and} mistress of kingdoms.
Is 47:6 I was angry with My people, I profaned My inheritance [Judah]; and I gave them into your hand [Babylon]. You showed them no mercy; upon the old people you made your yoke very heavy.
Is 47:7 And you said, I shall be the mistress forever! So you did not lay these things to heart, nor did you [seriously] remember the certain, ultimate end of such conduct.
Is 47:8 Therefore now, hear this, you who love pleasures {and} are given over to them, you who dwell safely {and} sit securely, who say in your mind, I am [the mistress] and there is no one else besides me. I shall not sit as a widow, nor shall I know the loss of children.
Is 47:9 But these two things shall come to you in a moment, in one day: loss of children and widowhood. They shall come upon you in full measure, in spite of the multitude of [your claims to] power given you by the assistance of evil spirits, in spite of the great abundance of your enchantments.

Is 47:10 For you [Babylon] have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, No one sees me. Your wisdom and your knowledge led you astray, and you said in your heart {and} mind, I am, and there is no one besides me.
Is 47:11 Therefore shall evil come upon you; you shall not know the dawning of it {or} how to charm it away. And a disaster {and} evil shall fall upon you that you shall not be able to atone for [with all your offerings to your gods]; and desolation shall come upon you suddenly, about which you shall know nothing {or} how to avert it.
Is 47:12 Persist, then, with your enchantments and the multitude of your sorceries [Babylon], in which you have labored from your youth; and see if perhaps you will be able to profit, if you will prevail {and} strike terror!
Is 47:13 You are wearied with your many counsels {and} plans. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, and the monthly prognosticators stand up and make known to you {and} save you from the things that shall come upon you [Babylon].
Is 47:14 Behold, they are like stubble; the fire consumes them. They cannot even deliver themselves from the power of the flame [much less deliver the nation]. There is no coal for warming {or} fire before which to sit!
Is 47:15 Such to you shall they [the astrologers and their kind] be, those with whom you have labored {and} such their fate, those who have done business with you from your youth; they will wander, every one to his own quarter {and} in his own direction. No one will save you.
Is 48:1 HEAR THIS, O house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel and who come forth from the seed of Judah, you who swear allegiance by the name of the Lord and make mention of the God of Israel--but not in truth {and} sincerity, nor in righteousness (rightness and moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation)--
Is 48:2 For they call themselves [citizens] of the holy city and depend on the God of Israel--the Lord of hosts is His name.
Is 48:3 I have declared from the beginning the former things [which happened in times past to Israel]; they went forth from My mouth and I made them known; then suddenly I did them, and they came to pass [says the Lord].
Is 48:4 Because I knew that you were obstinate, and your neck was an iron sinew and your brow was brass,
Is 48:5 Therefore I have declared things to come to you from of old; before they came to pass I announced them to you, so that you could not say, My idol has done them, and my graven image and my molten image have commanded them.
Is 48:6 You have heard [these things foretold], now you see this fulfillment. And will you not bear witness to it? I show you specified new things from this time forth, even hidden things [kept in reserve] which you have not known.
Is 48:7 They are created now [called into being by the prophetic word], and not long ago; and before today you have never heard of them, lest you should say, Behold, I knew them!
Is 48:8 Yes, you have never heard, yes, you have never known; yes, from of old your ear has not been opened. For I, the Lord, knew that you, O house of Israel, dealt very treacherously; you were called a transgressor {and} a rebel [in revolt] from your birth.
Is 48:9 For My name's sake I defer My anger, and for the sake of My praise I restrain it for you, that I may not cut you off.
Is 48:10 Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried {and} chosen you in the furnace of affliction.
Is 48:11 For My own sake, for My own sake, I do it [I refrain and do not utterly destroy you]; for why should I permit My name to be polluted {and} profaned [which it would be if the Lord completely destroyed His chosen people]? And I will not give My glory to another [by permitting the worshipers of idols to triumph over you].
Is 48:12 Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, My called [ones]: I am He; I am the First, I also am the Last.
Is 48:13 Yes, My hand has laid the foundation of the earth, and My right hand has spread out the heavens; when I call to them, they stand forth together [to execute My decrees].
Is 48:14 Assemble yourselves, all of you, and hear! Who among them [the gods and Chaldean astrologers] has foretold these things? The Lord has loved him [Cyrus of Persia]; he will do His pleasure {and} purpose on Babylon, and his arm will be against the Chaldeans.
Is 48:15 I, even I, have foretold it; yes, I have called him [Cyrus]; I have brought him, and [the Lord] shall make his way prosperous.
Is 48:16 Come near to me and listen to this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it happened, I was there. And now the Lord God has sent His Spirit in {and} with me.
Is 48:17 Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you in the way that you should go.
Is 48:18 Oh, that you had hearkened to My commandments! Then your peace {and} prosperity would have been like a flowing river, and your righteousness [the holiness and purity of the nation] like the [abundant] waves of the sea.
Is 48:19 Your offspring would have been like the sand, and your descendants like the offspring of the sea; their name

would not be cut off or destroyed from before Me.
Is 48:20 Go forth out of Babylon, flee from the Chaldeans! With a voice of singing declare, tell this, cause it to go forth even to the end of the earth; say, The Lord has redeemed His servant Jacob!
Is 48:21 And they thirsted not when He led them through the deserts; He caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them; He split the rock also, and the waters gushed out.
Is 48:22 There is no peace, says the Lord, for the wicked.
Is 49:1 LISTEN TO me, O isles {and} coastlands, and hearken, you peoples from afar. The Lord has called me from the womb; from the body of my mother He has named my name.
Is 49:2 And He has made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand has He hid me and made me a polished arrow; in His quiver has He kept me close {and} concealed me.
Is 49:3 And [the Lord] said to me, You are My servant, Israel [you who strive with God and with men and prevail], in whom I will be glorified.
Is 49:4 Then I said, I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in empty futility; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense is with my God.
Is 49:5 And now, says the Lord--Who formed me from the womb to be His servant to bring Jacob back to Him and that Israel might be gathered to Him {and} not be swept away, for I am honorable in the eyes of the Lord and my God has become my strength--
Is 49:6 He says, It is too light a thing that you should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors [of the judgments] of Israel; I will also give you for a light to the nations, that My salvation may extend to the end of the earth.
Is 49:7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, Israel's Holy One, to him whom man rejects {and} despises, to him whom the nations abhor, to the servant of rulers: Kings shall see you and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, Who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, Who has chosen you.
Is 49:8 Thus says the Lord, In an acceptable {and} favorable time I have heard {and} answered you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you; and I will preserve you and give you for a covenant to the people, to raise up {and} establish the land [from its present state of ruin] and to apportion {and} cause them to inherit the desolate [moral wastes of heathenism, their] heritages,
Is 49:9 Saying to those who are bound, Come forth, and to those who are in [spiritual] darkness, Show yourselves [come into the light of the Sun of righteousness]. They shall feed in all the ways [in which they go], and their pastures shall be [not in deserts, but] on all the bare [grass-covered] hills.
Is 49:10 They will not hunger or thirst, neither will mirage [mislead] or scorching wind or sun smite them; for He Who has mercy on them will lead them, and by springs of water will He guide them.
Is 49:11 And I will make all My mountains a way, and My highways will be raised up.
Is 49:12 Behold, these shall come from afar--and, behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Sinim (China).
Is 49:13 Sing for joy, O heavens, and be joyful, O earth, and break forth into singing, O mountains! For the Lord has comforted His people and will have compassion upon His afflicted.
Is 49:14 But Zion [Jerusalem, her people as seen in captivity] said, The Lord has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me.
Is 49:15 [And the Lord answered] Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yes, they may forget, yet I will not forget you.
Is 49:16 Behold, I have indelibly imprinted (tattooed a picture of) you on the palm of each of My hands; [O Zion] your walls are continually before Me.
Is 49:17 Your children {and} your builders make haste; your destroyers and those who laid you waste go forth from you.
Is 49:18 Lift up your eyes round about and see [the returning exiles, ready to rebuild Jerusalem]; all these gather together and come to you. As I live, says the Lord, you [Zion] shall surely clothe yourself with them all as with an ornament and bind them on you as a bride does.
Is 49:19 For your waste and desolate places and your land [once the scene] of destruction surely now [in coming years] will be too narrow to accommodate the population, and those who once swallowed you up will be far away.
Is 49:20 The children of your bereavement [born during your captivity] shall yet say in your ears, The place is too narrow for me; make room for me, that I may live.
Is 49:21 Then [Zion], you will say in your heart, Who has borne me all these children, seeing that I lost my offspring and am alone {and} barren {and} unfruitful, an exile put away and wandering hither and thither? And who brought

them up? Behold, I was left alone [put away by the Lord, my Husband]; from where then did all these children come?
Is 49:22 Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will lift up My hand to the Gentile nations and set up My standard {and} raise high My signal banner to the peoples; and they will bring your sons in the bosom of their garments, and your daughters will be carried upon their shoulders.
Is 49:23 And kings shall be your foster fathers {and} guardians, and their queens your nursing mothers. They shall bow down to you with their faces to the earth and lick up the dust of your feet; and you shall know [with an acquaintance and understanding based on and grounded in personal experience] that I am the Lord; for they shall not be put to shame who wait for, look for, hope for, {and} expect Me.
Is 49:24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captives of the just be delivered?
Is 49:25 For thus says the Lord: Even the captives of the mighty will be taken away, and the prey of the terrible will be delivered; for I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will give safety to your children {and} ease them.
Is 49:26 And I will make those who oppress you consume themselves [in mutually destructive wars], thus eating their own flesh; and they will be drunk with their own blood, as with sweet wine; and all flesh will know [with a knowledge grounded in personal experience] that I, the Lord, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.
Is 50:1 THUS SAYS the Lord: Where is the bill of your mother's divorce with which I put her away, O Israel? Or which of My creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities you were sold, and for your transgressions was your mother put away.
Is 50:2 Why, when I came, was there no man? When I called, why was there no one to answer? Is My hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? Or have I no power to deliver? Behold, at My rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a desert; their fish stink because there is no water, and they die of thirst.
Is 50:3 I clothe the heavens with [the] blackness [of murky storm clouds], and I make sackcloth [of mourning] their covering.
Is 50:4 [The Servant of God says] The Lord God has given Me the tongue of a disciple {and} of one who is taught, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He wakens Me morning by morning, He wakens My ear to hear as a disciple [as one who is taught].
Is 50:5 The Lord God has opened My ear, and I have not been rebellious or turned backward.
Is 50:6 I gave My back to the smiters and My cheeks to those who plucked off the hair; I hid not My face from shame and spitting.
Is 50:7 For the Lord God helps Me; therefore have I not been ashamed {or} confounded. Therefore have I set My face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
Is 50:8 He is near Who declares Me in the right. Who will contend with Me? Let us stand forth together! Who is My adversary? Let him come near to Me.
Is 50:9 Behold, the Lord God will help Me; who is he who will condemn Me? Behold, they all will wax old {and} be worn out as a garment; the moth will eat them up.
Is 50:10 Who is among you who [reverently] fears the Lord, who obeys the voice of His Servant, yet who walks in darkness {and} deep trouble and has no shining splendor [in his heart]? Let him rely on, trust in, {and} be confident in the name of the Lord, and let him lean upon {and} be supported by his God.
Is 50:11 Behold, all you [enemies of your own selves] who attempt to kindle your own fires [and work out your own plans of salvation], who surround {and} gird yourselves with momentary sparks, darts, {and} firebrands that you set aflame!--walk by the light of your self-made fire and of the sparks that you have kindled [for yourself, if you will]! But this shall you have from My hand: you shall lie down in grief {and} in torment.
Is 51:1 HEARKEN TO Me, you who follow after rightness {and} justice, you who seek {and} inquire of [and require] the Lord [claiming Him by necessity and by right]: look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the hole in the quarry from which you were dug;
Is 51:2 Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for I called him when he was but one, and I blessed him and made him many.
Is 51:3 For the Lord will comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places. And He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song {or} instrument of praise.
Is 51:4 Listen to Me [the Lord], O My people, and give ear to Me, O My nation; for a [divine] law will go forth from Me, and I will establish My justice for a light to the peoples.
Is 51:5 My rightness {and} justice are near, My salvation is going forth, and My arms shall rule the peoples; the islands shall wait for {and} expect Me, and on My arm shall they trust {and} wait with hope.

Is 51:6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath; for the heavens shall be dissolved {and} vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner [like gnats]. But My salvation shall be forever, and My rightness {and} justice [and faithfully fulfilled promise] shall not be abolished.
Is 51:7 Listen to Me, you who know rightness {and} justice {and} right standing with God, the people in whose heart is My law {and} My instruction: fear not the reproach of men, neither be afraid {nor} dismayed at their revilings.
Is 51:8 For [in comparison with the Lord they are so weak that things as insignificant as] the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool. But My rightness {and} justice [and faithfully fulfilled promise] shall be forever, and My salvation to all generations.
Is 51:9 [Zion now cries to the Lord, the God of Israel] Awake, awake, put on strength {and} might, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the ancient days, as in the generations of long ago. Was it not You Who cut Rahab [Egypt] in pieces, Who pierced the dragon [symbol of Egypt]?
Is 51:10 Was it not You Who dried up the Red Sea, the waters of the great deep, Who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over? [Why then are we left so long in captivity?]
Is 51:11 [The Lord God says] And the redeemed of the Lord shall return and come with singing to Zion; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
Is 51:12 I, even I, am He Who comforts you. Who are you, that you should be afraid of man, who shall die, and of a son of man, who shall be made [as destructible] as grass,
Is 51:13 That you should forget the Lord your Maker, Who stretched forth the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, and fear continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, when he makes ready to destroy {or} even though he did so? And where is the fury of the oppressor?
Is 51:14 The captive exile {and} he who is bent down by chains shall speedily be released; and he shall not die and go down to the pit of destruction, nor shall his food fail.
Is 51:15 For I am the Lord your God, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar {and} Who by rebuke restrains it--the Lord of hosts is His name.
Is 51:16 And I have put My words in your mouth and have covered you with the shadow of My hand, that I may fix the [new] heavens as a tabernacle and lay the foundations of a [new] earth and say to Zion, You are My people.
Is 51:17 Arouse yourself, awake! Stand up, O Jerusalem, you who have drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of His wrath, you who have drunk the cup of staggering {and} intoxication to the dregs.
Is 51:18 There is none to guide her among all the sons she has borne; neither is there anyone to take her by the hand among all the sons whom she has brought up.
Is 51:19 Two kinds of calamities have befallen you--but who feels sorry for {and} commiserates you?--they are desolation and destruction [on the land and city], and famine and sword [on the inhabitants]--how shall I comfort you {or} by whom?
Is 51:20 Your sons have fainted; they lie [like corpses] at the head of all the streets, like an antelope in a net; they are full [from drinking] of the wrath of the Lord, the rebuke of your God.
Is 51:21 Therefore, now hear this, you who are afflicted, and [who are] drunk, but not with wine [but thrown down by the wrath of God].
Is 51:22 Thus says your Lord, the Lord, and your God, Who pleads the cause of His people: Behold, I have taken from your hand the cup of staggering {and} intoxication; the cup of My wrath you shall drink no more.
Is 51:23 And I will put it into the hands of your tormentors {and} oppressors, those who said to you, Bow down, that we may ride {or} tread over you; and you have made your back like the ground and like the street for them to pass over.
Is 52:1 AWAKE, AWAKE, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for henceforth there shall no more come into you the uncircumcised and the unclean.
Is 52:2 Shake yourself from the dust; arise, sit [erect in a dignified place], O Jerusalem; loose yourself from the bonds of your neck, O captive Daughter of Zion.
Is 52:3 For thus says the Lord: You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money.
Is 52:4 For thus says the Lord God: My people went down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there; and [many years later Sennacherib] the Assyrian oppressed them for nothing. [Now I delivered you from both Egypt and Assyria; what then can prevent Me from delivering you from Babylon?]
Is 52:5 But now what have I here, says the Lord, seeing that My people have been taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them howl [with joy], says the Lord, and My name continually is blasphemed all day long.
Is 52:6 Therefore My people shall know what My name is {and} what it means; therefore they shall know in that day

that I am He who speaks; behold, I AM!
Is 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, Your God reigns!
Is 52:8 Hark, your watchmen lift up their voices; together they sing for joy; for they shall see eye to eye the return of the Lord to Zion.
Is 52:9 Break forth joyously, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem!
Is 52:10 The Lord has made bare His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations [revealing Himself as the One by Whose direction the redemption of Israel from captivity is accomplished], and all the ends of the earth shall witness the salvation of our God.
Is 52:11 Depart, depart, go out from there [the lands of exile]! Touch no unclean thing! Go out of the midst of her [Babylon]; cleanse yourselves {and} be clean, you who bear the vessels of the Lord [on your journey from there].
Is 52:12 For you will not go out with haste, nor will you go in flight [as was necessary when Israel left Egypt]; for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.
Is 52:13 Behold, My Servant shall deal wisely {and} shall prosper; He shall be exalted and extolled and shall stand very high.
Is 52:14 [For many the Servant of God became an object of horror; many were astonished at Him.] His face {and} His whole appearance were marred more than any man's, and His form beyond that of the sons of men--but just as many were astonished at Him,
Is 52:15 So shall He startle {and} sprinkle many nations, and kings shall shut their mouths because of Him; for that which has not been told them shall they see, and that which they have not heard shall they consider {and} understand.
Is 53:1 WHO HAS believed (trusted in, relied upon, and clung to) our message [of that which was revealed to us]? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been disclosed?
Is 53:2 For [the Servant of God] grew up before Him like a tender plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He has no form or comeliness [royal, kingly pomp], that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him.
Is 53:3 He was despised and rejected {and} forsaken by men, a Man of sorrows {and} pains, and acquainted with grief {and} sickness; and like One from Whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we did not appreciate His worth {or} have any esteem for Him.
Is 53:4 Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows {and} pains [of punishment], yet we [ignorantly] considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God [as if with leprosy].
Is 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt {and} iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace {and} well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed {and} made whole.
Is 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has made to light upon Him the guilt {and} iniquity of us all.
Is 53:7 He was oppressed, [yet when] He was afflicted, He was submissive {and} opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth.
Is 53:8 By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who among them considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living [stricken to His death] for the transgression of my [Isaiah's] people, to whom the stroke was due?
Is 53:9 And they assigned Him a grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in His death, although He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth.
Is 53:10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief {and} made Him sick. When You {and} He make His life an offering for sin [and He has risen from the dead, in time to come], He shall see His [spiritual] offspring, He shall prolong His days, and the will {and} pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.
Is 53:11 He shall see [the fruit] of the travail of His soul and be satisfied; by His knowledge of Himself [which He possesses and imparts to others] shall My [uncompromisingly] righteous One, My Servant, justify many {and} make many righteous (upright and in right standing with God), for He shall bear their iniquities {and} their guilt [with the consequences, says the Lord].
Is 53:12 Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great [kings and rulers], and He shall divide the spoil with the mighty, because He poured out His life unto death, and [He let Himself] be regarded as a criminal {and} be numbered with the transgressors; yet He bore [and took away] the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors (the rebellious).
Is 54:1 SING, O barren one, you who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who did not travail with

child! For the [spiritual] children of the desolate one will be more than the children of the married wife, says the Lord.
Is 54:2 Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; spare not; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes,
Is 54:3 For you will spread abroad to the right hand and to the left; and your offspring will possess the nations and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.
Is 54:4 Fear not, for you shall not be ashamed; neither be confounded {and} depressed, for you shall not be put to shame. For you shall forget the shame of your youth, and you shall not [seriously] remember the reproach of your widowhood any more.
Is 54:5 For your Maker is your Husband--the Lord of hosts is His name--and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; the God of the whole earth He is called.
Is 54:6 For the Lord has called you like a woman forsaken, grieved in spirit, {and} heartsore--even a wife [wooed and won] in youth, when she is [later] refused {and} scorned, says your God.
Is 54:7 For a brief moment I forsook you, but with great compassion {and} mercy I will gather you [to Me] again.
Is 54:8 In a little burst of wrath I hid My face from you for a moment, but with age-enduring love {and} kindness I will have compassion {and} mercy on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer.
Is 54:9 For this is like the days of Noah to Me; as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I will not be angry with you or rebuke you.
Is 54:10 For though the mountains should depart and the hills be shaken {or} removed, yet My love {and} kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace {and} completeness be removed, says the Lord, Who has compassion on you.
Is 54:11 O you afflicted [city], storm-tossed and not comforted, behold, I will set your stones in fair colors [in antimony to enhance their brilliance] and lay your foundations with sapphires.
Is 54:12 And I will make your windows {and} pinnacles of [sparkling] agates {or} rubies, and your gates of [shining] carbuncles, and all your walls [of your enclosures] of precious stones.
Is 54:13 And all your [spiritual] children shall be disciples [taught by the Lord and obedient to His will], and great shall be the peace {and} undisturbed composure of your children.
Is 54:14 You shall establish yourself in righteousness (rightness, in conformity with God's will and order): you shall be far from even the thought of oppression {or} destruction, for you shall not fear, and from terror, for it shall not come near you.
Is 54:15 Behold, they may gather together {and} stir up strife, but it is not from Me. Whoever stirs up strife against you shall fall {and} surrender to you.
Is 54:16 Behold, I have created the smith who blows on the fire of coals and who produces a weapon for its purpose; and I have created the devastator to destroy.
Is 54:17 But no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shall show to be in the wrong. This [peace, righteousness, security, triumph over opposition] is the heritage of the servants of the Lord [those in whom the ideal Servant of the Lord is reproduced]; this is the righteousness {or} the vindication which they obtain from Me [this is that which I impart to them as their justification], says the Lord.
Is 55:1 WAIT {and} listen, everyone who is thirsty! Come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Yes, come, buy [priceless, spiritual] wine and milk without money and without price [simply for the self-surrender that accepts the blessing].
Is 55:2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your earnings for what does not satisfy? Hearken diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness [the profuseness of spiritual joy].
Is 55:3 Incline your ear [submit and consent to the divine will] and come to Me; hear, and your soul will revive; and I will make an everlasting covenant {or} league with you, even the sure mercy (kindness, goodwill, and compassion) promised to David.
Is 55:4 Behold, I have appointed him (Him) [David, as a representative of the Messiah, or the Messiah Himself] to be a witness [one (One) who shall testify of salvation] to the nations, a prince (Prince) and commander (Commander) to the peoples.
Is 55:5 Behold, you [Israel] shall call nations that you know not, and nations that do not know you shall run to you because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you.
Is 55:6 Seek, inquire for, {and} require the Lord while He may be found [claiming Him by necessity and by right]; call upon Him while He is near.

Is 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have love, pity, {and} mercy for him, and to our God, for He will multiply to him His abundant pardon.
Is 55:8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord.
Is 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.
Is 55:10 For as the rain and snow come down from the heavens, and return not there again, but water the earth and make it bring forth and sprout, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
Is 55:11 So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please {and} purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.
Is 55:12 For you shall go out [from the spiritual exile caused by sin and evil into the homeland] with joy and be led forth [by your Leader, the Lord Himself, and His word] with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Is 55:13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name of renown, for an everlasting sign [of jubilant exaltation] {and} memorial [to His praise], which shall not be cut off.
Is 56:1 THUS SAYS the Lord: Keep justice, do {and} use righteousness (conformity to the will of God which brings salvation), for My salvation is soon to come and My righteousness (My rightness and justice) to be revealed.
Is 56:2 Blessed, happy, {and} fortunate is the man who does this, and the son of man who lays hold of it {and} binds himself fast to it, who keeps sacred the Sabbath so as not to profane it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil.
Is 56:3 Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say, The Lord will surely separate me from His people. And let not the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.
Is 56:4 For thus says the Lord: To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths and choose the things which please Me and hold firmly My covenant--
Is 56:5 To them I will give in My house and within My walls a memorial and a name better [and more enduring] than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that will not be cut off.
Is 56:6 Also the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord to minister to Him and to love the name of the Lord and to be His servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath so as not to profane it and who holds fast My covenant [by conscientious obedience]--
Is 56:7 All these I will bring to My holy mountain and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
Is 56:8 Thus says the Lord God, Who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather yet others to [Israel] besides those already gathered.
Is 56:9 All you beasts of the field, come to devour, all you beasts (hostile nations) in the forest.
Is 56:10 [Israel's] watchmen are blind, they are all without knowledge; they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; dreaming, lying down, they love to slumber.
Is 56:11 Yes, the dogs are greedy; they never have enough. And such are the shepherds who cannot understand; they have all turned to their own way, each one to his own gain, from every quarter [one and all].
Is 56:12 Come, say they, We will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink! And tomorrow shall be as this day, a day great beyond measure.
Is 57:1 THE RIGHTEOUS man perishes, and no one lays it to heart; and merciful {and} devout men are taken away, with no one considering that the uncompromisingly upright {and} godly person is taken away from the calamity {and} evil to come [even through wickedness].
Is 57:2 He [in death] enters into peace; they rest in their beds, each one who walks straight {and} in his uprightness.
Is 57:3 But come close, you sons of a sorceress [nursed in witchcraft and superstition], you offspring of an adulterer and a harlot.
Is 57:4 Against whom do you make sport {and} take your delight? Against whom do you open wide your mouth and put out your tongue? Are you not yourselves the children of transgression, the offspring of deceit--
Is 57:5 You who burn with lust [inflaming yourselves with idols] among the oaks, under every green tree, you who slay the children [in sacrifice] in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks?
Is 57:6 Among the smooth stones of the valley is your portion; they, they [the idols] are your lot; to them you have poured out a drink offering, you have offered a cereal offering. Should I be quiet in spite of all these things [and leave them unpunished--bearing them with patience]?
Is 57:7 Upon a lofty and high mountain you have openly {and} shamelessly set your [idolatrous and adulterous] bed;

even there you went up to offer sacrifice [in spiritual unfaithfulness to your divine Husband].
Is 57:8 Behind the door and the doorpost you have set up your [idol] symbol [as a substitute for the Scripture text God ordered]. Deserting Me, you have uncovered and ascended and enlarged your bed; and you have made a [fresh] bargain for yourself with [the adulterers], and you loved their bed, where you saw [a beckoning hand or a passion-inflaming image].
Is 57:9 And you went to the king [of foreign lands with gifts] {or} to Molech [the god] with oil and increased your perfumes {and} ointments; you sent your messengers far off and debased yourself even to Sheol (Hades) [symbol of an abysmal depth of degradation].
Is 57:10 You were wearied with the length of your way [in trying to find rest and satisfaction in alliances apart from the true God], yet you did not say, There is no result {or} profit. You found quickened strength; therefore you were not faint {or} heartsick [or penitent].
Is 57:11 Of whom have you been so afraid and in dread that you lied {and} were treacherous and did not [seriously] remember Me, did not even give Me a thought? Have I not been silent, even for a long time, and so you do not fear Me?
Is 57:12 I will expose your [pretended] righteousness and your doings, but they will not help you.
Is 57:13 When you cry out, let your [rabble] collection of idols deliver you! But the wind shall take them all, a breath shall carry them away. But he who takes refuge in Me shall possess the land [Judea] and shall inherit My holy mountain [Zion, also the heavenly inheritance and the spiritual Zion].
Is 57:14 And the word of One shall go forth, Cast up, cast up, prepare the way! Take up the stumbling block out of the way [of the spiritual return] of My people.
Is 57:15 For thus says the high and lofty One--He Who inhabits eternity, Whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, but with him also who is of a thoroughly penitent and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the thoroughly penitent [bruised with sorrow for sin].
Is 57:16 For I will not contend forever, neither will I be angry always, for [if I did stay angry] the spirit [of man] would faint {and} be consumed before Me, and [My purpose in] creating the souls of men would be frustrated.
Is 57:17 Because of the iniquity of his [Judah's] covetousness {and} unjust gain I was angry and smote him. I hid my face and was angry, and he went on turning away {and} backsliding in the way of his [own willful] heart.
Is 57:18 I have seen his [willful] ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him also and will recompense him and restore comfort to him and to those who mourn for him.
Is 57:19 Peace, peace, to him who is far off [both Jew and Gentile] and to him who is near! says the Lord; I create the fruit of his lips, and I will heal him [make his lips blossom anew with speech in thankful praise].
Is 57:20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, for it cannot rest, and its waters cast up mire and dirt.
Is 57:21 There is no peace, says my God, for the wicked.
Is 58:1 CRY ALOUD, spare not. Lift up your voice like a trumpet and declare to My people their transgression and to the house of Jacob their sins!
Is 58:2 Yet they seek, inquire for, {and} require Me daily and delight [externally] to know My ways, as [if they were in reality] a nation that did righteousness and forsook not the ordinance of their God. They ask of Me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God [in visible ways].
Is 58:3 Why have we fasted, they say, and You do not see it? Why have we afflicted ourselves, and You take no knowledge [of it]? Behold [O Israel], on the day of your fast [when you should be grieving for your sins], you find profit in your business, and [instead of stopping all work, as the law implies you and your workmen should do] you extort from your hired servants a full amount of labor.
Is 58:4 [The facts are that] you fast only for strife and debate and to smite with the fist of wickedness. Fasting as you do today will not cause your voice to be heard on high.
Is 58:5 Is such a fast as yours what I have chosen, a day for a man to humble himself with sorrow in his soul? [Is true fasting merely mechanical?] Is it only to bow down his head like a bulrush and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him [to indicate a condition of heart that he does not have]? Will you call this a fast and an acceptable day to the Lord?
Is 58:6 [Rather] is not this the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every [enslaving] yoke?
Is 58:7 Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house--when you see the naked, that you cover him, and that you hide not yourself from [the needs of] your own flesh {and} blood?
Is 58:8 Then shall your light break forth like the morning, and your healing (your restoration and the power of a new life) shall spring forth speedily; your righteousness (your rightness, your justice, and your right relationship with God)

shall go before you [conducting you to peace and prosperity], and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Is 58:9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, Here I am. If you take away from your midst yokes of oppression [wherever you find them], the finger pointed in scorn [toward the oppressed or the godly], and every form of false, harsh, unjust, {and} wicked speaking,
Is 58:10 And if you pour out that with which you sustain your own life for the hungry and satisfy the need of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in darkness, and your obscurity {and} gloom become like the noonday.
Is 58:11 And the Lord shall guide you continually and satisfy you in drought {and} in dry places and make strong your bones. And you shall be like a watered garden and like a spring of water whose waters fail not.
Is 58:12 And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of [buildings that have laid waste for] many generations; and you shall be called Repairer of the Breach, Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.
Is 58:13 If you turn away your foot from [traveling unduly on] the Sabbath, from doing your own pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a [spiritual] delight, the holy day of the Lord honorable, and honor Him {and} it, not going your own way or seeking {or} finding your own pleasure or speaking with your own [idle] words,
Is 58:14 Then will you delight yourself in the Lord, and I will make you to ride on the high places of the earth, and I will feed you with the heritage [promised for you] of Jacob your father; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.
Is 59:1 BEHOLD, THE Lord's hand is not shortened at all, that it cannot save, nor His ear dull with deafness, that it cannot hear.
Is 59:2 But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.
Is 59:3 For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue mutters wickedness.
Is 59:4 None sues {or} calls in righteousness [but for the sake of doing injury to others--to take some undue advantage]; no one goes to law honestly {and} pleads [his case] in truth; they trust in emptiness, worthlessness {and} futility, and speaking lies! They conceive mischief and bring forth evil!
Is 59:5 They hatch adders' eggs and weave the spider's web; he who eats of their eggs dies, and [from an egg] which is crushed a viper breaks out [for their nature is ruinous, deadly, evil].
Is 59:6 Their webs will not serve as clothing, nor will they cover themselves with what they make; their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.
Is 59:7 Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood. Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; desolation and destruction are in their paths {and} highways.
Is 59:8 The way of peace they know not, and there is no justice {or} right in their goings. They have made them into crooked paths; whoever goes in them does not know peace.
Is 59:9 Therefore are justice {and} right far from us, and righteousness {and} salvation do not overtake us. We expectantly wait for light, but [only] see darkness; for brightness, but we walk in obscurity {and} gloom.
Is 59:10 We grope for the wall like the blind, yes, we grope like those who have no eyes. We stumble at noonday as in the twilight; in dark places {and} among those who are full of life {and} vigor, we are as dead men.
Is 59:11 We all groan {and} growl like bears and moan plaintively like doves. We look for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far from us.
Is 59:12 For our transgressions are multiplied before You [O Lord], and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we know {and} recognize them [as]:
Is 59:13 Rebelling against and denying the Lord, turning away from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving in and muttering {and} moaning from the heart words of falsehood.
Is 59:14 Justice is turned away backward, and righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God) stands far off; for truth has fallen in the street (the city's forum), and uprightness cannot enter [the courts of justice].
Is 59:15 Yes, truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. And the Lord saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice.
Is 59:16 And He saw that there was no man and wondered that there was no intercessor [no one to intervene on behalf of truth and right]; therefore His own arm brought Him victory, and His own righteousness [having the Spirit without measure] sustained Him.
Is 59:17 For [the Lord] put on righteousness as a breastplate {or} coat of mail, and salvation as a helmet upon His head; He put on garments of vengeance for clothing and was clad with zeal [and furious divine jealousy] as a cloak.
Is 59:18 According as their deeds deserve, so will He repay wrath to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies; on the foreign islands {and} coastlands He will make compensation.
Is 59:19 So [as the result of the Messiah's intervention] they shall [reverently] fear the name of the Lord from the west,

and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him {and} put him to flight [for He will come like a rushing stream which the breath of the Lord drives].
Is 59:20 He shall come as a Redeemer to Zion and to those in Jacob (Israel) who turn from transgression, says the Lord.
Is 59:21 As for Me, this is My covenant {or} league with them, says the Lord: My Spirit, Who is upon you [and Who writes the law of God inwardly on the heart], and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouths of your [true, spiritual] children, or out of the mouths of your children's children, says the Lord, from henceforth and forever.
Is 60:1 ARISE [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you--rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!
Is 60:2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness [all] peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you [O Jerusalem], and His glory shall be seen on you.
Is 60:3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
Is 60:4 Lift up your eyes round about you and see! They all gather themselves together, they come to you. Your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried {and} nursed in the arms.
Is 60:5 Then you shall see and be radiant, and your heart shall thrill {and} tremble with joy [at the glorious deliverance] and be enlarged; because the abundant wealth of the [Dead] Sea shall be turned to you, unto you shall the nations come with their treasures.
Is 60:6 A multitude of camels [from the eastern trading tribes] shall cover you [Jerusalem], the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all the men from Sheba [who once came to trade] shall come, bringing gold and frankincense and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.
Is 60:7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you [as the eastern pastoral tribes join the trading tribes], the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on My altar, and My glorious house I will glorify.
Is 60:8 Who are these who fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows?
Is 60:9 Surely the isles {and} distant coastlands shall wait for {and} expect Me; and the ships of Tarshish [shall come] first, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the Lord your God, for the Holy One of Israel, because He has beautified {and} glorified you.
Is 60:10 Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in My wrath I smote you, but in My favor, pleasure, {and} goodwill I have had mercy, love, {and} pity for you.
Is 60:11 And your gates shall be open continually, they shall not be shut day or night, that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations--and their kings led in procession [your voluntary captives].
Is 60:12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you in that day [Jerusalem] shall perish; yes, those nations shall be utterly laid waste.
Is 60:13 The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine [trees] together, to beautify the place of My sanctuary; and I will make the place of My feet glorious.
Is 60:14 The sons of those who afflicted you shall come bending low to you, and all those who despised you shall bow down at your feet, and they shall call you the City of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Is 60:15 Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, so that no man passed through you, I will make you [Jerusalem] an eternal glory, a joy from age to age.
Is 60:16 You shall suck the milk of the [Gentile] nations and shall suck the breast of kings; and you shall recognize {and} know that I, the Lord, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.
Is 60:17 Instead of bronze I will bring gold, and instead of iron I will bring silver; and instead of wood, bronze, and instead of stones, iron. [Instead of the tyranny of the present] I will appoint peace as your officers and righteousness as your taskmasters.
Is 60:18 Violence shall no more be heard in your land, nor devastation or destruction within your borders, but you shall call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise.
Is 60:19 The sun shall no more be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you, but the Lord shall be to you an everlasting light, and your God your glory {and} your beauty.
Is 60:20 Your sun shall no more go down, nor shall your moon withdraw itself, for the Lord shall be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended.
Is 60:21 Your people also shall all be [uncompromisingly and consistently] righteous; they shall possess the land forever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I may be glorified.

Is 60:22 The least one shall become a thousand [a clan], and the small one a strong nation. I, the Lord, will hasten it in its [appointed] time.
Is 61:1 THE SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed {and} qualified me to preach the Gospel {of} good tidings to the meek, the poor, {and} afflicted; He has sent me to bind up {and} heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the [physical and spiritual] captives and the opening of the prison {and} of the eyes to those who are bound,
Is 61:2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord [the year of His favor] and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,
Is 61:3 To grant [consolation and joy] to those who mourn in Zion--to give them an ornament (a garland or diadem) of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment [expressive] of praise instead of a heavy, burdened, {and} failing spirit--that they may be called oaks of righteousness [lofty, strong, and magnificent, distinguished for uprightness, justice, and right standing with God], the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.
Is 61:4 And they shall rebuild the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former desolations and renew the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.
Is 61:5 Aliens shall stand [ready] and feed your flocks, and foreigners shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.
Is 61:6 But you shall be called the priests of the Lord; people will speak of you as the ministers of our God. You shall eat the wealth of the nations, and the glory [once that of your captors] shall be yours.
Is 61:7 Instead of your [former] shame you shall have a twofold recompense; instead of dishonor {and} reproach [your people] shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double [what they had forfeited]; everlasting joy shall be theirs.
Is 61:8 For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery {and} wrong with violence {or} a burnt offering. And I will faithfully give them their recompense in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant {or} league with them.
Is 61:9 And their offspring shall be known among the nations and their descendants among the peoples. All who see them [in their prosperity] will recognize {and} acknowledge that they are the people whom the Lord has blessed.
Is 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul will exult in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
Is 61:11 For as [surely as] the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring forth, so [surely] the Lord God will cause rightness {and} justice and praise to spring forth before all the nations [through the self-fulfilling power of His word].
Is 62:1 FOR ZION'S sake will I [Isaiah] not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest until her imputed righteousness {and} vindication go forth as brightness, and her salvation radiates as does a burning torch.
Is 62:2 And the nations shall see your righteousness {and} vindication [your rightness and justice--not your own, but His ascribed to you], and all kings shall behold your salvation and glory; and you shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord shall name.
Is 62:3 You shall also be [so beautiful and prosperous as to be thought of as] a crown of glory {and} honor in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem [exceedingly beautiful] in the hand of your God.
Is 62:4 You [Judah] shall no more be termed Forsaken, nor shall your land be called Desolate any more. But you shall be called Hephzibah [My delight is in her], and your land be called Beulah [married]; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married [owned and protected by the Lord].
Is 62:5 For as a young man marries a virgin [O Jerusalem], so shall your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.
Is 62:6 I have set watchmen upon your walls, O Jerusalem, who will never hold their peace day or night; you who [are His servants and by your prayers] put the Lord in remembrance [of His promises], keep not silence,
Is 62:7 And give Him no rest until He establishes Jerusalem and makes her a praise in the earth.
Is 62:8 The Lord has sworn by His right hand and by His mighty arm: Surely I will not again give your grain as food for your enemies, and [the invading sons of] aliens shall not drink your new wine for which you have toiled;
Is 62:9 But they who have gathered it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and they who have brought in the vintage shall drink it [at the feasts celebrated] in the courts of My sanctuary (the temple of My holiness).
Is 62:10 Go through, go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Cast up, cast up the highway! Gather out the stones. Lift up a standard {or} ensign over {and} for the peoples.
Is 62:11 Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the Daughter of Zion, Behold, your salvation comes [in the person of the Lord]; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work {and} recompense before Him.
Is 62:12 And they shall call them the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called Sought Out, a

City Not Forsaken.
Is 63:1 WHO IS this Who comes from Edom, with crimson-stained garments from Bozrah [in Edom]? This One Who is glorious in His apparel, striding triumphantly in the greatness of His might? It is I, [the One] Who speaks in righteousness [proclaiming vindication], mighty to save!
Is 63:2 Why is Your apparel splashed with red, and Your garments like the one who treads in the winepress?
Is 63:3 I have trodden the winepress alone, and of the peoples there was no one with Me. I trod them in My anger and trampled them in My wrath; and their lifeblood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I stained all My raiment.
Is 63:4 For the day of vengeance was in My heart, and My year of redemption [the year of My redeemed] has come.
Is 63:5 And I looked, but there was no one to help; I was amazed {and} appalled that there was no one to uphold [truth and right]. So My own arm brought Me victory, and My wrath upheld Me.
Is 63:6 I trod down the peoples in My anger and made them drink of the cup of My wrath until they were intoxicated, and I spilled their lifeblood upon the earth.
Is 63:7 I will recount the loving-kindnesses of the Lord and the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has bestowed on us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel, which He has granted them according to His mercy and according to the multitude of His loving-kindnesses.
Is 63:8 For He said, Surely they are My people, sons who will not lie [who will not deal falsely with Me]; and so He was to them a Savior [in all their distresses].
Is 63:9 In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the Angel of His presence saved them; in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.
Is 63:10 But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; therefore He turned to become their enemy and Himself fought against them.
Is 63:11 Then His people [seriously] remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people [and they said], Where is He Who brought [our fathers] up out of the [Red] Sea, with [Moses and the other] shepherds of His flock? Where is He Who put His Holy Spirit within their midst,
Is 63:12 Who caused His glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, dividing the waters before them, to make for Himself an everlasting name,
Is 63:13 Who led them through the depths, like a horse in the wilderness, so that they did not stumble?
Is 63:14 Like the cattle that go down into the valley [to find better pasturage, refuge, and rest], the Spirit of the Lord caused them to rest. So did You lead Your people [Lord] to make for Yourself a beautiful {and} glorious name [to prepare the way for the acknowledgment of Your name by all nations].
Is 63:15 Look down from heaven and see from the dwelling place of Your holiness and Your glory. Where are Your zeal {and} Your jealousy and Your mighty acts [which you formerly did for Your people]? Your yearning pity and the [multitude of] compassions of Your heart are restrained {and} withheld from me.
Is 63:16 For [surely] You are our Father, even though Abraham [our ancestor] does not know us and Israel (Jacob) does not acknowledge us; You, O Lord, are [still] our Father, our Redeemer from everlasting is Your name.
Is 63:17 O Lord, why have You made us [able] to err from Your ways and hardened our hearts to [reverential] fear of You? Return [to bless us] for Your servants' sake, the tribes of Your heritage.
Is 63:18 Your holy people possessed Your sanctuary but a little while; our adversaries have trodden it down.
Is 63:19 We have become [to You] like those over whom You never exercised rule, like those who were not called by Your name.
Is 64:1 OH, THAT You would rend the heavens and that You would come down, that the mountains might quake {and} flow down at Your presence--
Is 64:2 As when fire kindles the brushwood and the fire causes the waters to boil--to make Your name known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence!
Is 64:3 When You did terrible things which we did not expect, You came down; the mountains quaked at Your presence.
Is 64:4 For from of old no one has heard nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen a God besides You, Who works {and} shows Himself active on behalf of him who [earnestly] waits for Him.
Is 64:5 You meet {and} spare him who joyfully works righteousness (uprightness and justice), [earnestly] remembering You in Your ways. Behold, You were angry, for we sinned; we have long continued in our sins [prolonging Your anger]. And shall we be saved?
Is 64:6 For we have all become like one who is unclean [ceremonially, like a leper], and all our righteousness (our best deeds of rightness and justice) is like filthy rags {or} a polluted garment; we all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away [far from God's favor, hurrying us toward destruction].

Is 64:7 And no one calls on Your name and awakens {and} bestirs himself to take {and} keep hold of You; for You have hidden Your face from us and have delivered us into the [consuming] power of our iniquities.
Is 64:8 Yet, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our Potter, and we all are the work of Your hand.
Is 64:9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, or [seriously] remember iniquity forever. Behold, consider, we beseech You, we are all Your people.
Is 64:10 Your holy cities have become a wilderness; Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.
Is 64:11 Our holy and our beautiful house, [the temple] where our fathers praised You, is burned with fire, and all our pleasant {and} desirable places are in ruins.
Is 64:12 Considering these [calamities], will You restrain Yourself, O Lord [and not come to our aid]? Will You keep silent {and} not command our deliverance but humble {and} afflict us exceedingly?
Is 65:1 I WAS [ready to be] inquired of by those who asked not; I was [ready to be] found by those who sought Me not. I said, Here I am, here I am [says I AM] to a nation [Israel] that has not called on My name.
Is 65:2 I have spread out My hands all the day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, after their own thoughts--
Is 65:3 A people who provoke Me to My face continually, sacrificing [to idols] in gardens and burning incense upon bricks [instead of at God's prescribed altar];
Is 65:4 Who sit among the graves [trying to talk with the dead] and lodge among the secret places [or caves where familiar spirits were thought to dwell]; who eat swine's flesh, and the broth of abominable {and} loathsome things is in their vessels;
Is 65:5 Who say, Keep to yourself; do not come near me, for I am set apart from you [and lest I sanctify you]! These are smoke in My nostrils, a fire that burns all the day.
Is 65:6 Behold, it is written before Me: I will not keep silence but will repay; yes, I will repay into their bosom
Is 65:7 Both your own iniquities and the iniquities of your fathers, says the Lord. Because they too burned incense upon the mountains and reviled {and} blasphemed Me upon the hills, therefore will I measure {and} stretch out their former doings into their own bosom.
Is 65:8 Thus says the Lord: As the juice [of the grape] is found in the cluster, and one says, Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it, so will I do for My servants' sake, that I may not destroy them all.
Is 65:9 And I will bring forth an offspring from Jacob, and from Judah an inheritor of My mountains; My chosen {and} elect will inherit it, and My servants will dwell there.
Is 65:10 And [the plain of] Sharon shall be a pasture {and} fold for flocks, and the Valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down, for My people who seek Me, inquire of Me, {and} require Me [by right of their necessity and by right of My invitation].
Is 65:11 But you who forsake the Lord, who forget {and} ignore My holy Mount [Zion], who prepare a table for Gad [the Babylonian god of fortune] and who furnish mixed drinks for Meni [the god of destiny]--
Is 65:12 I will destine you [says the Lord] for the sword, and you shall all bow down to the slaughter, because when I called, you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not listen {or} obey. But you did what was evil in My eyes, and you chose that in which I did not delight.
Is 65:13 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, My servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry; behold, My servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty; behold, My servants shall rejoice, but you shall be put to shame.
Is 65:14 Behold, My servants shall sing for joy of heart, but you shall cry out for pain {and} sorrow of heart and shall wail {and} howl for anguish, vexation, {and} breaking of spirit.
Is 65:15 And you will leave your name to My chosen [to those who will use it] for a curse; and the Lord God will slay you, but He will call His servants by another name [as much greater than the former name as the name Israel was greater than the name Jacob].
Is 65:16 So [it shall be] that he who invokes a blessing on himself in the land shall do so by saying, May the God of truth {and} fidelity [the Amen] bless me; and he who takes an oath in the land shall swear by the God of truth {and} faithfulness to His promises [the Amen], because the former troubles are forgotten and because they are hidden from My eyes.
Is 65:17 For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth. And the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.
Is 65:18 But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a rejoicing and her people a joy.
Is 65:19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; and the sound of weeping will no more be heard in it, nor the cry of distress.

Is 65:20 There shall no more be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who dies prematurely; for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner who dies when only a hundred years old shall be [thought only a child, cut off because he is] accursed.
Is 65:21 They shall build houses and inhabit them, and they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them.
Is 65:22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat [the fruit]. For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, and My chosen {and} elect shall long make use of {and} enjoy the work of their hands.
Is 65:23 They shall not labor in vain or bring forth [children] for sudden terror {or} calamity; for they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.
Is 65:24 And it shall be that before they call I will answer; and while they are yet speaking I will hear.
Is 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy Mount [Zion], says the Lord.
Is 66:1 THUS SAYS the Lord: Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. What kind of house would you build for Me? And what kind can be My resting-place?
Is 66:2 For all these things My hand has made, and so all these things have come into being [by and for Me], says the Lord. But this is the man to whom I will look {and} have regard: he who is humble and of a broken {or} wounded spirit, and who trembles at My word {and} reveres My commands.
Is 66:3 [The acts of the hypocrite's worship are as abominable to God as if they were offered to idols.] He who kills an ox [then] will be as guilty as if he slew {and} sacrificed a man; he who sacrifices a lamb {or} a kid, as if he broke a dog's neck {and} sacrificed him; he who offers a cereal offering, as if he offered swine's blood; he who burns incense [to God], as if he blessed an idol. [Such people] have chosen their own ways, and they delight in their abominations;
Is 66:4 So I also will choose their delusions {and} mockings, their calamities {and} afflictions, and I will bring their fears upon them--because when I called, no one answered; when I spoke, they did not listen {or} obey. But they did what was evil in My sight and chose that in which I did not delight.
Is 66:5 Hear the word of the Lord, you who tremble at His word: Your brethren who hate you, who cast you out for My name's sake, have said, Let the Lord be glorified, that we may see your joy! But it is they who shall be put to shame.
Is 66:6 [Hark!] An uproar from the city! A voice from the temple! The voice of the Lord, rendering recompense to His enemies!
Is 66:7 Before [Zion] travailed, she gave birth; before her pain came upon her, she was delivered of a male child.
Is 66:8 Who has heard of such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? Or shall a nation be brought forth in a moment? For as soon as Zion was in labor, she brought forth her children.
Is 66:9 Shall I bring to the [moment of] birth and not cause to bring forth? says the Lord. Shall I Who causes to bring forth shut the womb? says your God.
Is 66:10 Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn over her,
Is 66:11 That you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breasts, that you may drink deeply and be delighted with the abundance {and} brightness of her glory.
Is 66:12 For thus says the Lord: Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; then you will be nursed, you will be carried on her hip and trotted [lovingly bounced up and down] on her [God's maternal] knees.
Is 66:13 As one whom his mother comforts, so will I comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
Is 66:14 When you see this, your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like green {and} tender grass. And the [powerful] hand of the Lord shall be revealed {and} known to be with His servants, but His indignation [shown] to be against His enemies.
Is 66:15 For behold, the Lord will come in fire, and His chariots will be like the stormy wind, to render His anger with fierceness, and His rebuke with flames of fire.
Is 66:16 For by fire and by His sword will the Lord execute judgment upon all flesh, and the slain of the Lord will be many.
Is 66:17 Those who [attempt to] sanctify themselves and cleanse themselves to enter [and sacrifice to idols] in the gardens, following after one in the midst, eating hog's flesh and the abomination [creeping things] and the [mouse--their works and their thoughts] shall come to an end together, says the Lord.
Is 66:18 For I know their works and their thoughts. And the time is coming when I will gather all nations and tongues, and they will come and see My glory.

Is 66:19 And I will set up a [miraculous] sign among them, and from them I will send survivors to the nations--to Tarshish, Pul (Put), and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the isles {and} coastlands afar off that have not heard of My fame nor seen My glory. And they will declare {and} proclaim My glory among the nations.
Is 66:20 And they shall bring all your brethren from all the nations as an offering to the Lord--upon horses and in chariots and in litters and upon mules and upon camels--to My holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the children of Israel bring their cereal offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord.
Is 66:21 And I will also take some of them for priests and for Levites, says the Lord.
Is 66:22 For as the new heavens and the new earth which I make shall remain before Me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain.
Is 66:23 And it shall be that from one New Moon to another New Moon and from one Sabbath to another Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, says the Lord.
Is 66:24 And they shall go forth and gaze upon the dead bodies of the [rebellious] men who have stepped over against Me; for their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all mankind.
Jer 1:1 THE WORDS of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin [two or three miles north of Jerusalem],
Jer 1:2 To whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah in the thirteenth year of his reign.
Jer 1:3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah son of Josiah king of Judah, until the carrying away of Jerusalem into captivity in the fifth month.
Jer 1:4 Then the word of the Lord came to me [Jeremiah], saying,
Jer 1:5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew [and] approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated {and} set you apart, consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.
Jer 1:6 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am only a youth.
Jer 1:7 But the Lord said to me, Say not, I am only a youth; for you shall go to all to whom I shall send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.
Jer 1:8 Be not afraid of them [their faces], for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.
Jer 1:9 Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.
Jer 1:10 See, I have this day appointed you to the oversight of the nations and of the kingdoms to root out and pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.
Jer 1:11 Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Jeremiah, what do you see? And I said, I see a branch {or} shoot of an almond tree [the emblem of alertness and activity, blossoming in late winter].
Jer 1:12 Then said the Lord to me, You have seen well, for I am alert {and} active, watching over My word to perform it.
Jer 1:13 And the word of the Lord came to me the second time, saying, What do you see? And I said, I see a boiling pot, and the face of it is [tipped away] from the north [its mouth about to pour forth on the south, on Judea].
Jer 1:14 Then the Lord said to me, Out of the north the evil [which the prophets had foretold as the result of national sin] shall disclose itself {and} break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.
Jer 1:15 For, behold, I will call all the tribes of the kingdoms of the north, says the Lord; and they will come and set every one his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its walls round about, and against all the cities of Judah [as God's judicial act, a consequence of Judah's wickedness].
Jer 1:16 And I will utter My judgments against them for all the wickedness of those who have forsaken Me, burned incense to other gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands [idols].
Jer 1:17 But you [Jeremiah], gird up your loins! Arise and tell them all that I command you. Do not be dismayed {and} break down at the sight of their faces, lest I confound you before them {and} permit you to be overcome.
Jer 1:18 For I, behold, I have made you this day a fortified city and an iron pillar and bronze walls against the whole land--against the [successive] kings of Judah, against its princes, against its priests, and against the people of the land [giving you divine strength which no hostile power can overcome].
Jer 1:19 And they shall fight against you, but they shall not [finally] prevail against you, for I am with you, says the Lord, to deliver you.
Jer 2:1 AND THE word of the Lord came to me [Jeremiah], saying,
Jer 2:2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus says the Lord: I [earnestly] remember the kindness {and} devotion of your youth, your love after your betrothal [in Egypt] {and} marriage [at Sinai] when you followed Me in the wilderness, in a land not sown.

Jer 2:3 Israel was holiness [something set apart from ordinary purposes, dedicated] to the Lord, the firstfruits of His harvest [of which no stranger was allowed to partake]; all who ate of it [injuring Israel] offended {and} became guilty; evil came upon them, says the Lord.
Jer 2:4 Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.
Jer 2:5 Thus says the Lord: What unrighteousness did your fathers find in Me, that they went far from Me and [habitually] went after emptiness, falseness, {and} futility and themselves became fruitless {and} worthless?
Jer 2:6 Nor did they say, Where is the Lord, Who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, Who led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and pits, through a land of drought and of the shadow of death {and} deep darkness, through a land that no man passes through and where no man dwells?
Jer 2:7 And I brought you into a plentiful land to enjoy its fruits and good things. But when you entered, you defiled My land and made My heritage an abomination [detestable and loathsome].
Jer 2:8 [Even] the priests did not say, Where is the Lord? And those who handle the law [given by God to Moses] knew Me not. The rulers {and} secular shepherds also transgressed against Me, and the prophets prophesied by [the authority and in the name of] Baal and followed after things that do not profit.
Jer 2:9 Therefore I will still contend with you [by inflicting further judgments on you], says the Lord, and with your children's children will I contend.
Jer 2:10 For cross over to the coasts of Cyprus [to the west] and see, send also to Kedar [to the east] and carefully consider; and see whether there has been such a thing as this:
Jer 2:11 Has a nation [ever] changed its gods, even though they are not gods? But My people have changed their Glory [God] for that which does not profit.
Jer 2:12 Be astonished {and} appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked {and} shrivel up with horror, says the Lord [at the behavior of the people].
Jer 2:13 For My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the Fountain of living waters, {and} they have hewn for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns which cannot hold water.
Jer 2:14 Is Israel a servant? Is he a homeborn slave? Why has he become a captive {and} a prey?
Jer 2:15 The young lions have roared over him {and} made their voices heard. And they have made his land a waste; his cities are burned ruins without inhabitant.
Jer 2:16 Moreover, the children of Memphis and Tahpanhes (Egypt) [have in times past shown their power as a foe; they] have broken {and} fed on the crown of your head [Israel]--so do not rely on them as an ally now.
Jer 2:17 Have you not brought this upon yourself by forsaking the Lord your God when He led you in the way?
Jer 2:18 And now what have you to gain by allying yourself with Egypt {and} going her way, to drink the [black and roiled] waters of the Nile? Or what have you to gain in going the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the Euphrates?
Jer 2:19 Your own wickedness shall chasten {and} correct you, and your backslidings {and} desertion of faith shall reprove you. Know therefore {and} recognize that this is an evil and bitter thing: [first,] you have forsaken the Lord your God; [second,] you are indifferent to Me {and} the fear of Me is not in you, says the Lord of hosts.
Jer 2:20 For long ago [in Egypt] I broke your yoke and burst your bonds [not that you might be free, but that you might serve Me] {and} long ago you shattered the yoke and snapped the bonds [of My law which I put upon you]; you said, I will not serve {and} obey You! For upon every high hill and under every green tree you [eagerly] prostrated yourself [in idolatrous worship], playing the harlot.
Jer 2:21 Yet I had planted you [O house of Israel] a choice vine, wholly of pure seed. How then have you turned into degenerate shoots of wild vine alien to Me?
Jer 2:22 For though you wash yourself with lye and use much soap, yet your iniquity {and} guilt are still [upon you; you are] spotted, dirty, {and} stained before Me, says the Lord.
Jer 2:23 How can you say, I am not defiled; I have not gone after the Baals [other gods]? Look at your way in the valley; know what you have done. You are a restive young female camel [in the uncontrollable violence of her brute passion eagerly] running hither and thither,
Jer 2:24 Or [you have the untamed and reckless nature of] a wild donkey used to the desert, in her heat sniffing the wind [for the scent of a male]. In her mating season who can restrain her? No males seeking her need weary themselves; in her month they will find her [seeking them].
Jer 2:25 [Cease from your mad running after idols, from which you get nothing but bitter injury.] Keep your feet from being unshod and your throat from thirst. But you said, It is hopeless! For I have loved strangers {and} foreigners, and after them I will go.
Jer 2:26 As the thief is brought to shame when he is caught, so shall the house of Israel be brought to shame--they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets--

Jer 2:27 [Inasmuch as] they say to a tree, You are my father, and to a stone, You gave me birth. For they have turned their backs to Me and not their faces; but in the time of their trouble, they say, Arise [O Lord] and save us!
Jer 2:28 But where are your gods that you made for yourself? Let them arise if they can save you in the time of your trouble! For [as many as] the number of your cities are your gods, O Judah. [Surely so many handmade idols should be able to help you!]
Jer 2:29 Why do you complain {and} remonstrate against My wrath? You all have rebelled {and} revolted against Me, says the Lord.
Jer 2:30 In vain have I stricken your children (your people); they received no discipline (no correction). Your own sword devoured your prophets like a destroying lion.
Jer 2:31 O generation [that you are]! Behold, consider, {and} regard the word of the Lord: Have I been a wilderness to Israel [like a land without food]? A land of deep darkness [like a way without light]? Why do My people say, We have broken loose [we are free and will roam at large]; we will come no more to You?
Jer 2:32 Can a maid forget {and} neglect [to wear] her ornaments, or a bride her [marriage] girdle [with its significance like that of a wedding ring]? Yet My people have forgotten Me, days without number.
Jer 2:33 How you deck yourself {and} direct your way to procure [adulterous] love! Because of it even wicked women have learned [indecent] ways from you.
Jer 2:34 Also on your skirts is found the lifeblood of the persons of the innocent poor; you did not find them housebreaking, {nor} have I found it out by secret search. But it is because of [your lust for idolatry that you have done] all these things--[that is everywhere evident.]
Jer 2:35 Yet you keep saying, I am innocent; surely His anger has turned away from Me. Behold, I will bring you to judgment {and} will plead against you because you say, I have not sinned.
Jer 2:36 Why do you gad {or} wander about so much to change your way? You shall be put to shame by Egypt as you were put to shame by Assyria.
Jer 2:37 From [Egypt] also you will come away with your hands upon your head, for the Lord has rejected those in whom you confide, and you will not prosper with [respect to] them.
Jer 3:1 THAT IS to say, If a man puts away his wife and she goes from him and becomes another man's, will he return to her again? [Of course not!] Would not that land [where such a thing happened] be greatly polluted? But you have played the harlot [against Me] with many lovers--yet would you now return to Me? says the Lord [or do you even think to return to Me?]
Jer 3:2 Lift up your eyes to the bare heights and see. Where have you not been adulterously lain with? By the wayside you have sat waiting for lovers [eager for idolatry], like an Arabian [desert tribesman who waits to plunder] in the wilderness; and you have polluted the land with your vile harlotry and your wickedness (unfaithfulness and disobedience to God).
Jer 3:3 Therefore the showers have been withheld, and there has been no spring rain. Yet you have the brow of a prostitute; you refuse to be ashamed.
Jer 3:4 Have you not just now cried to Me: My Father, You were the guide {and} companion of my youth?
Jer 3:5 Will He retain His anger forever? Will He keep it to the end? Behold, you have so spoken, but you have done all the evil things you could {and} have had your way {and} have carried them through.
Jer 3:6 Moreover, the Lord said to me [Jeremiah] in the days of Josiah the king [of Judah], Have you seen what that faithless {and} backsliding Israel has done--how she went up on every high hill and under every green tree and there played the harlot?
Jer 3:7 And I said, After she has done all these things, she will return to Me; but she did not return, and her faithless {and} treacherous sister Judah saw it.
Jer 3:8 And I saw, even though [Judah knew] that for this very cause of committing adultery (idolatry) I [the Lord] had put faithless Israel away and given her a bill of divorce; yet her faithless {and} treacherous sister Judah was not afraid, but she also went and played the harlot [following after idols].
Jer 3:9 And through the infamy {and} unseemly frivolity of Israel's whoredom [because her immorality mattered little to her], she polluted {and} defiled the land, [by her idolatry] committing adultery with [idols of] stones and trees.
Jer 3:10 But in spite of all this, her faithless {and} treacherous sister Judah did not return to Me in sincerity {and} with her whole heart, but only in sheer hypocrisy [has she feigned obedience to King Josiah's reforms], says the Lord.
Jer 3:11 And the Lord said to me, Backsliding {and} faithless Israel has shown herself less guilty than false {and} treacherous Judah.
Jer 3:12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north [where the ten tribes have been taken as captives] and say, Return, faithless Israel, says the Lord, {and} I will not cause My countenance to fall {and} look in anger upon you, for

I am merciful, says the Lord; I will not keep My anger forever.
Jer 3:13 Only know, understand, {and} acknowledge your iniquity {and} guilt--that you have rebelled {and} transgressed against the Lord your God and have scattered your favors among strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed My voice, says the Lord.
Jer 3:14 Return, O faithless children [of the whole twelve tribes], says the Lord, for I am Lord {and} Master {and} Husband to you, and I will take you [not as a nation, but individually]--one from a city and two from a tribal family--and I will bring you to Zion.
Jer 3:15 And I will give you [spiritual] shepherds after My own heart [in the final time], who will feed you with knowledge and understanding {and} judgment.
Jer 3:16 And it shall be that when you have multiplied and increased in the land in those days, says the Lord, they shall no more say, The ark of the covenant of the Lord. It shall not come to mind, nor shall they [seriously] remember it, nor shall they miss {or} visit it, nor shall it be repaired {or} made again [for instead of the ark, which represented God's presence, He will show Himself to be present throughout the city].
Jer 3:17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem The Throne of the Lord, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, in the renown {and} name of the Lord, to Jerusalem; nor shall they walk any more after the stubbornness of their own evil hearts.
Jer 3:18 In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and together they shall come out of the land of the north to the land that I gave as an inheritance to your fathers.
Jer 3:19 And I thought how [gloriously and honorably] I would set you among My children and give you a pleasant land, a goodly heritage, the most beautiful {and} best [inheritance] among all nations! And I thought you would call Me My Father and would not turn away from following Me.
Jer 3:20 Surely, as a wife treacherously {and} faithlessly departs from her husband, so have you dealt treacherously {and} faithlessly with Me, O house of Israel, says the Lord.
Jer 3:21 A voice is heard on the bare heights, the weeping {and} pleading of the sons of Israel, because they have perverted their ways, they have [eagerly] forgotten the Lord their God.
Jer 3:22 Return, O faithless sons, [says the Lord, and] I will heal your faithlessness. [And they answer] Behold, we come to You, for You are the Lord our God.
Jer 3:23 Truly in vain is the hope of salvation from the hills and from the tumult {and} noisy throng on the mountains; truly in {and} with the Lord our God rests the salvation of Israel.
Jer 3:24 [We have been ruined as a nation by our faithlessness and idolatry] for the shameful thing has consumed all for which our fathers toiled from our youth--their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.
Jer 3:25 Let us lie prostrate in our shame, and let our dishonor {and} confusion cover us; for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers; from our youth even to this day we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.
Jer 4:1 IF YOU will return, O Israel, says the Lord, if you will return to Me, and if you will put away your abominable false gods out of My sight and not stray {or} waver,
Jer 4:2 And if you swear, As the Lord lives, in truth, in judgment {and} justice, and in righteousness (uprightness in every area and relation), then the nations will bless themselves in Him and in Him will they glory.
Jer 4:3 For thus says the Lord to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem: Break up your ground left uncultivated for a season, so that you may not sow among thorns.
Jer 4:4 Circumcise yourselves to the Lord and take away the foreskins of your hearts, you men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, lest My wrath go forth like fire [consuming all that gets in its way] and burn so that no one can quench it because of the evil of your doings.
Jer 4:5 Declare in Judah and publish in Jerusalem and say: Blow the trumpet in the land; cry aloud and say: Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the fortified cities.
Jer 4:6 Raise a standard toward Zion [to mark out the safest route to those seeking safety within Jerusalem's walls]! Flee for safety, stay not, for I bring evil from the north, and great destruction.
Jer 4:7 A lion has gone up from his thicket, and a destroyer of nations is on his way. He has gone forth from his place to make your land a desolate waste; and your cities shall be left in ruins without an inhabitant.
Jer 4:8 For this, gird yourselves with sackcloth, lament and wail, for the fierce anger of the Lord has not turned back from us.
Jer 4:9 And it shall be in that day, says the Lord, that the understanding {and} courage of the king shall fail (be paralyzed), and also that of the princes; the priests shall be appalled and the prophets astounded {and} dazed with horror.

Jer 4:10 Then I [Jeremiah] said, Alas, Lord God! Surely You have greatly deceived {and} misled this people and Jerusalem, [for the prophets represented You as] saying [to Your people], You shall have peace, whereas the sword has reached to [their very] life.
Jer 4:11 At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A hot wind from the bare heights in the wilderness [comes at My command] against the daughter of My people--not [a wind] to fan or cleanse [from chaff, as when threshing, but]
Jer 4:12 A wind too strong {and} full for winnowing comes at My word. Now I will also speak in judgment against [My people].
Jer 4:13 Behold, [the enemy] comes up like clouds, his chariots like the whirlwind; his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe to us, for we are ruined (destroyed)!
Jer 4:14 O Jerusalem, wash your heart from wickedness, that you may be saved! How long shall your iniquitous {and} grossly offensive thoughts lodge within you?
Jer 4:15 For a voice declares from Dan [in the north] and proclaims evil from Mount Ephraim [the range dividing Israel from Judah].
Jer 4:16 Warn the [neighboring] nations [that our adversary is coming]; announce to Jerusalem that besiegers are coming from a far country, and they shout against the cities of Judah.
Jer 4:17 Like keepers of a field they are against her round about, because she has been rebellious against Me, says the Lord.
Jer 4:18 Your ways and your doings have brought these things upon you. This is your calamity {and} doom; surely it is bitter, for surely it reaches your very heart!
Jer 4:19 [It is not only the prophet but also the people who cry out in their thoughts] My anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain! Oh, the walls of my heart! My heart is disquieted {and} throbs aloud within me; I cannot be silent! For I have heard the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.
Jer 4:20 News of one violent disaster {and} calamity comes close after another, for the whole land is laid waste; suddenly are my tents spoiled {and} destroyed, and my [tent] curtains ruined in a moment.
Jer 4:21 [O Lord] how long must I see the flag [marking the route for flight] and hear the sound of the trumpet [urging the people to flee for refuge]?
Jer 4:22 [Their chastisement will continue until it has accomplished its purpose] for My people are stupid, says the Lord [replying to Jeremiah]; they do not know {and} understand Me. They are thickheaded children, and they have no understanding. They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge [and know not how].
Jer 4:23 [In a vision Jeremiah sees Judah laid waste by conquest and captivity.] I looked at the land, and behold, it was [as at the time of creation] waste and vacant (void); and at the heavens, and they had no light.
Jer 4:24 I looked at the mountains, and behold, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly to and fro.
Jer 4:25 I looked, and behold, there was no man, and all the birds of the air had fled.
Jer 4:26 I looked, and behold, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid waste before the Lord's presence, before His fierce anger.
Jer 4:27 For thus says the Lord: The whole land will be a desolation, yet I will not make a full {and} complete end of it.
Jer 4:28 For this will the earth mourn and the heavens above be black; because I have spoken, I have purposed, and I will not relent, nor will I turn back [from it].
Jer 4:29 Every city flees because of the noise of the horsemen and bowmen. They go into the thickets and climb among the rocks; every city is forsaken, and not a man dwells in them.
Jer 4:30 And you [plundered one], when you are made desolate, what will you do? Though you clothe yourself with scarlet, though you deck yourself with ornaments of gold, though you paint your eyelids {and} make them look farther apart, in vain you beautify yourself. Your lovers (allies) despise you; they seek your life.
Jer 4:31 For I have heard a cry as of a woman in travail, the anguish as of one who brings forth her first child--the cry of the Daughter of Zion, who gasps for breath, who spreads her hands, saying, Woe is me now! I am fainting before the murderers.
Jer 5:1 RUN TO and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now and take notice! Seek in her broad squares to see if you can find a man [as Abraham sought in Sodom], one who does justice, who seeks truth, sincerity, {and} faithfulness; and I will pardon [Jerusalem--for one uncompromisingly righteous person].
Jer 5:2 And though they say, As the Lord lives, surely they swear falsely.
Jer 5:3 O Lord, do not your eyes look on the truth? [They have meant to please You outwardly, but You look on their hearts.] You have stricken them, but they have not grieved; You have consumed them, but they have refused to take

correction {or} instruction. They have made their faces harder than a rock, they have refused to repent {and} return to You.
Jer 5:4 Then I said, Surely these are only the poor; they are [sinfully] foolish {and} have no understanding, for they know not the way of the Lord, the judgment (the just and righteous law) of their God.
Jer 5:5 I will go to the great men and will speak to them, for they must know the way of the Lord, the judgment (the just and righteous law) of their God. But [I found the very reverse to be true] these had all alike broken the yoke [of God's law] and had burst the bonds [of obedience to Him].
Jer 5:6 Therefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, a wolf of the desert shall destroy them, a leopard {or} panther shall lie in wait against their cities. Everyone who goes out of them shall be torn in pieces, because their transgressions are many, their backslidings {and} total desertion of faith are increased {and} have become great {and} mighty.
Jer 5:7 Why should I {and} how can I pass over this {and} forgive you for it? Your children have forsaken Me and sworn by those that are no gods. When I had fed them to the full {and} bound them to Me by oath, they committed [spiritual] adultery, assembling themselves in troops at the houses of [idol] harlots.
Jer 5:8 They were like fed stallions roaming at large; each one neighed after his neighbor's wife.
Jer 5:9 Shall I not punish them for these things? says the Lord; and shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as this?
Jer 5:10 Go up within [Jerusalem's] walls and destroy [her vines], but do not make a full {and} complete end. Trim away the tendrils [of her vines], for they are not the Lord's.
Jer 5:11 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very faithlessly {and} treacherously against Me, says the Lord.
Jer 5:12 They have lied about {and} denied the Lord by saying, It is not He [Who speaks through His prophets]! Evil shall not come upon us; nor shall we see war or famine.
Jer 5:13 And [say they] the prophets will become wind [what they prophesy will not come to pass], and the word [of God] is not in them. Thus shall it be done to them [as they threatened would be done to us].
Jer 5:14 Therefore thus says the Lord God of hosts: Because you [the people] have spoken this word, behold, I will make My words fire in your mouth [Jeremiah] and this people wood, and it will devour them.
Jer 5:15 Behold, I am bringing a nation upon you from afar, O house of Israel, says the Lord. It is a mighty {and} enduring nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language you do not know, nor can you understand what they say.
Jer 5:16 Their quiver is [filled with deadly missiles] like an open sepulcher [filled with dead bodies; the foes] are all mighty men (heroes).
Jer 5:17 They shall consume your harvest and your food; they shall consume your sons and your daughters; they shall consume your flocks and your herds; they shall consume your vines and your fig trees. They shall break down {and} impoverish your fortified cities in which you trust, with the sword [they shall destroy them].
Jer 5:18 But even in those days, says the Lord, I will not make a full {and} complete end of you.
Jer 5:19 And when your people say, Why has the Lord our God done all these things to us? then you shall answer them, As you have forsaken Me, says the Lord, and have served strange gods in your land, so shall you serve strangers (gods) in a land that is not yours.
Jer 5:20 Declare this in the house of Jacob and publish it in Judah:
Jer 5:21 Hear now this, O foolish people without understanding {or} heart, who have eyes and see not, who have ears and hear not:
Jer 5:22 Do you not fear {and} reverence Me? says the Lord. Do you not tremble before Me? {I} placed the sand for the boundary of the sea, a perpetual barrier beyond which it cannot pass {and} by an everlasting ordinance beyond which it cannot go? And though the waves of the sea toss {and} shake themselves, yet they cannot prevail [against the feeble grains of sand which God has ordained by nature to be sufficient for His purpose]; though [the billows] roar, yet they cannot pass over that [barrier]. [Is not such a God to be reverently feared and worshiped?]
Jer 5:23 But these people have hearts that draw back from God and wills that rebel against Him; they have revolted {and} quit His service and have gone away [into idolatry].
Jer 5:24 Nor do they say in their hearts, Let us now reverently fear {and} worship the Lord our God, Who gives rain, both the autumn and the spring rain in its season, Who reserves {and} keeps for us the appointed weeks of the harvest.
Jer 5:25 Your iniquities have turned these blessings away, and your sins have kept good [harvests] from you.
Jer 5:26 For among My people are found wicked men; they watch like fowlers who lie in wait; they set a trap, they catch men.
Jer 5:27 As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit {and} treachery; therefore they have become great and grown rich,

Jer 5:28 They have grown fat {and} sleek. Yes, they surpass in deeds of wickedness; they do not judge {and} plead with justice the cause of the fatherless, that they may prosper, and they do not defend the rights of the needy.
Jer 5:29 Shall I not punish them for these things? says the Lord. Shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as this?
Jer 5:30 An appalling and horrible thing [bringing desolation and destruction] has come to pass in the land:
Jer 5:31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests exercise rule at their own hands {and} by means of the prophets. And My people love to have it so! But what will you do when the end comes?
Jer 6:1 FLEE FOR safety, you children of Benjamin, out of the midst of Jerusalem! And blow the trumpet in Tekoa [a town far south in Judah], and raise a [fire] signal over Beth-haccherem [a town near Jerusalem]! For evil is looking forth with eagerness from the north, and great destruction.
Jer 6:2 The comely and delicate one, [Jerusalem] the Daughter of Zion, I will destroy. [To a pasturage, yes, a luxurious pasturage, have I likened her.]
Jer 6:3 Shepherds with their flocks shall come against her; they shall pitch their tents round about her; they shall pasture, each one in his place [eating up all her luxurious herbage on every side].
Jer 6:4 Prepare yourselves for war against her [they cry]; up, let us attack her at noon! But alas, the day declines, the evening shadows lengthen.
Jer 6:5 Arise, let us go by night and destroy her palaces!
Jer 6:6 For the Lord of hosts has said, Hew down her trees and cast up a siege mound against Jerusalem. This is the city which must be punished; there is nothing but oppression within her.
Jer 6:7 As a fountain wells up {and} casts forth its waters {and} keeps them fresh, so she is [continually] casting forth [fresh] wickedness. Violence and destruction are heard within her; sickness and wounds are continually before Me.
Jer 6:8 Be corrected, reformed, instructed, {and} warned, O Jerusalem, lest I be alienated {and} parted from you, lest I make you a desolation, an uninhabited land.
Jer 6:9 Thus says the Lord of hosts: They shall thoroughly glean as a vine what is left of Israel; turn back your hand again {and} again [O minister of destruction] into the baskets, like a grape gatherer, {and} strip the tendrils [of the vine].
Jer 6:10 To whom shall I [Jeremiah] speak and give warning, that they may hear? Behold, their ears are uncircumcised [never brought into covenant with God or consecrated to His service], and they cannot hear {or} obey. Behold, the word of the Lord has become to them a reproach {and} the object of their scorn; they have no delight in it.
Jer 6:11 Therefore I am full of the wrath of the Lord; I am weary of restraining it. I will pour it out on the children in the street and on the gathering of young men together; for even the husband with the wife will be taken, the aged with the very old.
Jer 6:12 And their houses will be turned over to others, their fields and their wives together; for I will stretch out My hand against the inhabitants of the land, says the Lord.
Jer 6:13 For from the least of them even to the greatest of them, everyone is given to covetousness (to greed for unjust gain); and from the prophet even to the priest, everyone deals falsely.
Jer 6:14 They have healed also the wound of the daughter of My people lightly {and} neglectfully, saying, Peace, peace, when there is no peace.
Jer 6:15 Were they brought to shame because they had committed abominations (extremely disgusting and vile things)? No, they were not at all ashamed, nor could they blush [at their idolatry]. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time that I punish them they shall be overthrown, says the Lord.
Jer 6:16 Thus says the Lord: Stand by the roads and look; and ask for the eternal paths, where the good, old way is; then walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk in it!
Jer 6:17 Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hear {and} obey the sound of the trumpet! But they said, We will not listen {or} obey.
Jer 6:18 Therefore hear, O [Gentile] nations, and know, O congregation [of believing ones], what [great things I will do] to them.
Jer 6:19 Hear, O earth: behold, I am bringing evil upon this people, the fruit of their thoughts (their schemes and devices) because they have not listened {and} obeyed My words, and as for My law, they have rejected it.
Jer 6:20 To what purpose does frankincense come to Me from Sheba [in southwestern Arabia] and the sweet cane from a far country? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor are your sacrifices sweet {or} pleasing to Me.
Jer 6:21 Therefore thus says the Lord: Behold, I will lay stumbling blocks before this people. And the fathers and the sons together will stumble against them; the neighbor and his friend will perish.
Jer 6:22 Thus says the Lord: Behold, a people is coming from the north country, and a great nation is arousing itself from the ends of the earth.

Jer 6:23 They lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel (ruthless and inhuman) and have no mercy. Their voice sounds like the roaring sea; they ride on horses, every one set in array as a man for battle against you, O Daughter of Zion!
Jer 6:24 We have heard the report of it; our hands become feeble {and} helpless. Anguish has taken hold of us, pangs like that of a woman in childbirth.
Jer 6:25 Go not out into the field nor walk on the road, for the enemy is armed with the sword; terror is on every side.
Jer 6:26 O daughter of my people [says Jeremiah], gird yourself with sackcloth and wallow in ashes; make mourning as for an only son, a most bitter lamentation, for the destroyer will suddenly come upon us [on prophet and people].
Jer 6:27 I [says the Lord] have set you [Jeremiah] as an assayer {and} a prover of ore among My people, that you may know and try their doings and be like a watchtower.
Jer 6:28 They are all the worst [kind] of rebels {and} utter and total revolters against God, going about publishing slander. They are [not gold and silver ore, but] bronze and iron; they are all corrupters.
Jer 6:29 The bellows blow fiercely, the lead is consumed by the fire; in vain do they continue refining, for the wicked [the dross] are not removed.
Jer 6:30 Men will call them reprobate {and} rejected silver [only dross, without good metal], because the Lord has rejected them.
Jer 7:1 THE WORD that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,
Jer 7:2 Stand in the gate of the Lord's house and proclaim there this word and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all you of Judah who enter in at these gates to worship the Lord.
Jer 7:3 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.
Jer 7:4 Trust not in the lying words [of the false prophets who maintain that God will protect Jerusalem because His temple is there], saying, This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord.
Jer 7:5 For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, if you thoroughly {and} truly execute justice between every man and his neighbor,
Jer 7:6 If you do not oppress the transient {and} the alien, the fatherless, and the widow or shed innocent blood [by oppression and by judicial murders] in [Jerusalem] or go after other gods to your own hurt,
Jer 7:7 Then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers to dwell in forever.
Jer 7:8 Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot benefit [so that you do not profit].
Jer 7:9 Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known,
Jer 7:10 And [then dare to] come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My Name, and say, [By the discharge of this religious formality] we are set free!--only to go on with this wickedness {and} these abominations?
Jer 7:11 Has this house, which is called by My Name, become a den of robbers in your eyes [a place of retreat for you between acts of violence]? Behold, I Myself have seen it, says the Lord.
Jer 7:12 But go now to My place which was in Shiloh [in Ephraim], where I set My Name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of My people Israel.
Jer 7:13 And now, because you have done all these things, says the Lord, and [because] when I spoke to you persistently [even rising up early and speaking], you did not listen, and when I called you, you did not answer,
Jer 7:14 Therefore will I do to this house (the temple), which is called by My Name {and} in which you trust, to the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh.
Jer 7:15 And I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole posterity of Ephraim.
Jer 7:16 Therefore do not pray for this people [of Judah] or lift up a cry or entreaty for them or make intercession to Me, for I will not listen to {or} hear you.
Jer 7:17 Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?
Jer 7:18 The children gather wood, the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead the dough, to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger!
Jer 7:19 Am I the One Whom they provoke to anger? says the Lord. Is it not themselves [whom they provoke], to their own confusion {and} vexation {and} to their own shame?
Jer 7:20 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, My anger and My wrath will be poured out on this place, on man and beast, on the trees of the field and the fruit of the ground; it will burn and not be quenched.
Jer 7:21 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and eat the flesh [if you will. It will avail you nothing].
Jer 7:22 For in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, I did not speak to your fathers or command them concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices.

Jer 7:23 But this thing I did command them: Listen to {and} obey My voice, and I will be your God and you will be My people; and walk in the whole way that I command you, that it may be well with you.
Jer 7:24 But they would not listen to {and} obey Me or bend their ear [to Me], but followed the counsels {and} the stubborn promptings of their own evil hearts {and} minds, and they turned their backs {and} went in reverse instead of forward.
Jer 7:25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have persistently sent to you all My servants the prophets, sending them daily, early and late.
Jer 7:26 Yet the people would not listen to {and} obey Me or bend their ears [to Me], but stiffened their necks and behaved worse than their fathers.
Jer 7:27 Speak all these words to them, but they will not listen to {and} obey you; also call to them, but they will not answer you.
Jer 7:28 Yet you shall say to them, This is the nation that did not obey the voice of the Lord their God or receive instruction {and} correction {and} warning; truth {and} faithfulness have perished and have completely vanished from their mouths.
Jer 7:29 Cut off your hair [your crown, O Jerusalem] and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on the bare heights, for the Lord has rejected and forsaken the generation of His wrath.
Jer 7:30 For the children of Judah have done evil in My sight, says the Lord; they have set their abominations (extremely disgusting and shamefully vile things) in the house which is called by My Name to defile it.
Jer 7:31 And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the Valley of Ben-hinnom [son of Hinnom], to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire [in honor of Molech, the fire god]--which I did not command, nor did it come into My mind {or} heart.
Jer 7:32 Therefore, behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when it shall no more be called Topheth or the Valley of Ben-hinnom [son of Hinnom], but the Valley of Slaughter, for [in bloody warfare] they will bury in Topheth till there is no more room {and} no place else to bury.
Jer 7:33 And the dead bodies of this people will be meat for the fowls of the air and for the beasts of the earth, and none will frighten them away.
Jer 7:34 Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah and from the streets of Jerusalem the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride; for the land will become a waste.
Jer 8:1 AT THAT time, says the Lord, [the Babylonian army will break open the sepulchers, and] they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, the bones of its princes, the bones of the priests, the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem from their graves.
Jer 8:2 And they will [carelessly] scatter [the corpses] before the sun and the moon and all the host of heaven, which [the dead] have loved and which they have served and after which they have walked and which they have sought, inquired of, {and} required and which they have worshiped. They shall not be gathered, or be buried; they shall be like dung upon the face of the earth.
Jer 8:3 And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of those who remain of this evil family (nation), who remain in all the places to which I have driven them, says the Lord of hosts.
Jer 8:4 Moreover, you [Jeremiah] shall say to them, Thus says the Lord: Shall men fall and not rise up again? Shall one turn away [from God] and not repent {and} return [to Him]?
Jer 8:5 Why then is this people of Jerusalem turned away with a perpetual turning away [from Me]? They hold fast to deceit (idolatry); they refuse to repent {and} return [to God].
Jer 8:6 I have listened and heard, but they have not spoken aright; no man repents of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? Everyone turns to his [individual] course, as the horse rushes like a torrent into battle.
Jer 8:7 [Even the migratory birds are punctual to their seasons.] Yes, the stork [excelling in the great height of her flight] in the heavens knows her appointed times [of migration], and the turtledove, the swallow, and the crane observe the time of their return. But My people do not know the law of the Lord [which the lower animals instinctively recognize in so far as it applies to them].
Jer 8:8 How can you say, We are wise, and we have the written law of the Lord [and are learned in its language and teachings]? Behold, the truth is, the lying pen of the scribes has made of the law a falsehood (a mere code of ceremonial observances).
Jer 8:9 The wise men shall be put to shame; they shall be dismayed and taken [captive]. Behold, they have rejected the word of the Lord, and what wisdom {and} broad, full intelligence is in them?
Jer 8:10 Therefore will I give their wives to others and their fields to those who gain possession of them; for everyone, from the least even to the greatest, is given to covetousness (is greedy for unjust gain); from the prophet even to the

priest, everyone deals falsely.
Jer 8:11 For they have healed the wound of the daughter of My people only lightly {and} slightingly, saying, Peace, peace, when there is no peace.
Jer 8:12 They are brought to shame because they have committed abominations (extremely disgusting and shamefully vile things). And yet they were not at all ashamed, nor could they blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time of their punishment they shall be overthrown, says the Lord.
Jer 8:13 I will gather {and} sweep them away, utterly consuming them, says the Lord. [I will find] no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and even the leaf is withered; and the things that I have given them shall pass away from them [for I have appointed to them those who shall pass over them].
Jer 8:14 [Then say the people to each other] Why do we sit still? Assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the fortified cities and be silent {or} perish there! For the Lord our God has decreed our ruin and given us bitter {and} poisonous water to drink, because we have sinned against the Lord.
Jer 8:15 We looked for peace {and} completeness, but no good came, and for a time of healing, but behold, dismay, trouble, {and} terror!
Jer 8:16 The snorting of [Nebuchadnezzar's] horses is heard from Dan [on the northern border of Palestine]. At the sound of the neighing of his strong war-horses the whole land quakes; for they come and devour the land and all that is in it, the city and those who dwell in it.
Jer 8:17 For behold, I am sending among you serpents, adders which cannot be charmed, and they shall bite you, says the Lord.
Jer 8:18 Oh, that I [Jeremiah] could comfort myself against sorrow, [for my grief is beyond healing], my heart is sick {and} faint within me!
Jer 8:19 Behold [says the prophet, listen to the voice of] the cry of the daughter of my people [for help] because of those who dwell in a far country: Is not the Lord in Zion? Is not her King in her? [But the Lord answers] Why have they provoked Me to anger with their carved images and with foreign idols?
Jer 8:20 The harvest is past, the summer has ended {and} the gathering of fruit is over, yet we are not saved! [comes again the voice of the people.]
Jer 8:21 For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I [Jeremiah] hurt; I go around mourning; dismay has taken hold on me.
Jer 8:22 Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people restored? [Because Zion no longer enjoyed the presence of the Great Physician!]
Jer 9:1 OH, THAT my head were waters and my eyes a reservoir of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!
Jer 9:2 Oh, that I had in the wilderness a lodging place (a mere shelter) for wayfaring men, that I might leave my people and go away from them! For they are all adulterers [rendering worship to idols instead of to the Lord, Who has espoused the people to Himself]; they are a gang of treacherous men [faithless even to each other].
Jer 9:3 And they bend their tongue, [which is] their bow for the lies [they shoot]. And not according to faithfulness do they rule {and} become strong in the land; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they do not know {and} understand {and} acknowledge Me, says the Lord.
Jer 9:4 Let everyone beware of his neighbor and put no trust in any brother. For every brother is an utter {and} complete supplanter (one who takes by the heel and trips up, a deceiver, a Jacob), and every neighbor goes about as a slanderer.
Jer 9:5 And they deceive {and} mock every one his neighbor and do not speak the truth. They have taught their tongues to speak lies; they weary themselves committing iniquity.
Jer 9:6 Your habitation is in the midst of deceit [oppression upon oppression and deceit upon deceit]; through deceit they refuse to know {and} understand Me, says the Lord.
Jer 9:7 Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: Behold, I will melt them [by the process of affliction to remove the dross] and test them, for how else should I deal with the daughter of My people?
Jer 9:8 Their tongue is a murderous arrow; it speaks deceitfully; one speaks peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but in his heart he lays snares and waits in ambush for him.
Jer 9:9 Shall I not punish them for these things? says the Lord. Shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as this?
Jer 9:10 For the mountains I will take up a weeping and wailing and for the pastures of the wilderness a lament, because they are burned up {and} desolated, so that no one passes through [them]; neither can men hear [any longer] the lowing of cattle. Both the fowls of the air and the beasts have fled, they are gone!
Jer 9:11 I will make Jerusalem heaps [of ruins], a dwelling place of jackals; and I will make the cities of Judah a

desolation, without inhabitant.
Jer 9:12 Who is the wise man who may understand this? To whom has the mouth of the Lord spoken, that he may declare it? Why is the land ruined {and} laid waste like a wilderness, so that no one passes through it?
Jer 9:13 And the Lord says, Because they have forsaken My law, which I set before them, and have not listened to {and} obeyed My voice or walked in accordance with it
Jer 9:14 But have walked stubbornly after their own hearts and after the Baals, as their fathers taught them,
Jer 9:15 Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood and give them bitter {and} poisonous water to drink.
Jer 9:16 I will scatter them also among nations that neither they nor their fathers have known, and I will send the sword among them {and} after them until I have consumed them.
Jer 9:17 Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider and call for the mourning women to come; send for the skillful women to come.
Jer 9:18 Let them make haste and raise a wailing over us {and} for us, that our eyes may run down with tears and our eyelids gush with water.
Jer 9:19 For a sound of wailing is heard [coming] out of Zion: How we are plundered {and} ruined! We are greatly confounded {and} utterly put to shame, because we have forsaken the land, because they have cast down our dwellings [our dwellings that have cast us out].
Jer 9:20 Yet hear the word of the Lord, O you women, and let your ears receive the word of His mouth; teach your daughters a lament, and each one [teach] her neighbor a dirge.
Jer 9:21 For death has come up into our windows; it has entered into our palaces, cutting off the children from outdoors and the young men from the streets.
Jer 9:22 Speak, Thus says the Lord: The dead bodies of men shall fall like dung on the open field and like sheaves [of grain] behind the reaper, and none shall gather them.
Jer 9:23 Thus says the Lord: Let not the wise {and} skillful person glory {and} boast in his wisdom {and} skill; let not the mighty {and} powerful person glory {and} boast in his strength {and} power; let not the person who is rich [in physical gratification and earthly wealth] glory {and} boast in his [temporal satisfactions and earthly] riches;
Jer 9:24 But let him who glories glory in this: that he understands and knows Me [personally and practically, directly discerning and recognizing My character], that I am the Lord, Who practices loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord.
Jer 9:25 Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will punish all who though circumcised [outwardly, in the flesh] are still uncircumcised [in corresponding inward purity]--
Jer 9:26 Egypt, Judah, Edom, the children of Ammon, Moab [all of whom are related except Egypt], and all who live in the desert and who clip off the corners of their hair {and} beards; for all these nations are uncircumcised [in heart], and all the house of Israel is uncircumcised in heart.
Jer 10:1 HEAR THE word which the Lord speaks to you, O house of Israel.
Jer 10:2 Thus says the Lord: Learn not the way of the [heathen] nations and be not dismayed at the signs of the heavens, though they are dismayed at them,
Jer 10:3 For the customs {and} ordinances of the peoples are false, empty, {and} futile; it is but a tree which one cuts out of the forest [to make for himself a god], the work of the hands of the craftsman with the ax {or} other tool.
Jer 10:4 They deck [the idol] with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers so it will not fall apart {or} move around.
Jer 10:5 [Their idols] are like pillars of turned work [as upright and stationary and immobile as a palm tree], like scarecrows in a cucumber field; they cannot speak; they have to be carried, for they cannot walk. Do not be afraid of them, for they cannot do evil, neither is it possible for them to do good [and it is not in them].
Jer 10:6 None at all is like You, O Lord; You are great, and Your name is great in might.
Jer 10:7 Who would not fear You, O King of the nations? For it is fitting to You {and} Your due! For among all the wise [men or gods] of the nations and in all their kingdoms, there is none like You.
Jer 10:8 But they are altogether irrational {and} stupid and foolish. Their instruction is given by idols who are but wood [it is a teaching of falsity, emptiness, futility]!
Jer 10:9 Silver beaten [into plates] is brought from Tarshish and gold from Uphaz, the work of the craftsman and of the hands of the goldsmith; the [idols'] clothing is violet and purple--they are all the work of skillful men.
Jer 10:10 But the Lord is the true God {and} the God of truth (the God Who is Truth). He is the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth quakes, and the nations are not able to bear His indignation.
Jer 10:11 Thus shall you say to them: The gods, who did not make the heavens and the earth, shall perish from the

earth and from under the heavens.
Jer 10:12 God made the earth by His power; He established the world by His wisdom and by His understanding {and} skill stretched out the heavens.
Jer 10:13 When He utters His voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth. He makes lightnings for the rain and brings forth the wind out from His treasuries {and} from His storehouses.
Jer 10:14 Every man has become like a brute, irrational {and} stupid, without knowledge [of God]; every goldsmith is brought to shame by his graven idols; for his molten images are frauds {and} falsehood, and there is no breath in them.
Jer 10:15 They are devoid of worth, usefulness, {or} truth, a work of delusion {and} mockery; in their time of trial {and} punishment they shall [helplessly] perish.
Jer 10:16 The Portion of Jacob [the true God on Whom Israel has a claim] is not like these, for He is the Fashioner {and} Maker of all things, and Israel is the tribe of His inheritance--the Lord of hosts is His name.
Jer 10:17 Gather up your bundle [of baggage] from the ground, O you who dwell under siege.
Jer 10:18 For thus says the Lord: Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this time and will bring distress on them, that they may feel it {and} find it [to be as I have said, and turn to Me].
Jer 10:19 Woe is me because of my hurt! [says Jeremiah, speaking for the nation.] My wound is grievous {and} incurable. But I said, Surely this sickness {and} suffering {and} grief are mine, and I must endure, tolerate, {and} bear them.
Jer 10:20 My tent (home) is taken by force {and} plundered, and all my [tent] cords are broken. My children have gone forth [as captives] from me, and they are no more; there is no one to stretch forth my tent any more and to set up my [tent] curtains.
Jer 10:21 For the shepherds [of the people] have become like brutes, irrational {and} stupid, and have not sought the Lord {or} inquired of Him {or} required Him [by necessity and by right of His word]. Therefore they have not dealt prudently {and} have not prospered, and all their flocks are scattered.
Jer 10:22 Hark, the sound of a rumor! [The invading army] comes!--a great commotion out of the north country--to make the cities of Judah a desolation, a dwelling place of jackals.
Jer 10:23 O Lord [pleads Jeremiah in the name of the people], I know that [the determination of] the way of a man is not in himself; it is not in man [even in a strong man or in a man at his best] to direct his [own] steps.
Jer 10:24 O Lord, correct, instruct, {and} chastise me, but with judgment {and} in just measure--not in Your anger, lest You diminish me {and} bring me to nothing.
Jer 10:25 Pour out Your wrath upon the nations that do not know {or} recognize You and upon the peoples that do not call upon Your name. For they have devoured Jacob, yes, devoured him and consumed him and made his habitation a desolate waste.
Jer 11:1 THE WORD that came to Jeremiah from the Lord:
Jer 11:2 Hear the words of this covenant {or} solemn pledge, and speak to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
Jer 11:3 Say to them, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Cursed is the man who does not heed the words of this covenant {or} solemn pledge
Jer 11:4 Which I commanded your fathers at the time that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Listen to My voice and do according to all that I command you. So will you be My people, and I will be your God,
Jer 11:5 That I may perform the oath which I swore to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. Then I answered, Amen (so be it), O Lord.
Jer 11:6 And the Lord said to me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem: Hear the words of this covenant {or} solemn pledge and do them.
Jer 11:7 For I earnestly protested to {and} warned your fathers at the time that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even to this day, protesting to {and} warning them persistently, saying, Obey My voice.
Jer 11:8 Yet they did not obey or incline their ear [to Me], but everyone walked in the stubbornness of his own evil heart. Therefore I brought upon them all [the calamities threatened in] the words of this covenant {or} solemn pledge, which I had commanded, but they did not do.
Jer 11:9 And the Lord said to me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
Jer 11:10 They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear My words; they have gone after other gods to serve them. The house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant {or} solemn

pledge which I made with their fathers.
Jer 11:11 Therefore thus says the Lord: Behold, I am bringing evil {and} calamity upon them which they will not be able to escape; though they cry to Me, I will not listen to them.
Jer 11:12 Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and cry out to the gods to whom they offer incense, but they cannot save them at all in the time of their evil trouble.
Jer 11:13 For [as many as] the number of your cities are your gods, O Judah; and [as many as] the number of the streets of Jerusalem are the altars you have set up to the shameful thing, even altars to burn incense to Baal.
Jer 11:14 Therefore do not pray for this people or lift up a cry or prayer for them, for I will not listen when they cry out to Me in the time of their evil trouble.
Jer 11:15 What right has My beloved [to be] in My house when she has wrought lewdness {and} done treacherously many times? Can vows {and} the holy flesh [of your sacrifices] remove from you your wickedness {and} avert your calamity? Can you by these [escape your doom and] rejoice exultantly?
Jer 11:16 The Lord [acknowledged you once to be worthy to be] called a green olive tree, fair {and} of good fruit; but with the roar of a great tempest He will set fire to it, and its branches will be consumed.
Jer 11:17 For the Lord of hosts, Who planted you, has pronounced evil {and} calamity against you because of the evil which the house of Israel and the house of Judah have done against themselves in provoking Me to anger by offering incense to Baal.
Jer 11:18 And the Lord gave me [Jeremiah] knowledge of it [their plot], and I knew it; then You [O Lord] showed me their doings.
Jer 11:19 But I was like a tame lamb that is brought to the slaughter; I did not know that they had devised inventions {and} schemes against me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered.
Jer 11:20 But, O Lord of hosts, Who judges rightly {and} justly, Who tests the heart and the mind, let me see Your vengeance on them, for to You I have revealed {and} committed my cause [rolling it upon You].
Jer 11:21 Therefore thus says the Lord about the men of Anathoth [Jeremiah's hometown], who seek your life [Jeremiah] and say, Prophesy not in the name of the Lord, that you die not by our hands--
Jer 11:22 Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: Behold, I will punish them. Their young men will die by the sword, their sons and their daughters will die by famine;
Jer 11:23 And there will be no remnant [of the conspirators] left, for I will bring evil {and} calamity upon the men of Anathoth in the year of their punishment.
Jer 12:1 UNCOMPROMISINGLY RIGHTEOUS {and} rigidly just are You, O Lord, when I complain against {and} contend with You. Yet let me plead {and} reason the case with You: Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are all they at ease {and} thriving who deal very treacherously {and} deceitfully?
Jer 12:2 You have planted them, yes, they have taken root; they grow, yes, they bring forth fruit. You are near in their mouths but far from their hearts.
Jer 12:3 But You, O Lord, know {and} understand me {and} my devotion to You; You see me and try my heart toward You. [O Lord] pull [these rebellious ones] out like sheep for the slaughter and devote {and} prepare them for the day of slaughter.
Jer 12:4 How long must the land mourn and the grass {and} herbs of the whole country wither? Through the wickedness of those who dwell in it, the beasts and the birds are consumed {and} are swept away [by the drought], because men [mocked] me, saying, He shall not [live to] see our final end.
Jer 12:5 [But the Lord rebukes Jeremiah's impatience, saying] If you have raced with men on foot and they have tired you out, then how can you compete with horses? And if [you take to flight] in a land of peace where you feel secure, then what will you do [when you tread the tangled maze of jungle haunted by lions] in the swelling {and} flooding of the Jordan?
Jer 12:6 For even your brethren and the house of your father--even they have dealt treacherously with you; yes, even they are [like a pack of hounds] in full cry after you. Believe them not, though they speak fair words {and} promise good things to you.
Jer 12:7 I have forsaken My house, I have cast off My heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of My life into the hands of her enemies.
Jer 12:8 My heritage has become to Me like a lion in the forest; she has uttered her voice against Me; therefore I have [treated her as if I] hated her.
Jer 12:9 Is My heritage to Me like a speckled bird of prey? Are the birds of prey against her round about? Go, assemble all the wild beasts of the field; bring them to devour.

Jer 12:10 Many shepherds [of an invading host] have destroyed My vineyard, they have trampled My portion underfoot; they have made My pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.
Jer 12:11 They have made it a desolation, and desolate it mourns before Me; the whole land has been made desolate, but no man lays it to heart.
Jer 12:12 Destroyers have come upon all the bare heights in the desert, for the sword of the Lord devours from one end of the land even to the other; no flesh has peace {or} can find the means to escape.
Jer 12:13 They have sown wheat but have reaped thorns; they have worn themselves out but without profit. And they shall be ashamed of your [lack of] harvests {and} revenues because of the fierce {and} glowing anger of the Lord.
Jer 12:14 Thus says the Lord against all My evil neighbor [nations] who touch the inheritance which I have caused My people Israel to inherit: Behold, I will pluck them up from their land and I will pluck up the house of Judah from among them.
Jer 12:15 And after I have plucked them up, I will return and have compassion on them and will bring them back again, every man to his heritage and every man to his land.
Jer 12:16 And if these [neighbor nations] will diligently learn the ways of My people, to swear by My name, saying, As the Lord lives--even as they taught My people to swear by Baal--then will they be built up in the midst of My people.
Jer 12:17 But if any nation will not hear and obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, says the Lord.
Jer 13:1 THUS THE Lord said to me: Go and buy yourself a linen girdle and put it on your loins, but do not put it in water.
Jer 13:2 So I bought a girdle {or} waistcloth, according to the word of the Lord, and put it on my loins.
Jer 13:3 And the word of the Lord came to me the second time, saying,
Jer 13:4 Take the girdle which you have bought, which is on your loins, and arise, go to the [river] Euphrates, and hide it there in a cleft of the rock.
Jer 13:5 So I went and hid it by the Euphrates, as the Lord commanded me.
Jer 13:6 And after many days the Lord said to me, Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take from there the girdle which I commanded you to hide there.
Jer 13:7 Then I went to the Euphrates and dug and took the girdle {or} waistcloth from the place where I had hidden it. And behold, the girdle was decayed {and} spoiled; it was good for nothing.
Jer 13:8 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Jer 13:9 Thus says the Lord: After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah and the great pride of Jerusalem.
Jer 13:10 These evil people, who refuse to hear My words, who walk in the stubbornness of their hearts and have gone after other gods to serve them and to worship them, shall even be like this girdle {or} waistcloth, which is profitable for nothing.
Jer 13:11 For as the girdle clings to the loins of a man, so I caused the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to cling to Me, says the Lord, that they might be for Me a people, a name, a praise, and a glory; but they would not listen {or} obey.
Jer 13:12 Therefore you shall speak to them this word: Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Every bottle {and} jar should be filled with wine. [The people] will say to you, Do we not certainly know that every bottle {and} jar should be filled with wine?
Jer 13:13 Then say to them, Thus says the Lord: Behold, I will fill with drunkenness all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings who sit upon David's throne, the priests, the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
Jer 13:14 And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, says the Lord. I will not pity or spare or have compassion, that I should not destroy them.
Jer 13:15 Hear and give ear, do not be proud, for the Lord has spoken [says Jeremiah].
Jer 13:16 Give glory to the Lord your God before He brings darkness and before your feet stumble upon the dark {and} twilit mountains, and [before], while you are looking for light, He turns it into the shadow of death and makes it thick darkness.
Jer 13:17 But if you will not hear {and} obey, I will weep in secret for your pride; my eyes will weep bitterly and run down with tears, because the Lord's flock has been taken captive.
Jer 13:18 Say to the king and the queen mother, Humble yourselves {and} take a lowly seat, for down from your head has come your beautiful crown (the crown of your glory).
Jer 13:19 The cities of the South (the Negeb) have been shut up, and there is no one to open them; all Judah has been carried away captive, it has been wholly taken captive {and} into exile.
Jer 13:20 Lift up your eyes and behold those [the eruption of a hostile army] who come from the north. Where is the

flock that was given to you [to shepherd], your beautiful flock?
Jer 13:21 What will you say [O Jerusalem] when He [the Lord] sets over you as head those [tyrannical foreign nations] whom you yourselves [at intervals] have taught to be lovers (allies) with you [instructing them, even your friends, to be head over you]? Will not pangs take hold of you like that of a woman in travail?
Jer 13:22 And if you say in your heart, Why have these things come upon me?--[the answer is], Because of the greatness of your iniquity has your long robe been pulled aside [showing you in the garb of a menial] {and} have you [barefooted and treated like a slave] suffered violence.
Jer 13:23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? Then also can you do good who are accustomed {and} taught [even trained] to do evil.
Jer 13:24 Therefore I will scatter you like chaff driven away by the wind from the desert.
Jer 13:25 This is your lot, the portion measured to you from Me, says the Lord, because you have forgotten Me and trusted in falsehood [false gods and alliances with idolatrous nations].
Jer 13:26 Therefore I Myself will [retaliate], throwing your skirts up over your face, that your shame [of being clad like a slave] may be exposed.
Jer 13:27 I have seen your detestable acts, even your adulteries and your lustful neighings [after idols], and the lewdness of your harlotry on the hills in the field. Woe to you, O Jerusalem! For how long a time yet will you not [meet My conditions and] be made clean?
Jer 14:1 THE WORD of the Lord that came to Jeremiah concerning the drought:
Jer 14:2 Judah mourns and her gates languish; [her people] sit in black [mourning garb] upon the ground, and the cry of Jerusalem goes up.
Jer 14:3 And their nobles send their little ones {and} their inferiors for water; they come to the cisterns and find no water. They return with empty vessels; they are put to shame and confounded and cover their heads.
Jer 14:4 Because the ground is cracked {and} the tillers are dismayed, since there has been no rain on the land, the plowmen are put to shame, and they cover their heads.
Jer 14:5 Yes, even the hind gives birth to her calf in the field and forsakes it, because there is no grass {or} herbage.
Jer 14:6 And the wild donkeys stand on the bare heights; they pant for air like jackals {or} crocodiles; their eyesight fails because there is no grass.
Jer 14:7 O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us [prays Jeremiah], deal {and} work with us for Your own name's sake [that the heathen may witness Your might and faithfulness]! For our backslidings are many; we have sinned against You.
Jer 14:8 O Hope of Israel, her Savior in time of trouble, why should You be like a sojourner in the land and like a wayfaring man who turns aside {and} spreads his tent to tarry [only] for a night?
Jer 14:9 Why should You be [hesitant and inactive] like a man stunned {and} confused, like a mighty man who cannot save? Yet You, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by Your name; do not leave us!
Jer 14:10 [And the Lord replied to Jeremiah] Thus says the Lord to this people [Judah]: In the manner {and} to the degree already pointed out have they loved to wander; they have not restrained their feet. Therefore the Lord does not accept them; He will now [seriously] remember their iniquity and punish them for their sins.
Jer 14:11 The Lord said to me, Do not pray for this people for their good.
Jer 14:12 Though they fast, I will not hear their cry; and though they offer burnt offering and cereal offering [without heartfelt surrender to Me, or by offering it too late], I will not accept them. But I will consume them by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence.
Jer 14:13 Then said I, Alas, Lord God! Behold, the [false] prophets say to them, You will not see the sword, nor will you have famine; but I [the Lord] will give you assured peace (peace that lasts, the peace of truth) in this place.
Jer 14:14 Then the Lord said to me, The [false] prophets prophesy lies in My name. I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, nor have I spoken to them. They prophesy to you a false {or} pretended vision, a worthless divination [conjuring or practicing magic, trying to call forth the responses supposed to be given by idols], and the deceit of their own minds.
Jer 14:15 Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the [false] prophets who prophesy in My name--although I did not send them--and who say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land: By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.
Jer 14:16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem, victims of famine and sword; and they shall have none to bury them--them, their wives, their sons, and their daughters. For I will pour out their wickedness upon them [and not on their false teachers only, for the people could not have been deceived except by their own consent].

Jer 14:17 Therefore [Jeremiah] you shall say to them, Let my eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease; for the virgin daughter of my people has been smitten with a great wound, with a very grievous blow.
Jer 14:18 If I go out into the field, then behold, those slain with the sword! And if I enter the city, then behold, those tormented with the diseases of famine! For both prophet and priest go about not knowing what to do {or} as beggars [exiled] in a land that they know not, and they have no knowledge.
Jer 14:19 [O Lord] have You utterly rejected Judah? Do You loathe Zion? Why have You smitten us so that there is no healing for us? We looked for peace {and} completeness, but no good came, and for a time of healing, but behold, dismay, disaster, {and} terror!
Jer 14:20 We know {and} acknowledge, O Lord, our wickedness and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against You.
Jer 14:21 Do not abhor, condemn, {and} spurn us, for Your name's sake; do not dishonor, debase, {and} lightly esteem Your glorious throne; [earnestly] remember, break not Your covenant {or} solemn pledge with us.
Jer 14:22 Are there any among the false gods of the nations who can cause rain? Or can the heavens [of their own will] give showers? Are You [alone] not He, O Lord our God? Therefore we will wait [expectantly] for You, for You have made all these things [the heavens and the rain].
Jer 15:1 THEN THE Lord said to me, Though Moses and Samuel stood [interceding for them] before Me, yet My mind could not be turned with favor toward this people [Judah]. Send them out of My sight and let them go!
Jer 15:2 And if they say to you, Where shall we go? then tell them, Thus says the Lord: Such as are [destined] for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for famine, to famine; and such as are for captivity, to captivity.
Jer 15:3 And I will appoint over them four kinds [of destroyers], says the Lord: the sword to slay, the dogs to tear {and} drag away, and the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth to devour and to destroy.
Jer 15:4 And I will cause them to be tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth {and} to be made a horror to all nations because of Manasseh son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for [the horrible wickedness] which he did in Jerusalem.
Jer 15:5 For who will have pity on you, O Jerusalem? Or who will bemoan you? Or who will turn aside to ask about your welfare?
Jer 15:6 You have rejected {and} forsaken Me, says the Lord. You keep going in reverse. Therefore I will stretch out My hand against you and destroy you; I am weary of relenting [concerning your punishment].
Jer 15:7 I will winnow them with a fan {and} a winnowing fork in the gates of the land; I will bereave them [of children], I will destroy My people; from their [evil] ways they did not return.
Jer 15:8 I will increase the number of their widows more than the sand of the seas. I will bring upon them, [both] against the mother of young men {and} the young men [themselves], a destroyer at noonday. I will cause anguish and terrors to fall upon her [Jerusalem] suddenly.
Jer 15:9 She who has borne seven languishes; she has expired. Her sun has gone down while it was yet day; she has been put to shame, confounded, {and} disgraced. And the rest of them I will deliver to the sword before their enemies, says the Lord.
Jer 15:10 Woe is me, my mother, that you bore me to be a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither loaned, nor have men loaned to me, yet everyone curses me.
Jer 15:11 The Lord said, Truly your release, affliction, {and} strengthening will be for good [purposes]; surely [Jeremiah] I will intercede for you with the enemy {and} I will cause the enemy to ask for your aid in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.
Jer 15:12 Can iron break the iron from the north and the bronze?
Jer 15:13 Your [nation's] substance and your treasures will I give as spoil, without price, and that for all your sins, even in all your territory.
Jer 15:14 And I will make [your possessions] to pass with your enemies into a land which you do not know {and} I will make you to serve [your conquerors] there, for a fire is kindled in My anger which will burn upon you [Israel].
Jer 15:15 [Jeremiah said] O Lord, You know {and} understand; [earnestly] remember me and visit me and avenge me on my persecutors. Take me not away [from joy or from life itself] in Your long-suffering [to my enemies]; know that for Your sake I suffer {and} bear reproach.
Jer 15:16 Your words were found, and I ate them; and Your words were to me a joy and the rejoicing of my heart, for I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts.
Jer 15:17 I sat not in the assembly of those who make merry, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone because Your [powerful] hand was upon me, for You had filled me with indignation.

Jer 15:18 Why is my pain perpetual and my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you indeed be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail {and} are uncertain?
Jer 15:19 Therefore thus says the Lord [to Jeremiah]: If you return [and give up this mistaken tone of distrust and despair], then I will give you again a settled place of quiet {and} safety, and you will be My minister; and if you separate the precious from the vile [cleansing your own heart from unworthy and unwarranted suspicions concerning God's faithfulness], you shall be My mouthpiece. [But do not yield to them.] Let them return to you--not you to [the people].
Jer 15:20 And I will make you to this people a fortified, bronze wall; they will fight against you, but they will not prevail over you, for I am with you to save {and} deliver you, says the Lord.
Jer 15:21 And I will deliver you out of the hands of the wicked, and I will redeem you out of the palms of the terrible {and} ruthless tyrants.
Jer 16:1 THE WORD of the Lord came also to me, saying,
Jer 16:2 You shall not take a wife or have sons and daughters in this place [Jerusalem].
Jer 16:3 For thus says the Lord concerning the sons and daughters who are born in this place and concerning the mothers who bore them and the fathers who begot them in this land:
Jer 16:4 They shall die of deadly diseases. They shall not be lamented, nor shall they be buried, but they shall be like dung upon the face of the ground. They shall perish {and} be consumed by the sword and by famine, and their dead bodies shall be food for the fowls of the air and for the beasts of the earth.
Jer 16:5 For thus says the Lord: Enter not into the house of mourning, nor go to lament or bemoan [the dead], for I have taken away My peace from this people, says the Lord, even My steadfast love {and} loving-kindness and tender mercy.
Jer 16:6 Both the great and the small shall die in this land. They shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them or cut themselves or make themselves bald for them.
Jer 16:7 Neither shall men prepare food for the mourners to comfort them for the dead; nor shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother.
Jer 16:8 And you [Jeremiah] shall not go into the house of feasting to sit with them to eat and drink.
Jer 16:9 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will cause to cease from this place before your very eyes and in your days the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride.
Jer 16:10 And when you tell these people all these words and they inquire of you, Why has the Lord decreed all this enormous evil against us? Or, What is our iniquity? Or, What is the sin that we have committed against the Lord our God?
Jer 16:11 Then you shall say to them, [It is] because your fathers have forsaken Me, says the Lord, and have walked after other gods and have served and worshiped them and have forsaken Me and have not kept My law,
Jer 16:12 And because you have done worse than your fathers. For behold, every one of you walks after the stubbornness of his own evil heart, so that you do not listen to {and} obey Me.
Jer 16:13 Therefore I will cast you out of this land [of Judah] into the land [of the Babylonians] neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you will serve other gods day and night, for I will show you no favor there.
Jer 16:14 Therefore, behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when it shall no more be said, As the Lord lives, Who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt,
Jer 16:15 But, As the Lord lives, Who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the countries to which He had driven them. And I will bring them again to their land which I gave to their fathers.
Jer 16:16 Behold, I will send for many fishers, says the Lord, and they will fish them out; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they will hunt them from every mountain and from every hill and out of the clefts of the rocks.
Jer 16:17 For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, neither is their iniquity concealed from My eyes.
Jer 16:18 First [before I bring them back to their land] I will doubly recompense {and} punish them for their iniquity and their sin, because they have polluted My land with the carcasses of their detestable idols and with the abominable things offered to false gods with which they have filled My inheritance.
Jer 16:19 [Then said Jeremiah] O Lord, my Strength and my Stronghold, and my Refuge in the day of affliction, to You shall the nations come from the ends of the earth and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, emptiness, {and} futility, worthless things in which there is no profit!
Jer 16:20 Can a man make gods for himself? Such are not gods!
Jer 16:21 Therefore [says the Lord] behold, I will make them know--[yes] this once I will make them know My power

and My might; and they will know {and} recognize that My name is the Lord.
Jer 17:1 THE SIN of Judah is written with a pen {or} stylus of iron and with the point of a diamond; it is engraved on the tablets of their hearts and on the horns of their altars,
Jer 17:2 While their children [earnestly] remember their [heathen] altars and their Asherim [wooden symbols of the goddess Asherah] beside the green trees upon the high hills.
Jer 17:3 O [Jerusalem] My mountain in the field, I will give your wealth {and} all your treasures to the spoil and your high places for sin [as the price of your sin] throughout all your territory.
Jer 17:4 And you, through your own fault, will loosen your hand {and} discontinue from your heritage which I gave you; and I will cause you to serve your enemies in a land which you do not know, for you have kindled a fire in My anger which will burn throughout the ages.
Jer 17:5 Thus says the Lord: Cursed [with great evil] is the strong man who trusts in {and} relies on frail man, making weak [human] flesh his arm, and whose mind {and} heart turn aside from the Lord.
Jer 17:6 For he shall be like a shrub {or} a person naked and destitute in the desert; and he shall not see any good come, but shall dwell in the parched places in the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.
Jer 17:7 [Most] blessed is the man who believes in, trusts in, {and} relies on the Lord, and whose hope {and} confidence the Lord is.
Jer 17:8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters that spreads out its roots by the river; and it shall not see {and} fear when heat comes; but its leaf shall be green. It shall not be anxious {and} full of care in the year of drought, nor shall it cease yielding fruit.
Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly perverse {and} corrupt and severely, mortally sick! Who can know it [perceive, understand, be acquainted with his own heart and mind]?
Jer 17:10 I the Lord search the mind, I try the heart, even to give to every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.
Jer 17:11 Like the partridge that gathers a brood which she did not hatch {and} sits on eggs which she has not laid, so is he who gets riches by unjust means {and} not by right. He will leave them, {or} they will leave him, in the midst of his days, and at his end he will be a fool.
Jer 17:12 A glorious throne, set on high from the beginning, is the place of our sanctuary (the temple).
Jer 17:13 O Lord, the Hope of Israel, all who forsake You shall be put to shame. They who depart from You {and} me [Your prophet] shall [disappear like] writing upon the ground, because they have forsaken the Lord, the Fountain of living waters.
Jer 17:14 Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise.
Jer 17:15 Behold, they say to me, Where is the word of the Lord [predicting the disaster that you said would befall us]? Let it come now!
Jer 17:16 But as for me, I have not sought to escape from being a shepherd after You, nor have I desired the woeful day [of judgment]; You know that. Whatever I said was spoken in Your presence {and} was from You.
Jer 17:17 Be not a terror to me; You are my refuge {and} my hope in the day of evil.
Jer 17:18 Let those be put to shame who persecute me, but let me not be put to shame; let them be dismayed, but let me not be dismayed. Bring on them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction.
Jer 17:19 Thus said the Lord to me: Go and stand in the gate of the sons of the people, through which the kings of Judah enter and through which they go out, and also [stand] in all the gates of Jerusalem.
Jer 17:20 Say to them, Hear the word of the Lord, you kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem who enter through these gates.
Jer 17:21 Thus says the Lord: Take heed to yourselves {and} for the sake of your lives bear no burden on the Sabbath day or bring it in through the gates of Jerusalem.
Jer 17:22 And do not carry a burden out of your houses on the Sabbath day or do any work, but keep the Sabbath day holy (set apart to the worship of God), as I commanded your fathers.
Jer 17:23 Yet they would not listen {and} obey or incline their ears; but they stiffened their necks, that they might not hear and might not receive instruction.
Jer 17:24 But if you diligently listen to {and} obey Me, says the Lord, and bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the Sabbath day, but keep the Sabbath day holy (set apart to the worship of God), to do no work on it,
Jer 17:25 Then there will enter through the gates of this city kings and princes who will sit upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses--the kings and their princes, the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and this city will be inhabited {and} last throughout the ages.
Jer 17:26 And people shall come from the cities of Judah and the places round about Jerusalem, from the land of

Benjamin, from the lowland, from the hill country, and from the South (the Negeb), bringing burnt offerings and sacrifices, cereal offerings and frankincense, and bringing sacrifices of thanksgiving to the house of the Lord.
Jer 17:27 But if you will not listen to Me to keep the Sabbath day holy (set apart to the worship of God), and not to bear a burden and enter in at the gates of Jerusalem [with one] on the Sabbath day, then I will kindle a fire in her gates, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.
Jer 18:1 THE WORD which came to Jeremiah from the Lord:
Jer 18:2 Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words.
Jer 18:3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and behold, he was working at the wheel.
Jer 18:4 And the vessel that he was making from clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter; so he made it over, reworking it into another vessel as it seemed good to the potter to make it.
Jer 18:5 Then the word of the Lord came to me:
Jer 18:6 O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does? says the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.
Jer 18:7 At one time I will suddenly speak concerning a nation or kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it;
Jer 18:8 And if [the people of] that nation concerning which I have spoken turn from their evil, I will relent {and} reverse My decision concerning the evil that I thought to do to them.
Jer 18:9 At another time I will suddenly speak concerning a nation or kingdom, that I will build up and plant it;
Jer 18:10 And if they do evil in My sight, obeying not My voice, then I will regret {and} reverse My decision concerning the good with which I said I would benefit them.
Jer 18:11 Now therefore say to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Thus says the Lord: Behold, I am shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Return now each one from his evil way; reform your [accustomed] ways {and} make your [individual] actions good {and} right.
Jer 18:12 But they will say, That is in vain! For we will walk after our own devices, and we will each do as the stubbornness of his own evil heart dictates.
Jer 18:13 Therefore thus says the Lord: Ask now among the nations: Who has heard such things? Virgin Israel has done a very vile {and} horrible thing.
Jer 18:14 Will the snow of Mount Lebanon fail {and} vanish from its rocks [which tower above the land of Israel]? Will the cold, rushing waters of strange lands [that dash down from afar] be dried up?
Jer 18:15 Yet My people have forgotten Me; they burn incense to false gods, they have been caused to stumble in their ways and in the ancient roads, to walk in bypaths, in a way not graded {and} built up [not on a highway],
Jer 18:16 Making their land a desolation {and} a horror, a thing to be hissed at perpetually; everyone who passes by shall be astounded {and} horrified and shake his head.
Jer 18:17 I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them My back and not My face in the day of their calamity [says the Lord].
Jer 18:18 Then [my enemies] said, Come and let us devise schemes against Jeremiah; for the law [of Moses] shall not perish from the priest [as this false prophet Jeremiah predicts], nor will counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, let us smite him with the tongue [making a charge against him to the king], and let us not pay any attention to his words.
Jer 18:19 Give heed to me, Lord; listen to [what] my adversaries [are plotting to do to me--and intercede].
Jer 18:20 Shall evil be recompensed for good? Yet they have dug a pit for my life. [Earnestly] remember that I stood before You to speak good for them, to turn away Your anger from them.
Jer 18:21 Therefore deliver up their children to the famine; give them over to the power of the sword. And let their wives become childless and widows; let their men meet death by pestilence, their young men be slain by the sword in battle.
Jer 18:22 Let a cry be heard from their houses when You suddenly bring a troop upon them, for they have dug a pit to take me and have hidden snares for my feet.
Jer 18:23 Yet, Lord, You know all their plotting against me to slay me. Forgive not their iniquity, nor blot out their sin from Your sight. But let them be overthrown before You; deal with them in the time of Your anger.
Jer 19:1 THUS SAYS the Lord: Go and get a potter's earthen bottle, and take some of the old people and some of the elderly priests
Jer 19:2 And go out to the Valley of Ben-hinnom [son of Hinnom], which is by the entrance of the Potsherd Gate; and proclaim there the words that I shall tell you,
Jer 19:3 And say, Hear the word of the Lord, O kings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem. Thus says the Lord of

hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I am going to bring such evil upon this place that the ears of whoever hears of it will tingle.
Jer 19:4 Because the people have forsaken Me and have estranged {and} profaned this place [Jerusalem] by burning incense in it to other gods that neither they nor their fathers nor the kings of Judah ever knew, and because they have filled this place with the blood of innocents
Jer 19:5 And have built the high places of Baal to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to Baal, which I commanded not nor spoke of it, nor did it come into My mind {and} heart--
Jer 19:6 Therefore, behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when this place shall no more be called Topheth or the Valley of Ben-hinnom [son of Hinnom], but the Valley of Slaughter.
Jer 19:7 And I will pour out {and} make void the counsel {and} the plans of [the men of] Judah and Jerusalem in this place, and I will cause their people to fall by the sword before their enemies and by the hands of those who seek their lives, and their dead bodies I will give to be food for the birds of the air and for the beasts of the earth.
Jer 19:8 And I will make this city an astonishment {and} a horror and a hissing; everyone who passes by it will be horrified and will hiss [in scorn] because of all its plagues {and} disasters.
Jer 19:9 And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and their daughters, and they shall eat each one the flesh of his neighbor {and} friend in the siege and in the distress with which their enemies and those who seek their lives distress them.
Jer 19:10 Then you shall break the bottle in the sight of the men who accompany you,
Jer 19:11 And say to them, Thus said the Lord of hosts: Even so will I break this people and this city as one breaks a potter's vessel, so that it cannot be mended. Men will bury in Topheth because there will be no other place for burial {and} until there is no more room to bury.
Jer 19:12 Thus will I do to this place, says the Lord, and to its inhabitants; and I will even make this city like Topheth.
Jer 19:13 And the houses of Jerusalem and the houses of the kings of Judah, which are defiled, shall be like the place of Topheth--even all the houses upon whose roofs incense has been burned to all the host of the heavens and drink offerings have been poured out to other gods.
Jer 19:14 Then came Jeremiah from Topheth, where the Lord had sent him to prophesy, and he stood in the court of the Lord's house and said to all the people,
Jer 19:15 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all its towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because they have stiffened their necks, refusing to hear My words.
Jer 20:1 NOW PASHHUR son of Immer, the priest, who was [also] chief officer in the house of the Lord, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things.
Jer 20:2 Then Pashhur beat Jeremiah the prophet and put him in the stocks that were at the upper Benjamin Gate by the house of the Lord.
Jer 20:3 And the next day Pashhur brought Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then Jeremiah said to him, The Lord does not call your name Pashhur, but Magor-missabib [terror on every side].
Jer 20:4 For thus says the Lord: Behold, I will make you a terror to yourself and to all your friends; they will fall by the sword of their enemies while you look on. And I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon; he will carry them captive to Babylon and will slay them with the sword.
Jer 20:5 Moreover, I will deliver all the riches of this city--all the results of its labors, all its precious things, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah--into the hand of their enemies, who will make them a prey {and} plunder them and seize them and carry them to Babylon.
Jer 20:6 And you, Pashhur, and all who dwell in your house shall go into captivity; you shall go to Babylon, and there you shall die and be buried, you and all your friends to whom you have prophesied falsely.
Jer 20:7 [But Jeremiah said] O Lord, You have persuaded {and} deceived me, and I was persuaded {and} deceived; You are stronger than I am and You have prevailed. I am a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me.
Jer 20:8 For whenever I speak, I must cry out {and} complain; I shout, Violence and destruction! For the word of the Lord has become to me a reproach and a derision {and} has brought me insult all day long.
Jer 20:9 If I say, I will not make mention of [the Lord] or speak any more in His name, in my mind {and} heart it is as if there were a burning fire shut up in my bones. And I am weary of enduring {and} holding it in; I cannot [contain it any longer].
Jer 20:10 For I have heard many whispering {and} defaming, [There is] terror on every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him! Say all my familiar friends, they who watch for my fall, Perhaps he will be persuaded {and} deceived; then we will prevail against him, and we will get our revenge on him.
Jer 20:11 But the Lord is with me as a mighty {and} terrible One; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will

not overcome [me]. They will be utterly put to shame, for they will not deal wisely {or} prosper [in their schemes]; their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.
Jer 20:12 But, O Lord of hosts, You Who try the righteous, Who see the heart and the mind, let me see Your vengeance on them, for to You have I revealed {and} committed my cause.
Jer 20:13 Sing to the Lord! Praise the Lord! For He has delivered the life of the poor {and} needy from the hands of evildoers.
Jer 20:14 Cursed be the day on which I was born! Let not the day on which my mother bore me be blessed!
Jer 20:15 Cursed be the man who brought the tidings to my father, saying, A son is born to you!--making him very glad.
Jer 20:16 And let that man be like the cities which the Lord overthrew, and did not relent. Let him hear the [war] cry in the morning and the shouting of alarm at noon,
Jer 20:17 Because he did not slay me in the womb, so that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb always great.
Jer 20:18 Why did I come out of the womb to see labor and sorrow, that my days should be consumed in shame?
Jer 21:1 THE WORD which came to Jeremiah from the Lord when King Zedekiah sent to him Pashhur son of Malchiah, and Zephaniah the priest, the son of Maaseiah, saying,
Jer 21:2 Inquire, I pray you, of the Lord for us, for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon is making war against us. Perhaps the Lord will deal with us according to all His wonderful works, forcing him to withdraw from us.
Jer 21:3 Then said Jeremiah to them, Say this to Zedekiah:
Jer 21:4 Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Behold, I will turn back {and} dull the edge of the weapons of war that are in your hands, with which you fight against the king of Babylon and the Chaldeans who are besieging you outside the walls; and I will bring them into the midst of this city [Jerusalem].
Jer 21:5 And I Myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm in anger, in fury, and in great indignation {and} wrath.
Jer 21:6 And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast; they will die of a great pestilence.
Jer 21:7 And afterward, says the Lord, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah and his servants and the people in this city who survive the pestilence, the sword, and the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and into the hands of their enemies, into the hands of those who seek their lives. And he will smite them with the edge of the sword; he will not spare them nor have pity or mercy {and} compassion upon them.
Jer 21:8 And to this people you [Jeremiah] shall say, Thus says the Lord: Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death.
Jer 21:9 He who remains in this city [Jerusalem] shall die by the sword and by famine and by pestilence. But he who goes out and passes over to the Chaldeans who besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be to him his only booty [as a prize of war].
Jer 21:10 For I have set My face against this city for evil and not for good, says the Lord. It shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.
Jer 21:11 And concerning the royal house of the king of Judah, hear the word of the Lord:
Jer 21:12 O house of David, thus says the Lord: Execute justice in the morning, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed, lest My wrath go forth like fire and burn so that none can quench it--because of the evil of your doings.
Jer 21:13 Behold, I am against you, O inhabitant of the valley, O rock of the plain, says the Lord--you who say, Who shall come down against us? Or, Who shall enter into our dwelling places?
Jer 21:14 And I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, says the Lord. I will kindle a fire in your forest, and it will devour all that is round about you.
Jer 22:1 THUS SAYS the Lord: Go down to the house of the king of Judah and speak there this word:
Jer 22:2 Hear the word of the Lord, O king of Judah, you who sit upon the throne of David--you and your servants and your people who enter by these gates.
Jer 22:3 Thus says the Lord: Execute justice and righteousness, and deliver out of the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed. And do no wrong; do no violence to the stranger {or} temporary resident, the fatherless, or the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.
Jer 22:4 For if you will indeed obey this word, then will there enter in through the gates of this [the king's] house kings sitting [for David] upon David's throne, riding in chariots and on horses--they and their servants and their people.
Jer 22:5 But if you will not hear these words, I swear by Myself, says the Lord, that this house will become a desolation.

Jer 22:6 For thus says the Lord concerning the house of the king of Judah: [If you will not listen to Me, though] you are [as valuable] to Me as [the fat pastures of] Gilead [east of the Jordan] or as the [plentiful] summit of Lebanon [west of the Jordan], yet surely I will make you a wilderness and uninhabited cities.
Jer 22:7 And I will prepare, solemnly set apart, {and} appoint [to execute My judgments against you] destroyers, each with his weapons, and they will cut down your [palaces built of] choicest cedars and cast them into the fire.
Jer 22:8 And many nations will pass by this city, and every man will say to his neighbor, Why has the Lord done this to this great city?
Jer 22:9 Then they will answer, Because [the people] forsook the covenant {or} solemn pledge with the Lord their God and worshiped other gods and served them.
Jer 22:10 Weep not for him who is dead nor bemoan him; but weep bitterly for him who goes away [into captivity], for he shall return no more nor see his native country [again].
Jer 22:11 For thus says the Lord concerning Shallum son of Josiah king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father and who went forth out of this place: [Shallum] shall not return here any more;
Jer 22:12 But he shall die in the place where they have led him captive, and he shall see this land no more.
Jer 22:13 Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness and his [upper] chambers by injustice, who uses his neighbor's service without wages and does not give him his pay [for his work],
Jer 22:14 Who says, I will build myself a wide house with large rooms, and he cuts himself out windows, and it is ceiled {or} paneled with cedar and painted with vermilion.
Jer 22:15 Do you think that being a king [merely] means [self-indulgent] vying [with Solomon] {and} striving to excel in cedar [palaces]? Did not your father [Josiah], as he ate and drank, do justice and righteousness [being upright and in right standing with God]? Then it was well with him.
Jer 22:16 He judged {and} defended the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Was not [all] this [what it means] to know {and} recognize Me? says the Lord.
Jer 22:17 But your eyes and your heart are only for your covetousness {and} dishonest gain, for shedding innocent blood, for oppression and doing violence.
Jer 22:18 Therefore thus says the Lord concerning Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah: [Relatives] shall not lament for him, saying, Ah, my brother! or, Ah, sister, [how great our loss! Subjects] shall not lament for him saying, Ah, lord! or Ah, his majesty! {or} Ah, [how great was] his glory!
Jer 22:19 [No] he shall be buried with the burial of a donkey--dragged out and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.
Jer 22:20 Go up [north] to Lebanon and cry out, and raise your voice in [the hills] of Bashan [across the Jordan], and cry out from Abarim [a range of mountains southeast of Palestine], for all your lovers (the king's chosen allies) are destroyed.
Jer 22:21 I spoke to you in your [times of] prosperity, but you said, I will not listen! This has been your attitude from your youth; you have not obeyed My voice.
Jer 22:22 The wind [of adversity] shall pasture upon {and} consume all your shepherds (your princes and statesmen), and your lovers (allies) shall go into captivity. Surely then shall you be ashamed and confounded {and} dismayed because of all your wickedness.
Jer 22:23 O inhabitant of Lebanon [Jerusalem, whose palaces are made of Lebanon's trees], you who make your nest among the cedars, how you will groan {and} how pitiable you will be when pangs come upon you, pain like that of a woman in childbirth!
Jer 22:24 As I live, says the Lord, though Coniah [also called Jeconiah and Jehoiachin] son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet [ring] upon My right hand, yet would I tear you off.
Jer 22:25 And I will give you into the hands of those who seek your life and into the hand of those of whom you are afraid, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and into the hands of the Chaldeans.
Jer 22:26 And I will hurl you and the mother who bore you into another country, where you were not born, and there you will die.
Jer 22:27 But to the land to which they will yearn to return, there they will not return.
Jer 22:28 Is this man [King] Coniah a despised, broken pot? Is he a vessel in which no one takes pleasure? Why are they hurled out, he and his royal offspring, and cast into a land which they do not know, understand, {or} recognize?
Jer 22:29 O land, land, land, hear the word of the Lord!
Jer 22:30 Thus says the Lord: Write this man [Coniah] down as childless, a man who shall not prosper in his days, for no man of his offspring shall succeed in sitting upon the throne of David and ruling any more in Judah.
Jer 23:1 WOE TO the shepherds (the civil leaders) who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasturing! says the Lord.

Jer 23:2 Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for {and} feed My people: You have scattered My flock and driven them away and have not visited {and} attended to them; behold, I will visit {and} attend to you for the evil of your doings, says the Lord.
Jer 23:3 And I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries to which I have driven them and will bring them again to their folds {and} pastures; and they will be fruitful and multiply.
Jer 23:4 And I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them. And they will fear no more nor be dismayed, neither will any be missing {or} lost, says the Lord.
Jer 23:5 Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch (Sprout), and He will reign as King and do wisely and will execute justice and righteousness in the land.
Jer 23:6 In His days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is His name by which He shall be called: The Lord Our Righteousness.
Jer 23:7 Therefore behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when they shall no more say, As the Lord lives, Who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt,
Jer 23:8 But, As the Lord lives, Who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries to which I had driven them. And they shall dwell in their own land. .
Jer 23:9 Concerning the prophets: My heart [says Jeremiah] is broken within me, all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, a man whom wine has overcome, because of the Lord and because of His holy words [which He has pronounced against unfaithful leaders].
Jer 23:10 For the land is full of adulterers (forsakers of God, Israel's true Husband). Because of the curse [of God upon it] the land mourns, the pastures of the wilderness are dried up. They [both false prophets and people] rush into wickedness; {and} their course is evil, their might is not right.
Jer 23:11 For both [false] prophet and priest are ungodly {and} profane; even in My house have I found their wickedness, says the Lord.
Jer 23:12 Therefore their way will be to them like slippery paths in the dark; they will be driven on and fall into them. For I will bring evil upon them in the year of their punishment, says the Lord.
Jer 23:13 And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria: they prophesied by Baal and caused My people Israel to err {and} go astray.
Jer 23:14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem a horrible thing: they commit adultery and walk in lies; they encourage {and} strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that none returns from his wickedness. They have all of them become to Me like Sodom, and her inhabitants like Gomorrah.
Jer 23:15 Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts concerning the prophets: Behold, I will feed them with [the bitterness of] wormwood and make them drink the [poisonous] water of gall, for from the [false] prophets of Jerusalem profaneness {and} ungodliness have gone forth into all the land.
Jer 23:16 Thus says the Lord of hosts: Do not listen to the words of the [false] prophets who prophesy to you. They teach you vanity (emptiness, falsity, and futility) {and} fill you with vain hopes; they speak a vision of their own minds and not from the mouth of the Lord.
Jer 23:17 They are continually saying to those who despise Me {and} the word of the Lord, The Lord has said: You shall have peace; and they say to everyone who walks after the stubbornness of his own mind {and} heart, No evil shall come upon you.
Jer 23:18 For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord, that he should perceive and hear His word? Who has marked His word [noticing and observing and giving attention to it] and has [actually] heard it?
Jer 23:19 Behold, the tempest of the Lord has gone forth in wrath, a whirling tempest; it shall whirl {and} burst upon the heads of the wicked.
Jer 23:20 The anger of the Lord shall not turn back until He has executed {and} accomplished the thoughts {and} intents of His mind {and} heart. In the latter days you shall consider {and} understand it perfectly.
Jer 23:21 I did not send these [false] prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.
Jer 23:22 But if they had stood in My council, then they would have caused My people to hear My words, then they would have turned them [My people] from their evil way and from the evil of their doings.
Jer 23:23 Am I a God at hand, says the Lord, and not a God afar off?
Jer 23:24 Can anyone hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? says the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? says the Lord.
Jer 23:25 I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed [visions on my bed at night].
Jer 23:26 [How long shall this state of things continue?] How long yet shall it be in the minds of the prophets who

prophesy falsehood, even the prophets of the deceit of their own hearts,
Jer 23:27 Who think that they can cause My people to forget My name by their dreams which every man tells to his neighbor, just as their fathers forgot My name because of Baal?
Jer 23:28 The prophet who has a dream, let him tell his dream; but he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat [for nourishment]? says the Lord.
Jer 23:29 Is not My word like fire [that consumes all that cannot endure the test]? says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks in pieces the rock [of most stubborn resistance]?
Jer 23:30 Therefore behold, I am against the [false] prophets, says the Lord, [I am even now descending upon them with punishment, these prophets] who steal My words from one another [imitating the phrases of the true prophets].
Jer 23:31 Behold, I am against the prophets, says the Lord, who use their [own deceitful] tongues and say, Thus says the Lord.
Jer 23:32 Behold, I am against those who prophesy lying dreams, says the Lord, and tell them and cause My people to err {and} go astray by their lies and by their vain boasting {and} recklessness--when I did not send them or command them; nor do they profit these people at all, says the Lord.
Jer 23:33 And when these people, or a prophet or a priest, ask you, What is the burden of the Lord [the thing to be lifted up now]? then you shall say to them, What burden [indeed]! [You are the burden!] And I will disburden Myself of you {and} I will cast you off, says the Lord.
Jer 23:34 And as for the prophet, the priest, or [any of these] the people, whoever [in mockery calls the word of the Lord a burden and] says, The burden of the Lord, I will even visit in wrath {and} punish that man and his house.
Jer 23:35 [For the future, in speaking of the utterances of the Lord] thus shall you say every one to his neighbor and every one to his brother: What has the Lord answered? or, What has the Lord spoken?
Jer 23:36 But the burden of the Lord you must mention no more, for every man's burden is his own response {and} word [for as they mockingly call all prophecies burdens, whether good or bad, so will it prove to be to them; God will take them at their own word]; for you pervert the words [not of a lifeless idol, but] of the living God, the Lord of hosts, our God!
Jer 23:37 Thus shall you [reverently] say to the prophet: What has the Lord answered you? Or, What has the Lord spoken?
Jer 23:38 But if you say, The burden of the Lord, therefore thus says the Lord: Because you said these words, The burden of the Lord, when I sent to you, saying, You shall not say, The burden of the Lord,
Jer 23:39 Therefore behold, I, even I, will assuredly take you up and cast you away from My presence, you and the city [Jerusalem] which I gave to you and to your fathers.
Jer 23:40 And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you and a perpetual shame which will not be forgotten.
Jer 24:1 AFTER NEBUCHADREZZAR king of Babylon had taken into exile Jeconiah [also called Coniah and Jehoiachin] son of Jehoiakim king of Judah and the princes of Judah, with the craftsmen and smiths from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon, the Lord showed me [in a vision] two baskets of figs set before the temple of the Lord.
Jer 24:2 One basket had very good figs, like the figs that are first ripe; but the other basket had very bad figs, so bad that they could not be eaten.
Jer 24:3 Then the Lord said to me, What do you see, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs--the good figs very good, and the bad very bad, so bad that they cannot be eaten.
Jer 24:4 Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Jer 24:5 Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Like these good figs, so will I regard the captives of Judah whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good.
Jer 24:6 For I will set My eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land; and I will build them up and not pull them down, and I will plant them and not pluck them up.
Jer 24:7 And I will give them a heart to know (recognize, understand, and be acquainted with) Me, that I am the Lord; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with their whole heart.
Jer 24:8 And as for the bad figs, which are so bad that they cannot be eaten, surely thus says the Lord, So will I give up Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes and the residue of Jerusalem who remains in this land and those who dwell in the land of Egypt.
Jer 24:9 I will even give them up to be a dismay {and} a horror {and} to be tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth for evil, to be a reproach, a byword {or} proverb, a taunt, and a curse in all places where I will drive them.
Jer 24:10 And I will send the sword, famine, and pestilence among them until they are consumed from off the land that I gave to them and to their fathers.

Jer 25:1 THE WORD that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah--which was the first year of the reign of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon--
Jer 25:2 Which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem:
Jer 25:3 For these twenty-three years--from the thirteenth year of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah, even to this day--the word of the Lord has come to me and I have spoken to you persistently early and late, but you have not listened {and} obeyed.
Jer 25:4 Although the Lord persistently sent you all the prophets, His servants, yet you have not listened and obeyed or [even] inclined your ear to hear.
Jer 25:5 [The prophets came on My behalf] saying, Turn again now every one from his evil way and wrongdoing; [that you may not forfeit the right to] dwell in the land that the Lord gave to you and to your fathers from of old {and} forevermore.
Jer 25:6 Do not go after other gods to serve and worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands. Then I will do you no harm.
Jer 25:7 Yet you have not listened to {and} obeyed Me, says the Lord, that you might provoke Me to anger with the works (idols) made by your hands to your own hurt.
Jer 25:8 Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: Because you have not heard {and} obeyed My words,
Jer 25:9 Behold, I will send for all the tribes of the north, says the Lord, and I will send for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, My servant [or agent to fulfill My designs], and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants and against all these nations round about; and I will devote them [to God] {and} utterly destroy them and make them an amazement, a hissing, and perpetual {and} agelong desolations.
Jer 25:10 Moreover, I will take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones [grinding out the meal] and the light of the candle [which every home burned throughout the night].
Jer 25:11 And this whole land shall be a waste and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.
Jer 25:12 Then when seventy years are completed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, says the Lord, for their iniquity, and will make the land [of the Chaldeans] a perpetual waste.
Jer 25:13 And I will bring upon that land all My words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations.
Jer 25:14 For many nations and great kings shall make bondmen of them, even them [the Chaldeans who enslaved other nations]; and I will recompense [all of] them according to their deeds and according to the work of their [own] hands.
Jer 25:15 For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, to me: Take this cup of the wine of wrath from My hand and cause all the nations to whom I send you to drink it.
Jer 25:16 They shall drink and reel to and fro and be crazed because of the sword that I will send among them.
Jer 25:17 Then I [Jeremiah] took the cup from the Lord's hand and made all the nations drink it to whom the Lord had sent me: [that is,]
Jer 25:18 Jerusalem and the cities of Judah [being most guilty because their privileges were greatest], its kings and princes, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, a hissing, and a curse, as it is to this day;
Jer 25:19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, his servants, his princes, all his people,
Jer 25:20 And all the mixed foreign population; all the kings of the land of Uz; and all the kings of the land of the Philistines and [their cities of] Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod;
Jer 25:21 Edom, Moab, and the children of Ammon;
Jer 25:22 All the kings of Tyre, all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of the islands {and} the coastlands across the [Mediterranean] Sea;
Jer 25:23 Dedan, Tema, Buz [neighboring tribes north of Arabia], and all who clip off the corners of their hair {and} beards;
Jer 25:24 All the kings of Arabia and all the kings of the mixed foreign people who dwell in the desert;
Jer 25:25 All the kings of Zimri, all the kings of Elam (Persia), and all the kings of Media;
Jer 25:26 All the kings of the north, far and near, one after another--and all the kingdoms of the world which are on the face of the earth. And after them the king of Sheshach (Babel or Babylon) shall drink.
Jer 25:27 Then you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Drink, be drunk, vomit, and fall to rise no more because of the sword which I am sending among you.
Jer 25:28 And if they refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord of

hosts: You shall surely drink!
Jer 25:29 For behold, I am beginning to work evil in the city which is called by My Name, and shall you go unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, for I am calling for a sword against all the inhabitants of the earth, says the Lord of hosts.
Jer 25:30 Therefore prophesy against them all these words and say to them: The Lord shall roar from on high and utter His voice from His holy habitation; He shall roar mightily against His fold {and} pasture. He shall give a shout like those who tread grapes [in the winepress, but His shout will be] against all the inhabitants of the earth.
Jer 25:31 A noise will come even to the ends of the earth, for the Lord has a controversy and an indictment against the nations; He will enter into judgment with all mankind; as for the wicked, He will give them to the sword, says the Lord.
Jer 25:32 Thus says the Lord of hosts: Behold, evil will go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirling tempest will rise from the uttermost parts of the earth.
Jer 25:33 And those slain by the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth. They shall not be lamented or gathered or buried; their [dead bodies] shall be dung upon the ground.
Jer 25:34 Wail, you shepherds, and cry; and roll in ashes, you principal ones of the flock. For the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions have fully come, and you shall fall {and} be dashed into pieces like a choice vessel.
Jer 25:35 And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal ones of the flock any means of escape.
Jer 25:36 A voice! The cry of the shepherds and the wailing of the principal ones of the flock! For the Lord is laying waste {and} destroying their pasture.
Jer 25:37 And the peaceable folds are devastated {and} brought to silence because of the fierce anger of the Lord.
Jer 25:38 He has left His shelter like the lion; for their land has become a waste {and} an astonishment because of the fierceness of the oppressor and because of [the Lord's] fierce anger.
Jer 26:1 IN THE beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from the Lord:
Jer 26:2 Thus says the Lord: Stand in the court of the Lord's house [Jeremiah] and speak to all [the people of] the cities of Judah who come to worship in the Lord's house all the words that I command you to speak to them; subtract not a word.
Jer 26:3 It may be that they will listen and turn every man from his evil way, that I may relent {and} reverse My decision concerning the evil which I purpose to do to them because of their evil doings.
Jer 26:4 And you will say to them, Thus says the Lord: If you will not listen to {and} obey Me, to walk in My law, which I have set before you,
Jer 26:5 And to hear {and} obey the words of My servants the prophets, whom I have sent to you urgently {and} persistently--though you have not listened {and} obeyed--
Jer 26:6 Then will I make this house [the temple] like Shiloh [the home of the Tent of Meeting, abandoned and later destroyed after the ark was captured by the Philistines], and I will make this city subject to the curses of all nations of the earth [so vile in their sight will it be].
Jer 26:7 And the priests and the [false] prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the Lord.
Jer 26:8 Now when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, the priests and the [false] prophets and all the people seized him, saying, You shall surely die!
Jer 26:9 Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh [after the ark of the Lord had been taken by our enemies] and this city [Jerusalem] shall be desolate, without inhabitant? And all the people were gathered around Jeremiah in the [outer area of the] house of the Lord.
Jer 26:10 When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the Lord and sat down in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord.
Jer 26:11 Then the priests and the prophets said to the princes and to all the people, This man is deserving of death, for he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.
Jer 26:12 Then Jeremiah said to all the princes and to all the people: The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard.
Jer 26:13 Therefore now amend your ways and your doings and obey the voice of the Lord your God; then the Lord will relent {and} reverse the decision concerning the evil which He has pronounced against you.
Jer 26:14 As for me, behold, I am in your hands; do with me as seems good and suitable to you.
Jer 26:15 But know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and upon its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.
Jer 26:16 Then said the princes and all the people to the priests and to the prophets: This man is not deserving of

death, for he has spoken to us in the name of the Lord our God.
Jer 26:17 Then certain of the elders of the land arose and said to all the assembly of the people,
Jer 26:18 Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah and said to all the people of Judah, Thus says the Lord of hosts: Zion shall be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps [of ruins], and the mountain of the house [of the Lord--Mount Moriah, on which stands the temple, shall become covered not with buildings, but] like a densely wooded height.
Jer 26:19 Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put [Micah] to death? Did he not [reverently] fear the Lord and entreat the Lord? And did not the Lord relent {and} reverse the decision concerning the evil which He had pronounced against them? But [here] we are thinking of committing what will be a great evil against ourselves.
Jer 26:20 And there was also a man who prophesied in the name of the Lord, Uriah son of Shemaiah of Kiriath-jearim, who prophesied against this city and against this land in words similar to those of Jeremiah.
Jer 26:21 And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put [Uriah] to death; but when Uriah heard of it, he was afraid and fled and escaped to Egypt.
Jer 26:22 And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, namely, Elnathan son of Achbor and certain other men [who went] with him into Egypt.
Jer 26:23 And they fetched Uriah from Egypt and brought him to Jehoiakim the king, who slew him [God's spokesman] with the sword and cast his dead body among the graves of the common people.
Jer 26:24 But the hand of Ahikam son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that he might not be given into the hands of the people to put him [also] to death.
Jer 27:1 IN THE beginning of the reign of Zedekiah son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the Lord:
Jer 27:2 Thus says the Lord to me: Make for yourself thongs and yoke bars and put them on your neck,
Jer 27:3 And send them to the king of Edom, to the king of Moab, to the king of the Ammonites, to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sidon by the hand of the messengers who have come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah.
Jer 27:4 And command them to say to their masters, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Thus shall you say to your masters:
Jer 27:5 I have made the earth, the men, and the beasts that are upon the face of the earth by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and I give it to whomever it seems right {and} suitable to Me.
Jer 27:6 And now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, My servant {and} instrument, and the beasts of the field also I have given him to serve him.
Jer 27:7 And all nations shall serve him and his son and his grandson until the [God-appointed] time [of punishment] of his own land comes; and then many nations and great kings shall make him their slave.
Jer 27:8 But any nation or kingdom that will not serve this same Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and put its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, says the Lord, with the sword, with famine, and with pestilence, until I have consumed it by [Nebuchadnezzar's] hand.
Jer 27:9 So do not listen to your [false] prophets, your diviners, your dreamers [and your dreams, whether your own or others'], your soothsayers, your sorcerers, who say to you, You shall not serve the king of Babylon.
Jer 27:10 For they prophesy a lie to you which will cause you to be removed far from your land; and I will drive you out, and you will perish.
Jer 27:11 But any nation that brings its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serves him, that nation will I let remain on its own land, says the Lord, to cultivate it and dwell in it.
Jer 27:12 I spoke also to Zedekiah king of Judah in the same way: Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live.
Jer 27:13 Why will you and your people die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the Lord has spoken concerning any nation that will not serve the king of Babylon?
Jer 27:14 Do not listen to {and} believe the words of the [false] prophets who are saying to you, You shall not serve the king of Babylon, for it is a lie that they prophesy to you.
Jer 27:15 For I have not sent them, says the Lord; but they are prophesying falsely in My name. [It will only end when] I will drive you out to perish together with the [false] prophets who prophesy to you.
Jer 27:16 Also I said to the priests and to all these people, Thus says the Lord: Do not listen to the words of your [false] prophets who are prophesying to you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the Lord's house shall now shortly be brought back from Babylon; for they are prophesying a lie to you.
Jer 27:17 Do not listen to them {or} heed them; serve the king of Babylon, and live. Why should this city be laid waste?

Jer 27:18 But if they are true prophets and if the word of the Lord is really spoken by them, let them now make intercession to the Lord of hosts, that the vessels which are [still] left in the house of the Lord, in the house of the king of Judah, and in Jerusalem may not go to Babylon.
Jer 27:19 For thus says the Lord of hosts concerning the [bronze] pillars [each twenty-seven feet high], the [bronze] Sea [the laver at which the priests cleansed their hands and feet before ministering at the altar], the [bronze] bases [of the ten lavers in Solomon's temple used for washing animals to be offered as sacrifices], and the remainder of the vessels which are left in this city [Jerusalem],
Jer 27:20 Which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take when he carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon Jeconiah [also called Coniah and Jehoiachin] son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem--
Jer 27:21 Yes, thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels which [still] remain in the house of the Lord, in the house of the king of Judah, and in Jerusalem:
Jer 27:22 They will be carried to Babylon and there will they be until the day that I visit them [with My favor], says the Lord. Then I will bring them back and restore them to this place.
Jer 28:1 IN THAT same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year and the fifth month, Hananiah son of Azzur, the [false] prophet, who was from Gibeon [one of the priests' cities], said [falsely] to me in the house of the Lord in the presence of the priests and all the people:
Jer 28:2 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.
Jer 28:3 Within two [full] years will I bring back into this place all the vessels of the Lord's house that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place and carried to Babylon.
Jer 28:4 And I will also bring back to this place Jeconiah [also called Coniah and Jehoiachin] son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the exiles from Judah who went to Babylon, says the Lord, for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.
Jer 28:5 Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who stood in the house of the Lord.
Jer 28:6 The prophet Jeremiah said, Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord perform your words which you have prophesied to bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the Lord's house and all who were carried away captive.
Jer 28:7 Nevertheless, listen now to {and} hear this word which I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people:
Jer 28:8 The prophets who were before me and before you from of old prophesied against many countries and against great kingdoms, of war, of evil, and of pestilence.
Jer 28:9 But as for the prophet who [on the contrary] prophesies of peace, when that prophet's word comes to pass, [only] then will it be known that the Lord has truly sent him.
Jer 28:10 Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke bar off the prophet Jeremiah's neck and smashed it.
Jer 28:11 And Hananiah said in the presence of all the people, Thus says the Lord: Even so will I break the yoke bars of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all the nations within the space of two [full] years. But the prophet Jeremiah went his way.
Jer 28:12 The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet [some time] after Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke bar from the neck of the prophet Jeremiah:
Jer 28:13 Go, tell Hananiah, Thus says the Lord: You have broken yoke bars of wood, but you have made in their stead bars of iron.
Jer 28:14 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: I have put upon the neck of all these nations the iron yoke of servitude of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and they shall serve him. For I have given him even the beasts of the field.
Jer 28:15 Then said the prophet Jeremiah to Hananiah the prophet, Listen now, Hananiah, The Lord has not sent you, but you have made this people trust in a lie.
Jer 28:16 Therefore thus says the Lord: Behold, I will cast you from the face of the earth. This year you will die, because you have uttered {and} taught rebellion against the Lord.
Jer 28:17 So Hananiah the prophet died [two months later], the same year, in the seventh month.
Jer 29:1 NOW THESE are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the rest of the elders in exile and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon.
Jer 29:2 This was after King Jeconiah [also called Coniah and Jehoiachin] and the queen mother, the eunuchs, the

princes of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem.
Jer 29:3 [The letter was sent] by the hand of Elasah son of Shaphan and Gemariah son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. It said:
Jer 29:4 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the captives whom I have caused to be carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:
Jer 29:5 Build yourselves houses and dwell in them; plant gardens and eat the fruit of them.
Jer 29:6 Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not be diminished.
Jer 29:7 And seek (inquire for, require, and request) the peace {and} welfare of the city to which I have caused you to be carried away captive; and pray to the Lord for it, for in the welfare of [the city in which you live] you will have welfare.
Jer 29:8 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Let not your [false] prophets and your diviners who are in your midst deceive you; pay no attention {and} attach no significance to your dreams which you dream {or} to theirs,
Jer 29:9 For they prophesy falsely to you in My name. I have not sent them, says the Lord.
Jer 29:10 For thus says the Lord, When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you and keep My good promise to you, causing you to return to this place.
Jer 29:11 For I know the thoughts {and} plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts {and} plans for welfare {and} peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome.
Jer 29:12 Then you will call upon Me, and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear {and} heed you.
Jer 29:13 Then you will seek Me, inquire for, {and} require Me [as a vital necessity] and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.
Jer 29:14 I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will release you from captivity and gather you from all the nations and all the places to which I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I caused you to be carried away captive.
Jer 29:15 [But as for those still in Jerusalem] because you have said, The Lord has raised up prophets for us in Babylon,
Jer 29:16 Thus says the Lord concerning the king who sits upon the throne of David and concerning all the people who dwell in this city, your brethren who did not go forth with you into captivity--
Jer 29:17 Thus says the Lord of hosts: Behold, I am sending on them the sword, famine, and pestilence, and I will make them like vile figs which are so bad they cannot be eaten.
Jer 29:18 And I will pursue them with the sword, famine, and pestilence and will give them up to be tossed to and fro {and} to be a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, an astonishment, {and} a terror, a hissing and a reproach among all the nations to which I have driven them,
Jer 29:19 Because they have not listened to {and} heeded My words, says the Lord, which I sent to them persistently by My servants the prophets; but you [exiles] would not listen [either], says the Lord.
Jer 29:20 Hear therefore the word of the Lord, all you exiles whom I have sent away from Jerusalem to Babylon.
Jer 29:21 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning Ahab son of Kolaiah and concerning Zedekiah son of Maaseiah, who are prophesying lies to you in My name: Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he will slay them [those false prophets whom you say I have raised up for you in Babylon] before your eyes!
Jer 29:22 And because of them, this curse shall be taken up {and} used by all from Judah who are in captivity in Babylon: The Lord make you like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire--
Jer 29:23 Because they have committed folly in Israel and have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives and have spoken words in My name falsely, which I had not commanded them. I am the One Who knows and I am witness, says the Lord.
Jer 29:24 Also you shall say this concerning {and} to Shemaiah of Nehelam [among the exiles in Babylon]:
Jer 29:25 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Because you have sent letters in your [own] name to all the people who are in Jerusalem and to Zephaniah son of Maaseiah the priest and to all the priests, saying,
Jer 29:26 The Lord has made you [Zephaniah] priest instead of Jehoiada the [deputy] priest, that you should have oversight in the house of the Lord over every madman who makes himself a prophet, that you should put him in the stocks and collar.
Jer 29:27 Now therefore [continued the letter from Shemaiah in Babylon to Zephaniah in Jerusalem], why have you not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, who makes himself a prophet to you?
Jer 29:28 For he has sent to us in Babylon, saying, [This captivity of yours] is to be long; build houses and dwell in

them; plant gardens and eat the fruit of them.
Jer 29:29 And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the hearing of Jeremiah the prophet.
Jer 29:30 Then came the word of the Lord to Jeremiah:
Jer 29:31 Send [this message] to all those in captivity, saying, Thus says the Lord concerning Shemaiah of Nehelam: Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you, though I did not send him, and has caused you to trust in a lie,
Jer 29:32 Therefore thus says the Lord: Behold, I will punish Shemaiah of Nehelam and his offspring. He will not have anyone [born] to dwell among this people, nor will he see the good that I will do to My people, says the Lord, because he has spoken {and} taught rebellion against the Lord.
Jer 30:1 THE WORD that came to Jeremiah from the Lord:
Jer 30:2 Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Write all the words that I have spoken to you in a book.
Jer 30:3 For, note well, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will release from captivity My people Israel and Judah, says the Lord, and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they will possess it.
Jer 30:4 And these are the words the Lord spoke concerning Israel and Judah:
Jer 30:5 Thus says the Lord: We have heard a voice of trembling {and} panic--of terror, and not peace.
Jer 30:6 Ask now and see whether a man can give birth to a child? Why then do I see every man with his hands on his loins like a woman in labor? Why are all faces turned pale?
Jer 30:7 Alas! for that day will be great, so that none will be like it; it will be the time of Jacob's [unequaled] trouble, but he will be saved out of it.
Jer 30:8 For it will come to pass in that day, says the Lord of hosts, that I will break [the oppressor's] yoke from your neck, and I will burst your bonds; and strangers will no more make slaves of [the people of Israel].
Jer 30:9 But they will serve the Lord their God and David's [descendant] their King, Whom I will raise up for them.
Jer 30:10 Therefore fear not, O My servant Jacob, says the Lord, nor be dismayed {or} cast down, O Israel; for behold, I will save you out of a distant land [of exile] and your posterity from the land of their captivity. Jacob will return and will be quiet and at ease, and none will make him afraid {or} cause him to be terrorized {and} to tremble.
Jer 30:11 For I am with you, says the Lord, to save you; for I will make a full {and} complete end of all the nations to which I have scattered you, but I will not make a full {and} complete end of you. But I will correct you in measure {and} with judgment and will in no sense hold you guiltless {or} leave you unpunished.
Jer 30:12 For thus says the Lord: Your hurt is incurable and your wound is grievous.
Jer 30:13 There is none to plead your cause; for [the pressing together of] your wound you have no healing [device], no binding plaster.
Jer 30:14 All your lovers (allies) have forgotten you; they neither seek, inquire of, {or} require you. For I have hurt you with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel {and} merciless foe, because of the greatness of your perversity {and} guilt, because your sins are glaring {and} innumerable.
Jer 30:15 Why do you cry out because of your hurt [the natural result of your sins]? Your pain is deadly (incurable). Because of the greatness of your perversity {and} guilt, because your sins are glaring {and} innumerable, I have done these things to you.
Jer 30:16 Therefore all who devour you will be devoured; and all your adversaries, every one of them, will go into captivity. And they who despoil you will become a spoil, and all who prey upon you will I give for a prey.
Jer 30:17 For I will restore health to you, and I will heal your wounds, says the Lord, because they have called you an outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no one seeks after {and} for whom no one cares!
Jer 30:18 Thus says the Lord: Behold, I will release from captivity the tents of Jacob and have mercy on his dwelling places; the city will be rebuilt on its own [old] moundlike site, and the palace will be dwelt in after its former fashion.
Jer 30:19 Out of them [city and palace] will come songs of thanksgiving and the voices of those who make merry. And I will multiply them, and they will not be few; I will also glorify them, and they will not be small.
Jer 30:20 Their children too shall be as in former times, and their congregation shall be established before Me, and I will punish all who oppress them.
Jer 30:21 And their prince will be one of them, and their ruler will come from the midst of them. I will cause him to draw near and he will approach Me, for who is he who would have the boldness {and} would dare [on his own initiative] to approach Me? says the Lord.
Jer 30:22 Then you will be My people, and I will be your God.
Jer 30:23 Behold, the tempest of the Lord has gone forth with wrath, a sweeping {and} gathering tempest; it shall whirl {and} burst upon the heads of the wicked.
Jer 30:24 The fierce anger {and} indignation of the Lord shall not turn back until He has executed {and} accomplished the thoughts {and} intents of His mind {and} heart. In the latter days you shall understand this.

Jer 31:1 AT THAT time, says the Lord, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be My people.
Jer 31:2 Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found favor in the wilderness [place of exile]--when Israel sought to find rest.
Jer 31:3 The Lord appeared from of old to me [Israel], saying, Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn you {and} continued My faithfulness to you.
Jer 31:4 Again I will build you and you will be built, O Virgin Israel! You will again be adorned with your timbrels [small one-headed drums] and go forth in the dancing [chorus] of those who make merry.
Jer 31:5 Again you shall plant vineyards upon the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and make the fruit common {and} enjoy it [undisturbed].
Jer 31:6 For there shall be a day when the watchmen on the hills of Ephraim shall cry out, Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.
Jer 31:7 For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and shout for the head of the nations [on account of the chosen people, Israel]. Proclaim, praise, and say, The Lord has saved His people, the remnant of Israel!
Jer 31:8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the uttermost parts of the earth, and among them will be the blind and the lame, the woman with child and she who labors in childbirth together; a great company, they will return here to Jerusalem.
Jer 31:9 They will come with weeping [in penitence and for joy], pouring out prayers [for the future]. I will lead them back; I will cause them to walk by streams of water and bring them in a straight way in which they will not stumble, for I am a Father to Israel, and Ephraim [Israel] is My firstborn.
Jer 31:10 Hear the word of the Lord, O you nations, and declare it in the isles {and} coastlands far away, and say, He Who scattered Israel will gather him and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.
Jer 31:11 For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from the hand of him who was too strong for him.
Jer 31:12 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion and shall flow together {and} be radiant with joy over the goodness of the Lord--for the corn, for the juice [of the grape], for the oil, and for the young of the flock and the herd. And their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall not sorrow {or} languish any more at all.
Jer 31:13 Then will the maidens rejoice in the dance, and the young men and old together. For I will turn their mourning into joy and will comfort them and make them rejoice after their sorrow.
Jer 31:14 I will satisfy fully the life of the priests with abundance [of offerings shared with them], and My people will be satisfied with My goodness, says the Lord.
Jer 31:15 Thus says the Lord: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.
Jer 31:16 Thus says the Lord: Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears, for your work shall be rewarded, says the Lord; and [your children] shall return from the enemy's land.
Jer 31:17 And there is hope for your future, says the Lord; your children shall come back to their own country.
Jer 31:18 I have surely heard Ephraim [Israel] moaning thus: You have chastised me, and I was chastised, like a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke; bring me back, that I may be restored, for You are the Lord my God.
Jer 31:19 Surely after I [Ephraim] was turned [from You], I repented; and after I was instructed, I penitently smote my thigh. I was ashamed, yes, even confounded, because I bore the disgrace of my youth [as a nation].
Jer 31:20 Is Ephraim My dear son? Is he a darling child {and} beloved? For as often as I speak against him, I do [earnestly] remember him still. Therefore My affection is stirred {and} My heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy, pity, {and} loving-kindness for him, says the Lord.
Jer 31:21 Set up for yourselves highway markers [back to Canaan], make for yourselves guideposts; turn your thoughts {and} attention to the way by which you went [into exile]. Retrace your steps, O Virgin Israel, return to these your cities.
Jer 31:22 How long will you waver {and} hesitate [to return], O you backsliding daughter? For the Lord has created a new thing in the land [of Israel]: a female shall compass (woo, win, and protect) a man.
Jer 31:23 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Once more they shall use these words in the land of Judah and in her cities when I release them from exile: The Lord bless you, O habitation of justice {and} righteousness, O holy mountain!
Jer 31:24 And [the people of] Judah and all its cities shall dwell there together--[nomad] farmers and those who wander about with their flocks.
Jer 31:25 For I will [fully] satisfy the weary soul, and I will replenish every languishing {and} sorrowful person.
Jer 31:26 Thereupon I [Jeremiah] awoke and looked, and my [trancelike] sleep was sweet [in the assurance it gave] to me.

Jer 31:27 Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed (offspring) of man and of beast.
Jer 31:28 And it will be that as I have watched over them to pluck up and to break down, and to overthrow, destroy, and afflict [with evil], so will I watch over them to build and to plant [with good], says the Lord.
Jer 31:29 In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.
Jer 31:30 But everyone shall die for his own iniquity [only]; every man who eats sour grapes--his [own] teeth shall be set on edge.
Jer 31:31 Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,
Jer 31:32 Not according to the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was their Husband, says the Lord.
Jer 31:33 But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel: After those days, says the Lord, I will put My law within them, and on their hearts will I write it; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.
Jer 31:34 And they will no more teach each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, Know the Lord, for they will all know Me [recognize, understand, and be acquainted with Me], from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will [seriously] remember their sin no more.
Jer 31:35 Thus says the Lord, Who gives the sun for a light by day and the fixed order of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, Who stirs up the sea's roaring billows {or} stills the waves when they roar--the Lord of hosts is His name:
Jer 31:36 If these ordinances [of fixed order] depart from before Me, says the Lord, then the posterity of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me throughout the ages.
Jer 31:37 Thus says the Lord: If the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, then I will cast off all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done, says the Lord.
Jer 31:38 Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when the city [of Jerusalem] shall be built [again] for the Lord from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate.
Jer 31:39 And the measuring line shall go out farther straight onward to the hill Gareb and shall then turn to Goah [exact location unknown].
Jer 31:40 And the whole valley [Hinnom] of the dead bodies and [the hill] of the ashes [long dumped there from the temple sacrifices], and all the fields as far as the brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy to the Lord. It [the city] shall not be plucked up or overthrown any more to the end of the age.
Jer 32:1 THE WORD that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar.
Jer 32:2 For the king of Babylon's army was then besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard, which was in the house of the king of Judah.
Jer 32:3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had locked him up, saying, Why do you prophesy and say, Thus says the Lord: Behold, I am giving this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;
Jer 32:4 And Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hands of the Chaldeans but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him face to face and see him eye to eye;
Jer 32:5 And he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him [for evil], says the Lord; and though you fight against the Chaldeans, you shall not prosper [why do you thus prophesy]?
Jer 32:6 And Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Jer 32:7 Behold, Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle shall come to you and say, Buy my field that is in Anathoth, for the right of redemption is yours to buy it.
Jer 32:8 So Hanamel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the guard in accordance with the word of the Lord, and he said to me, I pray you, buy my field that is in Anathoth, which is in the land of Benjamin, for the right of inheritance is yours and the redemption is yours; buy it for yourself. Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.
Jer 32:9 And I bought the field that was in Anathoth from Hanamel my uncle's son and weighed out for him the money--seventeen shekels of silver.
Jer 32:10 And I signed the deed and sealed it, called witnesses, and weighed out for him the money on the scales.
Jer 32:11 So I took the deed of the purchase--both that which was sealed, containing the terms and conditions, and the copy which was unsealed--
Jer 32:12 And I gave the purchase deed to Baruch son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the sight of Hanamel my uncle's son and the witnesses who signed the purchase deed, in the presence of all the Jews who were sitting in the

court of the guard.
Jer 32:13 And I charged Baruch before them, saying,
Jer 32:14 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this purchase deed which is sealed and this unsealed deed, and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may last a long time.
Jer 32:15 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall be purchased yet again in this land.
Jer 32:16 Now when I had delivered the purchase deed to Baruch son of Neriah, I prayed to the Lord, saying:
Jer 32:17 Alas, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! There is nothing too hard {or} too wonderful for You--
Jer 32:18 You Who show loving-kindness to thousands but recompense the iniquity of the fathers into the bosoms of their children after them. The great, the mighty God; the Lord of hosts is His name--
Jer 32:19 Great [are You] in counsel and mighty in deeds, Whose eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, to reward {or} repay each one according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings,
Jer 32:20 Who wrought signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, and even to this day [continues to do so], both in Israel and among other men, and made for Yourself a name, as at this day.
Jer 32:21 And You brought forth Your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs and wonders, with a strong hand and outstretched arm and with great terror;
Jer 32:22 And You gave them this land which You swore to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey;
Jer 32:23 And they entered and took possession of it, but they obeyed not Your voice, nor walked in Your law; they have done nothing of all that You commanded them to do. Therefore You have caused all this evil to come upon them.
Jer 32:24 See the siege mounds [of earth which the foe has heaped against the walls]; they have come up to the city to take it. And the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans who fight against it, because [the people are overcome] by the sword and the famine and the pestilence. What You have spoken has come to pass, and behold, You see it.
Jer 32:25 Yet, O Lord God, You said to me, Buy the field with money and get witnesses, even though the city is given into the hands of the Chaldeans.
Jer 32:26 Then came the word of the Lord to Jeremiah, saying,
Jer 32:27 Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is there anything too hard for Me?
Jer 32:28 Therefore thus says the Lord: Behold, I am giving this city into the hands of the Chaldeans and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it;
Jer 32:29 And the Chaldeans who are fighting against this city shall come in and set this city on fire and burn it, along with the houses on whose roofs incense has been offered to Baal and drink offerings have been poured out to other gods to provoke Me to anger.
Jer 32:30 For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have done only evil before Me from their youth; for the children of Israel have only provoked Me to anger with the work of their hands [the idols], says the Lord.
Jer 32:31 For this city has been to Me a [such a] provocation of My anger and My wrath from the day that they [finished] building it [in the time of Solomon, who was the first Israelite king who turned to idolatry] even to this day that I must remove it from before My face--
Jer 32:32 Because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah which they have done to provoke Me to anger--they, their kings, their princes, their priests, their prophets, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
Jer 32:33 And they have turned their backs to Me and not their faces; though I taught them persistently, yet they would not listen and receive instruction.
Jer 32:34 But they set their abominations [of idol worship] in the house which is called by My Name to defile it.
Jer 32:35 And they built the high places [for worship] of Baal in the Valley of Ben-hinnom [son of Hinnom] to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire [in worship also of and] to Molech--which I did not command them, nor did it come into My mind {or} heart that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.
Jer 32:36 And now therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning this city of which you say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by sword and by famine and by pestilence:
Jer 32:37 Behold, I will gather them out of all countries to which I drove them in My anger and in My wrath and in great indignation; I will bring them again to this place, and I will make them dwell safely.
Jer 32:38 And they will be My people, and I will be their God.
Jer 32:39 And I will give them one heart and one way, that they may [reverently] fear Me forever for the good of themselves and of their children after them.

Jer 32:40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will not turn away from following them to do them good, and I will put My [reverential] fear in their hearts, so that they will not depart from Me.
Jer 32:41 Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly {and} in truth with My whole heart and with My whole being.
Jer 32:42 For thus says the Lord: As I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.
Jer 32:43 And fields shall be bought in this land of which you say, It is desolate, without man or beast; it is given into the hands of the Chaldeans.
Jer 32:44 Men shall buy fields for money and shall sign deeds, seal them, and call witnesses in the land of Benjamin, in the places around Jerusalem, in the cities of Judah, in the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the South (the Negeb), for I will cause them to be released from their exile, says the Lord.
Jer 33:1 MOREOVER, THE word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was still shut up in the court of the guard, saying,
Jer 33:2 Thus says the Lord Who made [the earth], the Lord Who formed it to establish it--the Lord is His name:
Jer 33:3 Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, fenced in {and} hidden, which you do not know (do not distinguish and recognize, have knowledge of and understand).
Jer 33:4 For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city and the houses of the kings of Judah which are torn down to make a defense against the siege mounds and before the sword:
Jer 33:5 They [the besieged Jews] are coming in to fight against the Chaldeans, and they [the houses] will be filled with the dead bodies of men whom I shall slay in My anger and My wrath; for I have hidden My face [in indignation] from this city because of all their wickedness.
Jer 33:6 Behold, [in the future restored Jerusalem] I will lay upon it health and healing, and I will cure them and will reveal to them the abundance of peace (prosperity, security, stability) and truth.
Jer 33:7 And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to be reversed and will rebuild them as they were at first.
Jer 33:8 And I will cleanse them from all the guilt {and} iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will forgive all their guilt {and} iniquities by which they have sinned and rebelled against Me.
Jer 33:9 And [Jerusalem] shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth that hear of all the good I do for it, and they shall fear and tremble because of all the good and all the peace, prosperity, security, {and} stability I provide for it.
Jer 33:10 Thus says the Lord: Yet again there shall be heard in this place of which you say, It is a desolate waste, without man and without beast--even in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without beast--
Jer 33:11 [There shall be heard again] the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voices of those who sing as they bring sacrifices of thanksgiving into the house of the Lord, Give praise {and} thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good; for His mercy {and} kindness {and} steadfast love endure forever! For I will cause the captivity of the land to be reversed {and} return to be as it was at first, says the Lord.
Jer 33:12 Thus says the Lord of hosts: In this place which is desolate, without man and without beast, and in all its cities, there shall again be dwellings {and} pastures of shepherds resting their flocks.
Jer 33:13 In the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the lowland, in the cities of the South (the Negeb), in the land of Benjamin, in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah shall flocks pass again under the hands of him who counts them, says the Lord.
Jer 33:14 Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the good promise I have made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
Jer 33:15 In those days and at that time will I cause a righteous Branch [the Messiah] to grow up to David; and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
Jer 33:16 In those days Judah shall be saved and Jerusalem shall dwell safely. And this is the name by which it will be called, The Lord is Our Righteousness (our Rightness, our Justice).
Jer 33:17 For thus says the Lord: David shall never fail [to have] a man [descendant] to sit on the throne of the house of Israel,
Jer 33:18 Nor shall the Levitical priests fail [to have] a man [descendant] to offer burnt offerings before Me and to burn cereal offerings and to make sacrifices continually (all day long).
Jer 33:19 And the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying,

Jer 33:20 Thus says the Lord: If you can break My covenant with the day, and My covenant with the night, so that there should not be day and night in their season,
Jer 33:21 Then can also My covenant be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign upon his throne, and [My league be broken also] with the Levitical priests, My ministers.
Jer 33:22 As the host of [the stars of] the heavens cannot be numbered nor the sand of the sea be measured, so will I multiply the offspring of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.
Jer 33:23 Moreover, the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying,
Jer 33:24 Have you not noticed that these people [the Jews] are saying, The Lord has cast off the two families [Israel and Judah] which He chose? Thus My people have despised [themselves in relation to God as His covenant people], so that they are no more a nation in their [own] sight.
Jer 33:25 Thus says the Lord: If My covenant with day and night does not stand, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of the heavens and the earth [the whole order of nature],
Jer 33:26 Then will I also cast away the descendants of Jacob and David My servant and will not choose one of his offspring to be ruler over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will cause their captivity to be reversed, and I will have mercy, kindness, {and} steadfast love on {and} for them.
Jer 34:1 THE WORD that came to Jeremiah from the Lord when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army and all the kingdoms of the earth under his dominion and all the people were fighting against Jerusalem and all of its cities:
Jer 34:2 Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah and tell him, Thus says the Lord: Behold, I am giving this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will burn it with fire.
Jer 34:3 And you will not escape out of his hand but will surely be taken and delivered into his hand; you will see the king of Babylon eye to eye, and he will speak with you face to face; and you will go to Babylon.
Jer 34:4 Yet hear the word of the Lord, O Zedekiah king of Judah! Thus says the Lord concerning you: You shall not die by the sword;
Jer 34:5 But you shall die in peace. And as with the burnings of [spices and perfumes on wood that were granted as suitable for and in honor of] your fathers, the former kings who were before you, so shall a burning be made for you; and [people] shall lament for you, saying, Alas, lord! For I have spoken the word, says the Lord.
Jer 34:6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words to Zedekiah king of Judah, in Jerusalem,
Jer 34:7 When the army of the king of Babylon was fighting against Jerusalem and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish and Azekah, for these were the only fortified cities remaining of the cities of Judah.
Jer 34:8 [This is] the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord after King Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people who were at Jerusalem to proclaim liberty to them:
Jer 34:9 Every man should let his Hebrew slaves, male and female, go free, so that no one should make a slave of a Jew, his brother.
Jer 34:10 And all the princes and all the people obeyed, who had entered into the covenant that everyone would let his manservant and his maidservant go free, so that none should make bondmen of them any more; they obeyed, and let them go.
Jer 34:11 But afterward they turned around and caused the servants and the handmaids whom they had let go free to return [to their former masters] and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.
Jer 34:12 Therefore the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,
Jer 34:13 Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, saying,
Jer 34:14 At the end of seven years you shall let every man his brother who is a Hebrew go free who has sold himself {or} has been sold to you and has served you six years; but your fathers did not listen to {and} obey Me or incline their ear [submitting and consenting to Me].
Jer 34:15 And you recently turned around {and} repented, doing what was right in My sight by proclaiming liberty each one to his neighbor [who was his bond servant]; and you made a covenant {or} pledge before Me in the house which is called by My Name.
Jer 34:16 But then you turned around and defiled My name; each of you caused to return to you your servants, male and female, whom you had set free as they might desire; and you brought them into subjection again to be your slaves.
Jer 34:17 Therefore thus says the Lord: You have not listened to Me {and} obeyed Me in proclaiming liberty each one to his brother and neighbor. Behold, I proclaim to you liberty--to the sword, to pestilence, and to famine, says the Lord; and I will make you to be tossed to and fro {and} to be a horror among all the kingdoms of the earth!
Jer 34:18 And the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not kept the terms of the covenant {or} solemn

pledge which they had made before Me, I will make them [like] the [sacrificial] calf which they cut in two and then passed between its separated parts [solemnizing their pledge to Me]--I will make those men the calf!
Jer 34:19 The princes of Judah, the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf,
Jer 34:20 I will give them into the hands of their enemies and into the hands of those who seek their life. And their dead bodies will be food for the birds of the heavens and the beasts of the earth.
Jer 34:21 And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hands of their enemies and into the hands of those who seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army which has withdrawn from you.
Jer 34:22 Behold, I will command, says the Lord, and cause them [the Chaldeans] to return to this city; and they shall fight against it and take it and burn it with fire. I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without inhabitant.
Jer 35:1 THE WORD that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the days of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah:
Jer 35:2 Go to the house of the Rechabites and speak to them and bring them into the house of the Lord, into one of the chambers; then give them [who are pledged to drink no wine] some wine to drink.
Jer 35:3 So I took Jaazaniah son of Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, and his brothers and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites,
Jer 35:4 And I brought them into the house of the Lord, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan son of Igdaliah the man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, above the chamber of Maaseiah son of Shallum the keeper of the door.
Jer 35:5 And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pitchers full of wine, and cups, and I said to them, Drink wine.
Jer 35:6 But they said, We will drink no wine, for Jonadab son of Rechab, our father, commanded us: You shall not drink wine, neither you nor your sons, forever.
Jer 35:7 Neither shall you build a house or sow seed or plant a vineyard or have them; but you shall dwell all your days in tents, that you may live many days in the land where you are temporary residents.
Jer 35:8 And we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab son of Rechab, our father, in all that he charged us, to drink no wine all our days--we, our wives, our sons, and our daughters--
Jer 35:9 And not to build ourselves houses to live in; nor do we have vineyard or field or seed.
Jer 35:10 But we have dwelt in tents and have obeyed and done according to all that Jonadab our ancestor commanded us.
Jer 35:11 But when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up against the land, we said, Come and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans and the army of the Syrians. So we are living in Jerusalem.
Jer 35:12 Then came the word of the Lord to Jeremiah:
Jer 35:13 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Go and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will you not receive instruction and listen to My words {and} obey them? says the Lord.
Jer 35:14 The command which Jonadab son of Rechab gave to his sons not to drink wine, has been carried out {and} established [as a custom for more than two hundred years]. To this day they drink no wine, but they have obeyed their father's command. But I, even I, have persistently spoken to you, but you have not listened to {and} obeyed Me.
Jer 35:15 I have sent also to you all My servants the prophets earnestly {and} persistently, saying, Return now every man from his evil way and amend your doings and go not after other gods to serve them; and then you shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers. But you did not submit {and} consent to Me or listen to {and} obey Me.
Jer 35:16 Since the sons of Jonadab son of Rechab have fulfilled {and} established the command of their father which he commanded them, but these people have not listened to and obeyed Me,
Jer 35:17 Therefore thus says the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I am bringing upon Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them, because I have spoken to them, but they have not listened, and I have called to them, but they have not answered.
Jer 35:18 And Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Because you have obeyed the command of Jonadab your father and have kept all his precepts and have done according to all that he commanded you,
Jer 35:19 Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Jonadab son of Rechab shall never fail [to have] a man [descendant] to stand before Me.
Jer 36:1 IN THE fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the Lord:
Jer 36:2 Take a scroll [of parchment] for a book and write on it all the words I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations from the day I spoke to you in the days of [King] Josiah until this day.

Jer 36:3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do to them, so that each one may turn from his evil way, that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.
Jer 36:4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote upon the scroll of the book all the words which Jeremiah dictated, [words] that the Lord had spoken to him.
Jer 36:5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am [in hiding, virtually] restrained {and} shut up; I cannot go into the house of the Lord.
Jer 36:6 Therefore you go, and on a day of fasting, in the hearing of all the people in the Lord's house, you shall read the words of the Lord which you have written on the scroll at my dictation. Also you shall read them in the hearing of all who come out of the cities of Judah.
Jer 36:7 It may be that they will make their supplication [for mercy] before the Lord, and each one will turn back from his evil way, for great is the anger and the wrath that the Lord has pronounced against this people.
Jer 36:8 And Baruch son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading from [Jeremiah's] book the words of the Lord in the Lord's house.
Jer 36:9 And in the fifth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, a fast was proclaimed before the Lord for all the people in Jerusalem and all the people who came to Jerusalem from the cities of Judah.
Jer 36:10 Then Baruch read in the hearing of all the people the words of Jeremiah from the scroll of the book in the house of the Lord, in the chamber of Gemariah son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper court at the entry of the New Gate of the Lord's house.
Jer 36:11 When Micaiah son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of the Lord,
Jer 36:12 He went down to the king's house into the scribe's chamber, and behold, all the princes were sitting there: Elishama the scribe, Delaiah son of Shemaiah, Elnathan son of Achbor, Gemariah son of Shaphan, Zedekiah son of Hananiah, and all the [other] princes.
Jer 36:13 Then Micaiah declared to them all the words that he had heard when Baruch read the book in the hearing of the people.
Jer 36:14 Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, Take in your hand the scroll from which you have read in the hearing of the people and come [to us]. So Baruch son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand and came to them.
Jer 36:15 And they said to him, Sit down now and read it in our hearing. So Baruch read it in their hearing.
Jer 36:16 Now when they had heard all the words, they turned one to another in fear and said to Baruch, We must surely tell the king of all these words.
Jer 36:17 And they asked Baruch, Tell us now, how did you write all these words? At [Jeremiah's] dictation?
Jer 36:18 Then Baruch answered them, He dictated all these words to me, and I wrote them with ink in the book.
Jer 36:19 Then the princes said to Baruch, Go and hide, you and Jeremiah, and let no one know where you are.
Jer 36:20 Then they went into the court to the king, but they [first] put the scroll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe; then they reported all the words to the king.
Jer 36:21 So the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it out of the chamber of Elishama the scribe. And Jehudi read it in the hearing of the king and of all the princes who stood beside the king.
Jer 36:22 Now it was the ninth month, and the king was sitting in the winter house, and a fire was burning there before him in the brazier.
Jer 36:23 And [each time] when Jehudi had read three or four columns [of the scroll], he [King Jehoiakim] would cut them off with a penknife and cast them into the fire that was in the brazier, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier.
Jer 36:24 Yet they were not afraid, nor did they rend their garments--neither the king, nor any of his servants who heard all these words.
Jer 36:25 Even though Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah tried to persuade the king not to burn the scroll, he would not listen to them.
Jer 36:26 And the king commanded Jerahmeel the king's son and Seraiah son of Azriel and Shelemiah son of Abdeel to seize Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet, but the Lord hid them.
Jer 36:27 Now the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah after the king had burned the scroll with the words which Baruch wrote at the dictation of Jeremiah, [and the Lord] said:
Jer 36:28 Take another scroll and write on it all the former words that were on the first scroll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah burned.
Jer 36:29 And concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah you shall say, Thus says the Lord: You have burned this scroll, saying, Why have you written on it that the king of Babylon shall surely come and destroy this land and shall cut off

man and beast from it?
Jer 36:30 Therefore thus says the Lord concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: He shall have no [heir] to sit upon the throne of David, and his dead body shall be cast out to the heat by day and to the frost by night.
Jer 36:31 And I will punish him and his offspring and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the men of Judah all the evil that I have pronounced against them--but they would not hear.
Jer 36:32 Then Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote on it at the dictation of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire; and besides them many similar words were added.
Jer 37:1 AND ZEDEKIAH son of Josiah, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah, reigned instead of Coniah [also called Jeconiah and Jehoiachin] son of Jehoiakim.
Jer 37:2 But neither he nor his servants nor the people of the land listened to {and} obeyed the words of the Lord which He spoke through the prophet Jeremiah.
Jer 37:3 Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal son of Shelemiah with Zephaniah son of Maaseiah, the priest, to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now to the Lord our God for us.
Jer 37:4 Now Jeremiah was coming in and going out among the people, for they had not [yet] put him in prison.
Jer 37:5 And Pharaoh's army had come forth out of Egypt, and when the Chaldeans who were besieging Jerusalem heard the news about them, they withdrew from Jerusalem {and} departed.
Jer 37:6 Then came the word of the Lord to the prophet Jeremiah:
Jer 37:7 Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Thus shall you say to the king of Judah, who sent you to Me to inquire of Me: Behold, Pharaoh's army, which has come forth to help you, will return to Egypt, to their own land.
Jer 37:8 And the Chaldeans shall come again and fight against this city, and they shall take it and burn it with fire.
Jer 37:9 Thus says the Lord: Do not deceive yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans will surely stay away from us--for they will not stay away.
Jer 37:10 For though you should defeat the whole army of the Chaldeans who fight against you, and there remained only the wounded {and} men stricken through among them, every man confined to his tent, yet they would rise up and burn this city with fire.
Jer 37:11 And when the army of the Chaldeans had departed from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's approaching army,
Jer 37:12 Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin [to slip away during the brief lull in the Chaldean invasion] to receive [the title to] his portion [of land, which the Lord had promised would eventually be valuable] there among the people.
Jer 37:13 And when he was at the Gate of Benjamin, a sentry was [on guard] there, whose name was Irijah son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he seized Jeremiah the prophet, saying, You are deserting to the Chaldeans.
Jer 37:14 Then said Jeremiah, It is false! I am not deserting to the Chaldeans. But the sentry would not listen to him. So Irijah took Jeremiah and brought him to the princes.
Jer 37:15 Therefore the princes were enraged with Jeremiah and beat him and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe--for they had made that the prison.
Jer 37:16 When Jeremiah had come into the cells in the dungeon and had remained there many days,
Jer 37:17 Zedekiah the king sent and brought him out; and the king asked him secretly in his house, Is there any word from the Lord? And Jeremiah said, There is! And he said also, You shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.
Jer 37:18 Moreover, Jeremiah said to King Zedekiah, In what have I sinned against you or against your servants or against this people, that you have put me in prison?
Jer 37:19 Where now are your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you or against this land?
Jer 37:20 Therefore hear now, I pray you, O my lord the king. Let my supplication, I pray you, come before you {and} be acceptable, that you do not cause me to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there.
Jer 37:21 Then Zedekiah the king commanded, and they committed Jeremiah to the court of the guard, and a round loaf of bread from the bakers' street was given to him daily until all the bread in the city was gone. So Jeremiah remained [imprisoned] in the court of the guard.
Jer 38:1 NOW SHEPHATIAH son of Mattan, Gedaliah son of Pashhur, Jucal [also called Jehucal] son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur son of Malchiah heard the words that Jeremiah spoke to all the people, saying,
Jer 38:2 Thus says the Lord: He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence, but he who goes out to the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall have his life as his only booty [as a prize of war], and he shall

live.
Jer 38:3 Thus says the Lord: This city shall surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it.
Jer 38:4 Therefore the princes said to the king, We beseech you, let this man [Jeremiah] be put to death; for [talking] thus he weakens the hands of the soldiers who remain in this city and the hands of all the people by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of these people, but [to do them] harm.
Jer 38:5 Then Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he is in your hands; for the king is in no position to do anything against you.
Jer 38:6 So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the dungeon {or} cistern pit [in the charge] of Malchiah the king's son, which was in the court of the guard; and they let Jeremiah down [into the pit] with ropes. And in the dungeon {or} cistern pit there was no water, but only mire, and Jeremiah sank in the mire.
Jer 38:7 Now when Ebed-melech the Ethiopian [a Cushite], one of the eunuchs who was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon {or} cistern pit; and while the king was then sitting in the Gate of Benjamin,
Jer 38:8 Ebed-melech went out of the king's house and spoke to the king, saying,
Jer 38:9 My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon {or} cistern pit; and he is liable to die of hunger {and} is [as good as] dead in the place where he is, for there is no more bread left in the city.
Jer 38:10 Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from here thirty men with you and raise Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon {or} cistern pit before he dies.
Jer 38:11 So Ebed-melech took the men with him and went into the house of the king [to a room] under the treasury, and took along from there old rags and worn-out garments and let them down by ropes into the dungeon {or} cistern pit to Jeremiah.
Jer 38:12 And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, Put now these old rags and worn-out garments under your armpits under the ropes. And Jeremiah did so.
Jer 38:13 So they drew up Jeremiah with the ropes and took him up out of the dungeon {or} cistern pit; and Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.
Jer 38:14 Then Zedekiah the king sent and brought Jeremiah the prophet to him into the third entrance that is in the house of the Lord. And the king said to Jeremiah, I am going to ask you something; hide nothing from me.
Jer 38:15 Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, If I tell you, will you not surely put me to death? And even if I did give you counsel, you would not listen to me.
Jer 38:16 So Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, As the Lord lives, Who made our lives, I will not put you to death or give you into the hands of these men who seek your life.
Jer 38:17 Then said Jeremiah to Zedekiah, Thus says the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel: If you will go forth {and} surrender to the princes of the king of Babylon, then you will live and this city will not be burned with fire; and you will live--you and your house.
Jer 38:18 But if you will not go forth {and} surrender to the princes of the king of Babylon, then this city will be given into the hands of the Chaldeans and they will burn it with fire; and you will not escape out of their hands.
Jer 38:19 And Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews who have deserted to the Chaldeans, lest the enemy deliver me into their [these former subjects'] hands and they mock me {and} abuse me.
Jer 38:20 But Jeremiah said, They will not deliver you [to them]. Obey, I beg of you, the voice of the Lord, Who speaks to you through me. Then it will be well with you, and you will live.
Jer 38:21 But if you refuse to go forth {and} surrender to them, this is the word [the vision] that the Lord has shown me:
Jer 38:22 Behold, [in it] all the women who are left in the house of the king of Judah will be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes and will say [to you, King Zedekiah], Your friends have prevailed against your better judgment {and} have deceived you. Now when your feet are sunk in the mire [of trouble], they have turned their backs.
Jer 38:23 All your wives and your children will be brought out to the Chaldeans; and you [yourself] will not escape out of their hands, but you will be seized by the king of Babylon, and you will cause this city [Jerusalem] to be burned with fire.
Jer 38:24 Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, Let no man know of this conversation and you will not die.
Jer 38:25 But if the princes hear that I have talked with you, and they come to you and say, Tell us what you said to the king and what he said to you; hide it not from us and we will not put you to death,
Jer 38:26 Then you shall say to them, I was presenting to the king my humble plea that he would not send me back to Jonathan's house to die there.

Jer 38:27 Then came all the princes to Jeremiah and asked him [just what King Zedekiah had anticipated they would ask], and he told them all that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him, for what the conversation [with the king] had been was not discovered.
Jer 38:28 So Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard until the day that Jerusalem was taken [by the Chaldeans].
Jer 39:1 IN THE ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem and besieged it.
Jer 39:2 And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, on the ninth day of the month, they broke into the city.
Jer 39:3 [When Jerusalem was taken] all the princes of the king of Babylon came in and sat in the Middle Gate: Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsechim [the Rabsaris] a chief of the eunuchs, and Nergal-sharezer [II, the Rabmag] a chief of the magicians, with all the rest of the officials of the king of Babylon.
Jer 39:4 And when Zedekiah king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, they fled and went forth out of the city at night by way of the king's garden, through the gate between the two walls, and [the king] went out toward the Arabah (the Jordan Valley).
Jer 39:5 But the Chaldean army pursued them and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho. And when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon at Riblah in the [Syrian] land of Hamath, where he pronounced sentence upon him.
Jer 39:6 Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah at Riblah before his eyes; also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah.
Jer 39:7 Moreover, he put out Zedekiah's eyes and bound him with shackles to take him to Babylon.
Jer 39:8 And the Chaldeans burned the king's house and the houses of the people and broke down the walls of Jerusalem.
Jer 39:9 Then Nebuzaradan the [chief executioner and] captain of the guard carried away captive to Babylon the rest of the people who remained in the city, along with those who deserted to him, and the remainder of the [so-called better class of] people who were left.
Jer 39:10 But Nebuzaradan the [Babylonian] captain of the guard left in the land of Judah some of the poor of the people who had nothing, giving them vineyards and fields at the same time.
Jer 39:11 Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave command concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, saying,
Jer 39:12 Take him and look after him well; do him no harm but deal with him as he may ask of you.
Jer 39:13 So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, Nebushasban [the Rabsaris] a chief of the eunuchs, Nergal-sharezer [II, the Rabmag] a chief of the magicians, and all the chief officers of the king of Babylon
Jer 39:14 Sent and took Jeremiah out of the court of the guard and entrusted him to Gedaliah [a prominent man whose father had once saved the prophet's life] son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, that he should take him home [with him to Mizpah]. So Jeremiah was released {and} dwelt among the people.
Jer 39:15 Now the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah while he was [still] shut up in the court of the guard, saying,
Jer 39:16 Go and say to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring to pass My words against this city for evil and not for good; and they will be accomplished before you on that day.
Jer 39:17 But I will deliver you [Ebed-melech] on that day, says the Lord, and you will not be given into the hands of the men of whom you are afraid.
Jer 39:18 For I will surely deliver you; and you will not fall by the sword, but your life will be [as your only booty and] as a reward of battle to you, because you have put your trust in Me, says the Lord.
Jer 40:1 THE WORD that came to Jeremiah from the Lord after Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him bound in chains among all who were carried away captive from Jerusalem and Judah, who were taken as exiles to Babylon.
Jer 40:2 And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah and said to him, The Lord your God pronounced evil upon this place.
Jer 40:3 Now the Lord has brought it about and has done as He said: [It is] because you [of Judah] have sinned against the Lord and have not obeyed His voice, therefore this thing has come upon you.
Jer 40:4 Now, see, I am freeing you today [Jeremiah] from the chains upon your hands. If it seems good to you to come with me to Babylon, come, and I will keep an eye on you {and} look after you well. But if it seems bad to you to come with me to Babylon, then do not do it. Behold, all the land is before you; wherever it seems good, right, {and} convenient for you to go, go there.

Jer 40:5 While [Jeremiah] was hesitating, [the captain of the guard] said, Go back then to Gedaliah son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people; or go wherever it seems right for you to go. So the captain of the guard gave him an allowance of food and a present and let him go.
Jer 40:6 Then Jeremiah went to Gedaliah son of Ahikam at Mizpah and dwelt with him among the people who were left in the land.
Jer 40:7 Now when all the captains of the forces that were in the open country [of Judah] and their men heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah son of Ahikam governor in the land [of Judah] and had committed to him men, women, and children, those of the poorest of the land who had not been taken into exile to Babylon,
Jer 40:8 They went to Gedaliah at Mizpah--Ishmael son of Nethaniah, Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, Seraiah son of Tanhumeth, the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men.
Jer 40:9 And Gedaliah son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, swore to them and their men, saying, Do not be afraid to serve the Chaldeans; dwell in [this] land and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.
Jer 40:10 As for me, I will dwell at Mizpah to stand [for you] before the Chaldeans who come to us [ministering to them and looking after the king's interests]; but as for you, gather the juice [of the grape], summer fruits and oil, and store them in your utensils [chosen for such purposes], and dwell in your cities that you have seized.
Jer 40:11 Likewise, when all the Jews who were in Moab and among the people of Ammon and in Edom and who were in all the other countries heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant in Judah and had set over them [as governor] Gedaliah son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan,
Jer 40:12 Then all the Jews returned from all the places to which they had been driven and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah at Mizpah, and gathered a great abundance of juice [of the grape] and summer fruits.
Jer 40:13 Moreover, Johanan son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces that were in the open country came to Gedaliah at Mizpah
Jer 40:14 And said to him, Do you know that Baalis king of the Ammonites has sent Ishmael son of Nethaniah to take your life? But Gedaliah son of Ahikam did not believe them.
Jer 40:15 Then Johanan son of Kareah spoke to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me go, I pray you, and I will slay Ishmael son of Nethaniah, and no man will know it. Why should he slay you and cause all the Jews who are gathered to you to be scattered and the remnant of Judah to perish?
Jer 40:16 But Gedaliah son of Ahikam said to Johanan son of Kareah, You shall not do this thing, for you speak falsely of Ishmael.
Jer 41:1 NOW IN the seventh month [of that year] Ishmael son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal descendants and one of the princes of the king, came [at the instigation of the Ammonites] with ten men to Gedaliah son of Ahikam in Mizpah. As they were eating a meal together there in Mizpah,
Jer 41:2 Ishmael son of Nethaniah and the ten men who were with him arose and struck down Gedaliah son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, with the sword and killed him, the one whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land.
Jer 41:3 Ishmael [manipulated by the Ammonites] also slew all the Jews who were with Gedaliah at Mizpah, and the Chaldean soldiers who were found there.
Jer 41:4 And the second day after the slaying of Gedaliah, before anyone knew about it,
Jer 41:5 There came eighty men from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, having their beards shaved off and their clothes torn and having cut themselves, bringing cereal offerings and incense, going up [to Jerusalem] to present them in the house of the Lord.
Jer 41:6 And Ishmael son of Nethaniah went out from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all the way as he went. As he met them, he said to them, Come to Gedaliah son of Ahikam.
Jer 41:7 And when they came into the city, Ishmael son of Nethaniah slew them, and cast them into the midst of the [city] cistern pit--he and the men with him.
Jer 41:8 But ten men were among them who said to Ishmael, Do not kill us! For we have stores hidden in the field--of wheat and barley and oil and honey. So he refrained and did not slay them with their brethren.
Jer 41:9 Now the cistern pit into which Ishmael had cast all the dead bodies of the men whom he had slain in addition to Gedaliah was the one which Asa the king [of Judah] had once made for fear of Baasha king of Israel [should Baasha lay siege to Mizpah]. Ishmael son of Nethaniah filled it with those who were slain.
Jer 41:10 Then Ishmael carried away captive all the rest of the people who were in Mizpah--even the king's daughters and all the people who remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah

son of Ahikam. Ishmael son of Nethaniah carried them away captive and departed to cross over [the Jordan] to the Ammonites.
Jer 41:11 But when Johanan son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces that were with him heard of all the evil that Ishmael son of Nethaniah had done,
Jer 41:12 They took all their men and went to fight with Ishmael son of Nethaniah and found him by the great pool that is in Gibeon.
Jer 41:13 Now when all the people who were [captives] with Ishmael saw Johanan son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces that were with him, they were glad.
Jer 41:14 So all the people whom Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah turned around and came back, and went to Johanan son of Kareah.
Jer 41:15 But Ishmael son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men and went to the Ammonites.
Jer 41:16 Then Johanan son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces that were with him took from Mizpah all the remainder of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael son of Nethaniah after he had slain Gedaliah son of Ahikam: [they were] the soldiers, the women, the children, and the eunuchs whom [Johanan] had brought back from Gibeon.
Jer 41:17 And they departed and stayed at the lodging place of Chimham, which is near Bethlehem, [intending] to go to Egypt
Jer 41:18 Because of the Chaldeans; for they were afraid of them because Ishmael son of Nethaniah had slain Gedaliah son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land [and whose death the king could avenge without much discrimination].
Jer 42:1 THEN ALL the captains of the forces, and Johanan son of Kareah and Jezaniah [Azariah] son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even to the greatest came near
Jer 42:2 And said to Jeremiah the prophet, We beseech you that you will let our supplication be presented before you and that you will pray to the Lord your God for us, even for all this remnant [of the people of Judah]; for whereas we were once many, there are but a few of us left, as you see with your [own] eyes.
Jer 42:3 [Pray] that the Lord your God may show us the way in which we should walk and the thing that we should do.
Jer 42:4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, I have heard you. Behold, I will pray to the Lord your God according to your words; and it will be that whatever thing the Lord will answer you, I will declare it to you; I will keep nothing back from you.
Jer 42:5 Then they said to Jeremiah, May the Lord be a true and faithful witness against us if we fail to do according to all the things that the Lord your God sends you to tell us.
Jer 42:6 Whether it is good or evil, we will obey the voice of the Lord our God, to Whom we are sending you [to inquire], that it may be well with us when we obey the voice of the Lord our God.
Jer 42:7 And after ten days the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah.
Jer 42:8 Then he called Johanan son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces that were with him and all the people from the least even to the greatest,
Jer 42:9 And said to them, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, to Whom you sent me to present your supplication before Him:
Jer 42:10 If you will remain in this land, then I will build you up and not pull you down, and I will plant you and not pull you up; for I will relent {and} comfort {and} ease Myself concerning the evil that [in chastisement] I have done to you [and I will substitute mercy and loving-kindness for judgment].
Jer 42:11 Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are fearful [with the profound and reverent dread inspired by deity]; be not afraid of him, says the Lord, for [he is a mere man, while I am the all-wise, all-powerful, and ever-present God] I [the Lord] am with you to save you and to deliver you from his hand.
Jer 42:12 And I will grant mercy to you, that he may have mercy on you and permit you to remain in your own land.
Jer 42:13 But if you say, We will not dwell in this land, and so disobey the voice of the Lord your God,
Jer 42:14 Saying, No, but we will go to the land of Egypt, where we will not see war or hear the sound of the trumpet or be hungry for bread, and we will dwell there,
Jer 42:15 Then hear the word of the Lord, O remnant of Judah. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: If you are fully determined to go to Egypt and you do go to dwell there temporarily,
Jer 42:16 Then the sword which you fear shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine of which you are afraid shall follow close after you to Egypt {and} in it, and there you shall die.
Jer 42:17 So will it be with all the men who set their faces to go to Egypt to dwell there temporarily; they will die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence; none of them will remain or survive the evil that I will bring upon them.

Jer 42:18 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: As My anger and My wrath have been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so shall My wrath be poured forth upon you when you enter Egypt. You shall be a detested thing, an astonishment {and} horror, a curse, a thing lightly esteemed {and} a taunt {and} a reproach; you shall see this place no more.
Jer 42:19 The Lord has said to you, O remnant of Judah, Do not go to Egypt. Know for a certainty that I [Jeremiah] have warned {and} testified to you this day
Jer 42:20 That you have dealt deceitfully against your own lives; for you sent me [Jeremiah] to the Lord your God, saying, Pray for us to the Lord our God; and whatever the Lord our God says, declare it to us and we will do it.
Jer 42:21 And I have this day declared it to you, but you have not obeyed the voice of the Lord your God in anything that He sent me to tell you.
Jer 42:22 Now therefore know for a certainty that you shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence in the place [Egypt] where you desire to go to dwell temporarily.
Jer 43:1 AND WHEN Jeremiah had finished speaking to all the people all these words of the Lord their God--everything for which the Lord their God had sent him to them--
Jer 43:2 Then Azariah son of Hoshaiah and Johanan son of Kareah and all the proud {and} insolent men said to Jeremiah, You are not telling the truth! The Lord our God has not sent you to say, Do not go into Egypt to dwell there temporarily.
Jer 43:3 But Baruch son of Neriah is setting you against us to deliver us into the hands of the Chaldeans, so they may put us to death or carry us away captive to Babylon.
Jer 43:4 So Johanan son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces and all the people did not obey the voice of the Lord to remain in the land of Judah.
Jer 43:5 But Johanan son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces took all the remnant of Judah who had returned to dwell in the land of Judah from all the nations to which they had been driven--
Jer 43:6 Even men, women, and children, the king's daughters, and every person whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan; also he took Jeremiah the prophet and Baruch son of Neriah.
Jer 43:7 So they came into the land of Egypt--for they obeyed not the voice of the Lord. And they came to Tahpanhes.
Jer 43:8 Then came the word of the Lord to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,
Jer 43:9 Take large stones in your hands and hide them in the mortar in the pavement of brick which is at the entrance of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah;
Jer 43:10 And say to them, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, My servant [because he works for Me], and I [through him] will set his throne upon these stones that I have hidden; and his [glittering, royal] canopy will be stretched over them.
Jer 43:11 And he shall come and smite the land of Egypt, giving such as are [destined] for death, to death, and such as are [destined] for captivity, to captivity, and such as are [destined] for the sword, to the sword.
Jer 43:12 And I [through him] will kindle a fire in the temples of the gods of Egypt; and he will burn [the houses] and carry [the people] away captive. And he will array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd puts on his garment [as he wills and when he chooses]; and he will go away from there in peace.
Jer 43:13 [Nebuchadrezzar] shall break also the images {and} obelisks of Heliopolis [called On or Beth-shemesh--house of the sun] in the land of Egypt, and the temples of the gods of Egypt shall he burn with fire.
Jer 44:1 THE WORD that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews who were dwelling in the land of Egypt--at Migdol, at Tahpanhes, at Memphis--and in the country of Pathros, saying,
Jer 44:2 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: You have seen all the evil that I brought upon Jerusalem and upon all the cities of Judah; and see, this day they are a desolation and no man dwells in them
Jer 44:3 Because of the wickedness which they committed, provoking Me to anger in that they went to burn incense to serve other gods that they did not know--neither they, nor you, nor your fathers.
Jer 44:4 Yet I sent to you all My servants the prophets earnestly {and} persistently, saying, Oh, do not do this loathsome {and} shamefully vile thing that I hate {and} abhor!
Jer 44:5 But they did not listen {and} obey or submit {and} consent to turn from their wickedness and burn no incense to other gods.
Jer 44:6 Therefore My wrath and My anger were poured out and were kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they became wasted and desolate, as it is this day.
Jer 44:7 Therefore now thus says the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel: Why do you commit this great evil against yourselves that will cut off from you man and woman, infant and weaned child, out of Judah, to leave yourselves with

none remaining?
Jer 44:8 Why do you provoke Me to anger with the works (idols) of your own hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt, where you [of your own accord] have come to dwell temporarily, that you might be cut off and become a curse and a reproach (an object of reviling and taunts) among all the nations of the earth?
Jer 44:9 Have you forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, the wickedness of the kings of Judah, the wickedness of their wives [who clung to their foreign gods], your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives [who imitated their queens], which they committed in the land of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?
Jer 44:10 They are not humbled (contrite, penitent, and bruised for their guilt and iniquities) even to this day, neither have they feared {and} revered [Me] nor walked in My law or My statutes which I set before you and before your fathers.
Jer 44:11 Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will set My face against you for evil--even to cut off all Judah [from the land].
Jer 44:12 And I will take away the remnant of Judah who have set their faces to come into the land of Egypt to dwell here temporarily [fleeing to Egypt instead of surrendering to the Chaldeans as directed by the Lord through Jeremiah], and they will all be consumed and will fall in the land of Egypt; they will be consumed by the sword and by famine. From the least even to the greatest, they shall die by the sword and by famine. And they will be a detestable thing, an astonishment, a curse, and a reproach (an object of horror, reviling, and taunts).
Jer 44:13 For I will punish all the inhabitants of the land of Egypt as I have punished Jerusalem--by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence--
Jer 44:14 So that none of the remnant of Judah who have come to the land of Egypt to dwell temporarily shall escape or survive or return to the land of Judah, to which they desire {and} lift up their souls to return to dwell there; for none shall return except [a few] fugitives.
Jer 44:15 Then all the men who knew that their wives were burning incense to other gods, and all the women who stood by--a great assembly--even all the people who dwelt in Pathros in the land of Egypt, answered Jeremiah:
Jer 44:16 As for the word that you have spoken to us in the name of the Lord, we will not listen to {or} obey you.
Jer 44:17 But we will certainly perform every word of the vows we have made: to burn incense to the queen of heaven and to pour out drink offerings to her as we have done--we and our fathers, our kings and our princes--in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; for then we had plenty of food and were well off {and} prosperous and saw no evil.
Jer 44:18 But since we stopped burning incense to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have been consumed by the sword and by famine.
Jer 44:19 [And the wives said] When we burned incense to the queen of heaven and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make cakes [in the shape of a star] to represent {and} honor her and pour out drink offerings to her without [the knowledge and approval of] our husbands?
Jer 44:20 Then Jeremiah said to all the people--to the men and to the women and to all the people who had given him that answer--
Jer 44:21 The incense that you burned in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem--you and your fathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land--did not the Lord [earnestly] remember [your idolatrous wickedness] and did it not come into His mind?
Jer 44:22 The Lord could no longer endure the evil of your doings and the abominations which you have committed; because of them therefore has your land become a desolation and an [astonishing] waste and a curse, without inhabitants, as it is this day.
Jer 44:23 Because you have burned incense [to idols] and because you have sinned against the Lord and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord or walked in His law and in His statutes and in His testimonies, therefore this evil has fallen upon you, as it is this day.
Jer 44:24 Moreover, Jeremiah said to all the people, including all the women, Hear the word of the Lord, all you of Judah who are in the land of Egypt,
Jer 44:25 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: You and your wives have both declared with your mouths and fulfilled it with your hands, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed to burn incense to the queen of heaven and to pour out drink offerings to her. [Surely] then confirm your vows and [surely] perform your vows! [If you will defy all My warnings to you, then, by all means, go ahead!]
Jer 44:26 Therefore hear the word of the Lord, all [you people of] Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt: Behold, I have sworn by My great name, says the Lord, that My name shall no more be invoked by the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, As the Lord God lives.

Jer 44:27 Behold, I am watching over them for evil and not for good; and all the men of Judah who are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by famine until there is an end of them {and} they are all destroyed.
Jer 44:28 Yet a small number who escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt to the land of Judah; and all the remnant of Judah who came to the land of Egypt to dwell temporarily shall know whose words shall stand, Mine or theirs.
Jer 44:29 And this will be the sign to you, says the Lord, that I will punish you in this place, so that you may know that My words will surely stand against you for evil.
Jer 44:30 Thus says the Lord: Behold, I will give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into the hands of his enemies and into the hands of those who seek his life, just as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, who was his enemy and was seeking his life.
Jer 45:1 THE WORD that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,
Jer 45:2 Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, unto you, O Baruch:
Jer 45:3 You said, Woe is me now! For the Lord has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning {and} sighing and I find no rest.
Jer 45:4 Say this to him: The Lord speaks thus: Behold, what I have built I will break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up--and this means the whole land.
Jer 45:5 And should you seek great things for yourself? Seek them not; for behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, says the Lord, but your life I will give to you [as your only booty and] as a [snatched] prize of war wherever you go.
Jer 46:1 THE WORD of the Lord that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning {and} against the [Gentile] nations.
Jer 46:2 Concerning {and} against Egypt: against the army of Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates at Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote {and} defeated in the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah:
Jer 46:3 Put in order the buckler and shield, and advance for battle!
Jer 46:4 Harness the horses, and mount, you horsemen! Stand forth with your helmets! Polish the spears, put on the coats of mail!
Jer 46:5 Why have I seen it? They are dismayed and have turned backward, and their mighty warriors are beaten down. They flee in haste and look not back; terror is on every side! says the Lord.
Jer 46:6 Let not the swift flee nor the mighty man escape; in the north by the river Euphrates they stumble and fall.
Jer 46:7 Who is this that rises up like the Nile [River], like the branches [of the Nile in the delta of Egypt] whose waters surge {and} toss?
Jer 46:8 Egypt rises like the Nile, like the rivers whose waters surge {and} toss. She says, I will rise, I will cover the earth; I will destroy cities and their inhabitants.
Jer 46:9 Go up, you horses, and drive furiously, you chariots! Let the warriors go forth--men of Ethiopia and Put who handle the shield, men of Lud who are skilled in handling and stringing the bow.
Jer 46:10 But that day is a day of the Lord, the Lord of hosts--a day of vengeance, that He may avenge Himself on His adversaries. And the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiated and shall drink its fill of their blood; for the Lord, the Lord of hosts has a sacrifice [like that of a great sin offering] in the north country by the river Euphrates.
Jer 46:11 Go up into Gilead and take [healing] balm, O Virgin Daughter of Egypt! In vain do you use many medicines; for you there is no healing {or} remedy.
Jer 46:12 The nations have heard of your disgrace {and} shame, and your cry has filled the earth. For warrior has stumbled against {and} thrown down warrior, and they have fallen both of them together.
Jer 46:13 The word that the Lord spoke to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the coming of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and his smiting of the land of Egypt:
Jer 46:14 Declare in Egypt and proclaim in Migdol; and publish in Memphis and in Tahpanhes; say, Stand forth and get yourself ready, for the sword devours round about you.
Jer 46:15 Why is your strong one [the sacred bull-god Apis] swept {and} dragged away? He stood not, because the Lord drove him {and} thrust him down.
Jer 46:16 [The Lord] made many to stumble {and} fall; yes, they fell one upon another. And they said, Arise, and let us go back to our own people and to the land of our birth, away from the sword of the oppressor.
Jer 46:17 They cried there, Pharaoh king of Egypt is destroyed {and} is only a noise; he has let the appointed time [in which God had him on probation] pass by!
Jer 46:18 As I live, says the King, Whose name is the Lord of hosts, surely like Tabor among the mountains and like Carmel by the sea, so shall he [the king of Babylon, standing out above other rulers] come.

Jer 46:19 O you daughter who dwells in Egypt {and} you who dwell with her, furnish yourselves [with all you will need] to go into exile, for Memphis will be waste, desolate, {and} burned up, without inhabitant.
Jer 46:20 Egypt is a very fair heifer [like Apis the bull-god, to which the country is, so to speak, espoused], but destruction [a gadfly] is coming--out of the north it is coming [against her]!
Jer 46:21 Also her hired troops in the midst of her are like fatted calves [in the stall], for they also are turned back and are fleeing together; they do not stand, because the day of their calamity is coming upon them, the time of their visitation (their inspection and punishment).
Jer 46:22 The sound [of Egypt fleeing from the enemy] is like the rustling of an escaping serpent, for her foes advance with a mighty army and come against her with axes, like those who fell trees {and} cut wood.
Jer 46:23 They shall cut down her forest, says the Lord, though it is impenetrable, because they [the invading army] are more numerous than locusts and cannot be counted.
Jer 46:24 The Daughter of Egypt shall be disgraced; she shall be delivered into the hands of the people of the north [the Chaldeans].
Jer 46:25 The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, says: Behold, I will visit punishment upon Amon [the chief god of the sacred city, the capital of Upper Egypt] of No {or} Thebes, and upon Pharaoh and Egypt, with her gods and her kings--even Pharaoh and all those [Jews and others] who put their trust in [Pharaoh as a support against Babylon].
Jer 46:26 And I will deliver them into the hands of those who seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hands of his servants. Afterward [Egypt] will be inhabited as in the days of old, says the Lord.
Jer 46:27 But fear not, O My servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel. For behold, I will save you from afar, and your offspring from the land of their exile; and Jacob will return and be quiet and at ease, and none will make him afraid.
Jer 46:28 Fear not, O Jacob My servant, says the Lord, for I am with you. For I will make a full {and} complete end of all the nations to which I have driven you; yet I will not make a full end of you. But I will chasten {and} correct you in just measure, and I will not hold you guiltless by any means {or} leave you unpunished.
Jer 47:1 THE WORD of the Lord that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the Philistines before Pharaoh smote [the Philistine city] Gaza.
Jer 47:2 Thus says the Lord: Behold, waters are rising out of the north and shall become an overflowing stream and shall overflow the land and all that is in it, the city and those who dwell in it. Then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land [of Philistia] shall wail.
Jer 47:3 At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of [the Chaldean king's] war-horses, at the rattling of his chariots, and at the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers do not look back to their children, so feeble are their hands [with terror]
Jer 47:4 Because of the day that is coming to destroy all the Philistines and to cut off from Tyre and Sidon every helper who remains. For the Lord is destroying the Philistines, the remnant [still surviving] of the isle {or} coastland of Caphtor [where the Philistines originated].
Jer 47:5 Baldness [as a token of mourning] will come upon Gaza; Ashkelon will be cut off {and} be dumb. O remnant of their valley {and} of the giants, how long will you gash yourselves [as a token of mourning]?
Jer 47:6 O you sword of the Lord, how long will it be before you are quiet? Put yourself into your scabbard; rest and be still.
Jer 47:7 How can it [the sword of the Lord] be quiet when the Lord has given it an assignment to discharge? Against Ashkelon and against the [whole Philistine] seashore He has appointed it.
Jer 48:1 CONCERNING MOAB: Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Woe to [the city of] Nebo, for it is laid waste! Kiriathaim is put to shame and taken; Misgab [the high fortress] is put to shame, broken down, {and} crushed.
Jer 48:2 The glory of Moab is no more; in Heshbon [a border town between Reuben and Gad, east of the Jordan River] they planned evil against her, saying, Come, let us cut her off from being a nation. You also, O [town of] Madmen, shall be brought to silence; the sword shall pursue you.
Jer 48:3 The sound of a cry from Horonaim, [a cry of] desolation and great destruction!
Jer 48:4 Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard [as far as Zoar].
Jer 48:5 For the ascent of Luhith will be climbed [by successive bands of fugitives] with continual weeping; for on the descent of Horonaim they have heard the distress of the cry of destruction.
Jer 48:6 Flee! Save your lives! But they shall be like a destitute {and} forsaken person in the wilderness.
Jer 48:7 For because you have trusted in your works [your bungling idol images] and in your treasures [instead of in God], you shall also be taken. And Chemosh [your god] shall go into captivity, his priests and his princes together.

Jer 48:8 And the destroyer shall come upon every city; no city shall escape. The [Jordan] valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be devastated, as the Lord has said.
Jer 48:9 Give wings to Moab, for [by that means only] she will flee and get away; her cities will be desolate, without any to dwell in them.
Jer 48:10 Cursed be he who does the work of the Lord negligently [with slackness, deceitfully]; and cursed be he who keeps back his sword from blood [in executing judgment pronounced by the Lord].
Jer 48:11 Moab has been at ease from his youth, and he has settled on his lees [like wine] and has not been drawn off from one vessel to another, neither has he gone into exile. Therefore his taste remains in him, and his scent has not changed.
Jer 48:12 Therefore behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I shall send to [Moab] tilters who shall tilt him up and shall empty his vessels and break his bottles (earthenware) in pieces.
Jer 48:13 And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh [his god], as the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel, their confidence.
Jer 48:14 How can you say, We are heroes and mighty men in the war?
Jer 48:15 Moab has been made desolate, and his cities have gone up [in smoke and flame]; and his chosen young men have gone down to the slaughter, says the King, Whose name is the Lord of hosts.
Jer 48:16 The destruction of Moab is coming near, and his calamity hastens swiftly.
Jer 48:17 Bemoan him, all you [nations] who are around him, and all you [nations more remote] who know his name; say, How broken is the mighty scepter [of national power] and the splendid rod [of glory]!
Jer 48:18 Come down from your glory, you inhabitant of the Daughter of Dibon, and sit on the ground among the thirsty! For the destroyer of Moab is advancing against you; he will destroy your strongholds.
Jer 48:19 O inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the way and watch! Ask him who flees and her who escapes, What has happened?
Jer 48:20 Moab is put to shame, for she is broken down. Wail and cry out! Tell by [the banks of] the Arnon that Moab is laid waste (destroyed).
Jer 48:21 Judgment has come upon the land of the plain--upon Holon and Jahzah and Mephaath,
Jer 48:22 And upon Dibon and Nebo and Beth-diblathaim,
Jer 48:23 And upon Kiriathaim and Beth-gamul and Beth-meon,
Jer 48:24 And upon Kerioth and Bozrah--and all the cities of the land of Moab, far and near.
Jer 48:25 The horn (strength) of Moab is cut off, and his arm [of authority] is shattered, says the Lord.
Jer 48:26 Make him drunk, for he has magnified himself against the Lord [by resisting Reuben's occupation of the land the Lord had assigned him]. Moab also shall splash in his vomit, and he too shall be held in derision.
Jer 48:27 For was not Israel [an object of] derision to you? Was he found among thieves--since whenever you speak of him you wag your head [in scorn]?
Jer 48:28 O you inhabitants of Moab, leave the cities and dwell among the rocks, and be like the dove that makes her nest in the walls of the yawning ravine.
Jer 48:29 We have heard of the [giddy] pride of Moab, the extremely proud one--his loftiness, his arrogance, his conceit, and the haughtiness of his heart.
Jer 48:30 I know his insolent wrath, says the Lord, and the nothingness of his boastings {and} his deeds; they are false {and} have accomplished nothing.
Jer 48:31 Therefore I will wail over Moab, and I will cry out over the whole of Moab. Over the men of Kir-heres (Kir-hareseth) there will be sighing {and} mourning.
Jer 48:32 O vines of Sibmah, I weep for you more than the weeping of Jazer [over its ruins and wasted vineyards]. Your tendrils [of influence] have gone over the sea, reaching even to Jazer. The destroyer has fallen upon your summer fruit harvest and your [season's] crop of grapes.
Jer 48:33 Joy and gladness are taken away from the fruitful orchards {and} fields and from the land of Moab. And I have made the juice [of the grape] to fail from what is pressed out in the vats; no one treads [the grapes] with shouting. Their shouting is no shouting [of joy, but is a battle cry].
Jer 48:34 From the cry of Heshbon even to Elealeh even to Jahaz have they uttered their voice, from Zoar even to Horonaim and Eglath-shelishiyah [like a three-year-old heifer], for even the waters of Nimrim have become desolations.
Jer 48:35 Moreover, I will cause to cease in Moab, says the Lord, the one who ascends {and} offers in the high place and the one who burns incense to his gods.
Jer 48:36 Therefore My heart moans {and} sighs for Moab like flutes, and My heart moans {and} sighs like flutes for

the men of Kir-heres (Kir-hareseth); therefore [the remnant of] the abundant riches they gained has perished.
Jer 48:37 For every head is shaven bald and every beard cut off: upon all the hands are cuts (slashes) and upon the loins is sackcloth [all to express mourning].
Jer 48:38 On all the housetops of Moab and in its streets there is lamentation everywhere, for I have broken Moab like a vessel in which there is no pleasure, says the Lord.
Jer 48:39 How it is broken down! How they wail! How Moab has turned his back in shame! So Moab has become [an object of] a derision and a [horrifying] terror to all who are round about him.
Jer 48:40 For thus says the Lord: Behold, he [Babylon] shall fly swiftly like an eagle and shall spread out his wings against Moab.
Jer 48:41 Kerioth [and the cities] shall be taken and the strongholds seized; and the hearts of the mighty warriors of Moab in that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs [in childbirth].
Jer 48:42 And Moab shall be destroyed from being a nation, because he has magnified himself against the Lord.
Jer 48:43 Terror and pit and snare are before you, O inhabitant of Moab, says the Lord.
Jer 48:44 He who flees from the terror will fall into the pit, and he who gets up out of the pit will be taken {and} caught in the trap {or} snare; for I will bring upon it, even upon Moab, the year of their visitation (their inspection and infliction of punishment), says the Lord.
Jer 48:45 In the shadow of Heshbon the fugitives stand powerless (stopped in their tracks, helpless and without strength), for a fire has gone forth from Heshbon, a flame from the midst of Sihon; it has destroyed the corner of Moab and the crowns of the heads of the ones in tumult [the proud Moabites].
Jer 48:46 Woe to you, O Moab! The people of [the god] Chemosh {are} undone; for your sons are taken away captive and your daughters into captivity.
Jer 48:47 Yet will I reverse the captivity {and} restore the fortunes of Moab in the latter days, says the Lord. Thus far is the judgment on Moab.
Jer 49:1 CONCERNING {and} against the Ammonites: Thus says the Lord: Has Israel no sons [to return after their captivity and claim the territory of Gad east of the Jordan which the Ammonites have taken over]? Has [Israel's Gad] no heir? Why then has Milcom [the god the Ammonites call their king] dispossessed {and} inherited Gad, and [why do] his people dwell in Gad's cities?
Jer 49:2 Therefore behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will cause an alarm of war to be heard against Rabbah of the Ammonites; and it [the high ground on which it stands] will become a desolate heap, and its daughter [villages] will be burned with fire. Then will Israel dispossess those who dispossessed him, says the Lord.
Jer 49:3 Wail, O Heshbon [in Moab, just south of Ammon], for Ai [in Ammon] is laid waste! Cry out, you daughter [villages] of Rabbah! Gird yourselves with sackcloth, lament, and run to and fro inside the [sheepfold] enclosures; for Milcom [the god-king] shall go into exile, together with his priests and his princes.
Jer 49:4 Why do you boast of your valleys? Your valley flows away, O [Ammon] rebellious {and} faithless daughter, who trusted in her treasures, who said, Who can come against me?
Jer 49:5 Behold, I will bring terror upon you, says the Lord, the Lord of hosts, from all who are round about you; and you will be driven out, each man fleeing straight before him [without thought of his neighbor], and there will be no one to gather together the fugitives.
Jer 49:6 And afterward I will reverse the captivity of the children of Ammon {and} restore their fortunes, says the Lord.
Jer 49:7 Concerning {and} against Edom: Thus says the Lord of hosts: Is there no longer wisdom in Teman [a district in Edom]? Has counsel vanished from the intelligent {and} prudent? Is their wisdom all poured out {and} used up?
Jer 49:8 Flee, turn back, dwell deep [in the deserts to escape the Chaldeans], O inhabitants of Dedan [neighbor of Edom]! For I will bring the calamity {and} destruction of Esau upon him [Edom] when I inspect {and} punish him.
Jer 49:9 If grape gatherers came to you, would they not leave some ungleaned grapes? If thieves came by night, would they not destroy only what is enough [for them]?
Jer 49:10 But I have stripped Esau (Edom) bare; I have uncovered his hiding places, and he cannot hide himself. His offspring will be destroyed, with his brethren and his neighbors; and he will be no more.
Jer 49:11 Leave your fatherless children; I will [do what is necessary to] preserve them alive. And let [those who have been made] your widows trust {and} confide in Me.
Jer 49:12 For thus says the Lord: Behold, they [Israel] whose rule was not to drink the cup [of wrath] shall assuredly drink--and are you to remain unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, but you shall surely drink.
Jer 49:13 For I have sworn by Myself, says the Lord, that Bozrah [in Edom, between Petra and the Dead Sea] shall become a horror, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all its cities shall be perpetual wastes.

Jer 49:14 I have heard a report from the Lord, and a messenger is sent to the nations, saying, Gather together and come against her! And rise up for the battle.
Jer 49:15 For, behold, I will make you [Edom] small among the nations and despised among men.
Jer 49:16 Your [object of] horror (your idol) has deceived you, and the pride of your heart [has deceived you], O you who dwell in the clefts of the rock [Sela or Petra], who hold {and} occupy the height of the hill. Though you make your nest as high as the eagle's, I will bring you down from there, says the Lord.
Jer 49:17 And Edom shall be an astonishment {and} a horror; everyone who goes by it shall be astonished {and} shall hiss with horror at all its plagues {and} disasters.
Jer 49:18 As [it was] in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring cities, says the Lord, no man shall dwell there; neither shall a son of man live in it temporarily.
Jer 49:19 See, there comes up one [Nebuchadnezzar] like a lion from [lurking in] the jungles (the pride) of the Jordan against the strong habitation [of Edom] {and} into the permanent pastures; for in a twinkling I will drive him [Edom] from there. And I will appoint over him the one whom I choose. For who is like Me? And who will appoint for Me the time {and} prosecute Me for this proceeding? And what [earthly, national] shepherd can stand before Me {and} defy Me?
Jer 49:20 Therefore hear the plan of the Lord which He has made against Edom, and His purposes which He has formed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely they shall be dragged away [by Nebuchadnezzar], even the little ones of the flock; surely He shall make their habitation desolate because of them {and} their fold shocked at their fate.
Jer 49:21 At the sound of their fall the earth shall tremble; at their crying the sound shall be heard at the Red Sea.
Jer 49:22 Behold, one will come up and fly swiftly like an eagle and spread his wings against [the Edomite city of] Bozrah; and in that day the hearts of the mighty warriors of Edom will be like the heart of a woman in her pangs [in childbirth].
Jer 49:23 Concerning {and} against Damascus [in Syria]: Hamath and Arpad are confounded {and} put to shame, for they have heard bad news; they are fainthearted {and} wasting away; there is trouble {and} anxiety [like] on a [storm-tossed] sea which cannot rest.
Jer 49:24 Damascus has become feeble; she has turned to flee, and terror {and} panic have seized her; anguish and sorrow have taken hold of her, like a woman in childbirth.
Jer 49:25 How [remarkable that] the renowned city is not deserted, the city of my joy! [exclaims one from Damascus].
Jer 49:26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all her soldiers shall be destroyed in that day, says the Lord of hosts.
Jer 49:27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it will consume the palaces of Ben-hadad [title of several kings of Syria].
Jer 49:28 Concerning Kedar [a tribe of nomad Arabs] and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon shall smite: Thus says the Lord [to him]: Arise, go up against Kedar and destroy the sons of the east.
Jer 49:29 Their tents and their flocks shall they [the Chaldeans] take--their tent hangings and all their utensils and their camels. And men shall cry to them, Terror on every side!
Jer 49:30 Flee, wander far off, dwell deep [in the deserts], O you inhabitants of Hazor [in the Arabian Desert] says the Lord, for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon has planned a course against you and has conceived a purpose against you.
Jer 49:31 Arise [Nebuchadrezzar], get up into a nation which is at ease, which dwells without care, says the Lord, [a nation] which has neither gates nor bars, which dwells apart {and} alone.
Jer 49:32 And their camels will be booty, and their herds of cattle a spoil; and I will scatter to all [the four] winds those who [as evidence of their idolatry] clip off the corners of their hair, and I will bring their calamity from every side, says the Lord.
Jer 49:33 And Hazor shall become a dwelling place of jackals, a desolation forever; no man shall dwell there; neither shall a son of man live in it temporarily.
Jer 49:34 The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning {and} against Elam, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,
Jer 49:35 Thus says the Lord of hosts: Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief [weapon and part] of their strength.
Jer 49:36 And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four corners of heaven; and I will scatter them toward all those winds, and there will be no nation to which the outcasts of Elam will not come.
Jer 49:37 And I will cause Elam to be dismayed {and} terrified before their enemies and before those who seek {and} demand their lives; and I will bring evil {and} disaster upon them, even My fierce anger, says the Lord. And I will send the sword after them until I have consumed them.

Jer 49:38 And I will set My throne [of judgment] in Elam [whose capital city was Shushan, from which God wrought wonders through Nehemiah, Esther, and Daniel]; and I will destroy from their king and princes, says the Lord.
Jer 49:39 But it shall be in the latter days (the end of days) that I will reverse the captivity and restore the fortunes of Elam, says the Lord.
Jer 50:1 THE WORD that the Lord spoke concerning {and} against Babylon and concerning {and} against the land of the Chaldeans through Jeremiah the prophet:
Jer 50:2 Declare it among the nations and publish it and set up a signal [to spread the news]--publish and conceal it not; say, Babylon has been taken; Bel [the patron god] is put to shame, Merodach (Bel) is dismayed {and} broken down. [Babylon's] images are put to shame, her [senseless] idols are thrown down!
Jer 50:3 For out of the north there has come up a nation [Media] against her which will make her land desolate, and none will dwell there. They will have fled, they will be gone--from man even to beast.
Jer 50:4 In those days and at that time, says the Lord, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together; they shall come up weeping as they come and seek the Lord their God [inquiring for and of Him and requiring Him, both by right of necessity and of the promises of God's Word].
Jer 50:5 They shall ask the way to Zion, with their faces in that direction, saying, Come, let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.
Jer 50:6 My people have been lost sheep; their shepherds have led them astray [to favorite places of idolatry] on mountains [that seduce]. They have gone from [one sin to another] mountain to hill; they have forgotten their [own] resting-place.
Jer 50:7 All who found them devoured them; and their adversaries said, We are not guilty, because they have sinned against the Lord [and are no longer holy to Him], their true habitation of righteousness {and} justice, even the Lord, the hope of their fathers.
Jer 50:8 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans; and be as the he-goats [who serve as examples and as leaders in the flight] before the flocks.
Jer 50:9 For behold, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country. They will equip {and} set themselves against her; from there she will be taken. Their arrows will be like [both] an expert, mighty warrior {and} like his arrows--none [of them] will return in vain.
Jer 50:10 And Chaldea shall become plunder; all who plunder her shall be satisfied, says the Lord.
Jer 50:11 Though you are glad, though you rejoice, O you who plunder My heritage, though you are wanton {and} skip about like a heifer at grass and neigh like strong stallions,
Jer 50:12 Your mother [Babylon] shall be put to great shame; she who bore you shall blush {and} be disgraced. Behold, she shall be at the rear of the nations [least of the nations]--a wilderness, waste, and desert.
Jer 50:13 Because of the wrath of the Lord she shall not be inhabited but shall be wholly desolate; everyone who goes by Babylon shall be appalled and hiss {and} mock at all her wounds {and} plagues.
Jer 50:14 Set yourselves in array against Babylon round about, all you archers. Shoot at her! Spare not the arrows, for she has sinned against the Lord.
Jer 50:15 Raise the battle cry against her round about! She gives her hand [in agreement] {and} surrenders; her supports {and} battlements fall, her walls are thrown down. For this is the vengeance of the Lord: take vengeance on her; as she has done [to others], do to her.
Jer 50:16 Exterminate the sower from Babylon, and the one who handles the sickle in the time of harvest. For fear of the sword of the oppressor everyone shall return to his people, and everyone shall flee to his own land.
Jer 50:17 Israel is a hunted {and} scattered sheep [driven hither and thither and preyed upon by savage beasts]; the lions have chased him. First the king of Assyria devoured him, and now at last Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon has broken {and} gnawed his bones.
Jer 50:18 Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will visit {and} punish the king of Babylon and his land, just as I visited {and} punished the king of Assyria.
Jer 50:19 And I will bring Israel [home] again to his fold {and} pasturage, and he will feed on Carmel and Bashan [in the most fertile districts both west and east], and his soul will be satisfied upon the hills of Ephraim and Gilead.
Jer 50:20 In those days and at that time, says the Lord, the iniquity of Israel will be sought, but there will be none, and the sins of Judah [will be sought], but none will be found, for I will pardon those whom I cause to remain as a remnant (the preserved ones who come forth after a long tribulation).
Jer 50:21 Go up against [Babylon] the land of Merathaim [two rebellions, double or intense defiance], even against it and against the inhabitants of Pekod [visitation and punishment]. Slay and utterly destroy them, says the Lord, and do according to all that I have commanded you.

Jer 50:22 The cry {and} noise of battle is in the land, and [the noise] of great destruction.
Jer 50:23 How the hammer of the whole earth is crushed and broken! How Babylon has become a horror of desolation among the nations!
Jer 50:24 I set a trap for you, and you also were taken, O Babylon, and you did not know it; you were found and also caught because you have struggled {and} contended against the Lord.
Jer 50:25 The Lord has opened His armory and has brought forth [the nations who unknowingly are] the weapons of His indignation {and} wrath, for the Lord God of hosts has work to do in the land of the Chaldeans.
Jer 50:26 Come against her from every quarter {and} from the utmost border. Open her granaries {and} storehouses; pile up [their contents] like heaps of rubbish. Burn {and} destroy her utterly; let nothing be left of her.
Jer 50:27 Slay all her bullocks (her choice youths, the strength of her army); let them go down to the slaughter! Woe to [the Chaldeans]! For their day has come, the time of their visitation (their inspection and punishment).
Jer 50:28 Listen! The voice of those [Jews] who flee and escape out of the land of Babylon proclaiming in Zion the vengeance of the Lord our God, the vengeance [of the Lord upon the Chaldeans] for [the plundering and destruction of] His temple.
Jer 50:29 Call together [many] archers against Babylon, all those who bend the bow. Encamp against her round about; let none from there escape. Recompense her according to her deeds; just as she has done, do to her. For against the Lord, against the Holy One of Israel, has she been proudly defiant {and} presumptuous.
Jer 50:30 Therefore shall her young men fall in her streets {and} squares, and all her soldiers shall be destroyed on that day, says the Lord.
Jer 50:31 Behold, I am against you, O Babylon [you who are pride and presumption personified], says the Lord, the Lord of hosts, for your day has come, the time when I will visit {and} punish you.
Jer 50:32 And Pride (the arrogant one) shall stumble (totter) and fall, and none shall raise him up. And I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all who are round about him.
Jer 50:33 Thus says the Lord of hosts: The children of Israel and the children of Judah are oppressed together; all who took them captive have held them fast; they refuse to let them go.
Jer 50:34 Their Redeemer is strong; the Lord of hosts is His name. He will surely {and} thoroughly plead their case {and} defend their cause, that He may give rest to [the land of Israel and to the Babylonian-enslaved nations of] the earth, but unrest to the inhabitants of Babylon.
Jer 50:35 A sword upon the Chaldeans, says the Lord--upon the inhabitants of Babylon and upon her princes (rulers in civic matters) and upon her wise men (the astrologers and rulers in religious affairs)!
Jer 50:36 A sword upon the babbling liars (the diviners), that they may become fools! A sword upon her mighty warriors, that they may be dismayed {and} destroyed!
Jer 50:37 A sword upon their horses and upon their chariots and upon all the mixed foreign troops that are in the midst of her, that they may become [as weak and defenseless as] women! A sword upon her treasures, that they may be plundered!
Jer 50:38 A sword {and} a drought upon her waters, that they may be dried up! For it is a land of images, and they are mad over idols (objects of terror in which they foolishly trust).
Jer 50:39 Therefore wild beasts of the desert shall dwell [in Babylon] with the jackals, and ostriches shall dwell there. And it shall never again be inhabited with people, even from generation to generation.
Jer 50:40 As when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring cities, says the Lord, so no man shall dwell there; neither shall any son of man live there temporarily.
Jer 50:41 Behold, a people is coming from the north; and a great nation and many kings are stirring from the uttermost parts of the earth.
Jer 50:42 They lay hold of bow, lance, {and} spear; they are cruel {and} have no mercy {or} compassion. They sound like the roaring of the sea; they ride upon horses, every man equipped like a man [ready] for the battle against you, O Daughter of Babylon!
Jer 50:43 The king of Babylon has heard the news about them, and his hands fall feeble {and} helpless; anguish has seized him, and pangs like that of a woman in childbirth.
Jer 50:44 See, there comes up one like a lion from the jungles (the pride) of the Jordan against the strong habitation [of Babylon] {and} into the permanent pasturage {and} sheepfold; for in a twinkling I will drive him [Babylon] from there. And I will appoint over him the one whom I choose. For who is like Me? And who will challenge Me {and} prosecute Me for this proceeding? And what [earthly, national] shepherd can stand before Me {and} defy Me?
Jer 50:45 Therefore hear the plan of the Lord which He has made against Babylon, and His purposes which He has formed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely they shall be dragged away, even the little ones of the flock; surely

He shall make their habitation desolate because of them {and} their fold amazed {and} appalled at their fate.
Jer 50:46 At the cry, Babylon has been taken! the earth shall tremble, and the cry shall be heard among the nations.
Jer 51:1 THUS SAYS the Lord: Behold, I will raise up against Babylon and against those who dwell among those rebelling against Me a destroying wind {and} spirit;
Jer 51:2 And I will send to Babylon strangers {or} winnowers who will winnow her and will empty her land; for in the day of calamity they will be against her on every side.
Jer 51:3 Against him who bends let the archer bend his bow, and against him who lifts himself up in his coat of mail. And spare not her young men; devote [to God] and utterly destroy her entire host.
Jer 51:4 Thus they shall fall down slain in the land of the Chaldeans, and wounded in her streets.
Jer 51:5 For Israel has not been widowed {and} forsaken, nor has Judah, by his God, the Lord of hosts, though their land is full of guilt against the Holy One of Israel.
Jer 51:6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon! Let every man save his life! Let not destruction come upon you through her [punishment for] sin {and} guilt. For it is the time of the Lord's vengeance; He will render to her a recompense.
Jer 51:7 Babylon was a golden cup in the Lord's hand, making all the earth drunken. The nations drank of her wine; therefore the nations have gone mad.
Jer 51:8 Babylon has suddenly fallen and is shattered (destroyed)! Wail for her [if you care to]! Get balm for her [incurable] pain; if [you do] so she may [possibly] be healed!
Jer 51:9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed. Forsake her and let us each go to his own country, for her guilt {and} the judgment against her reach to heaven and are lifted even to the skies.
Jer 51:10 The Lord has brought forth {and} made known the righteousness [of our cause]; come and let us declare in Zion the work of the Lord our God.
Jer 51:11 Make clean {and} sharp the arrows, take up the shields {or} coats of armor [and cover your bodies with them]! The Lord has stirred up the spirit of the kings of the Medes [who with the Persians will destroy the Babylonian Empire], for His purpose concerning Babylon is to destroy it; for that is the vengeance of the Lord, the vengeance [upon Babylon for the plundering and destruction] of His temple.
Jer 51:12 Set up a standard {or} signal [to spread the news] upon the walls of Babylon! Make the watch {and} blockade strong, set the guards, prepare the ambushes! For the Lord has both purposed and done that which He spoke against the inhabitants of Babylon.
Jer 51:13 O [Babylon] you who dwell by many waters, rich in treasures, your end has come, and the line measuring your life is cut.
Jer 51:14 The Lord of hosts has sworn by Himself, saying, Surely I will fill you with men, as with [a swarm of] locusts [who strip a land clean], and they will lift up a song {and} shout [of victory] over you.
Jer 51:15 He made the earth by His power; He established the world by His wisdom and stretched out the heavens by His understanding.
Jer 51:16 When He utters His voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth. He makes lightnings for the rain and brings forth the wind from His treasuries.
Jer 51:17 Every man has become stupid {and} brutelike, without knowledge [of God]; every goldsmith is put to shame by the images he has made; for his molten idols are a lie, and there is no breath [of life] in them.
Jer 51:18 They are worthless (emptiness, falsity, futility), a work of delusion {and} worthy of derision; in the time of their inspection {and} punishment they shall [helplessly] perish.
Jer 51:19 Not like these [gods] is He Who is the Portion of Jacob [the true God on Whom Israel has a claim], for He is the One Who formed all things, and Israel is the tribe of His inheritance--the Lord of hosts is His name.
Jer 51:20 You [Cyrus of Persia, soon to conquer Babylon] are My battle-ax {or} maul and weapon of war--for with you I break nations in pieces, with you I destroy kingdoms,
Jer 51:21 With you I break in pieces the horse and his rider, with you I break in pieces the chariot and the charioteer,
Jer 51:22 With you I break in pieces man and woman, with you I break in pieces old man and youth, with you I break in pieces young man and maiden,
Jer 51:23 With you I break in pieces the shepherd and his flock, with you I break in pieces the farmer and his yoke of oxen, and with you I break in pieces governors and commanders.
Jer 51:24 And I will [completely] repay Babylon and all the inhabitants of Chaldea for all the evil that they have done in Zion--before your very eyes [I will do it], says the Lord.
Jer 51:25 Behold, I am against you, says the Lord, O destroying mountain [which is burning out, you who will be as barren and desolate as an extinct volcano], you who [would] destroy the whole earth. I will stretch out My hand over {and} against you and roll you down from the [burnt] crags and will make you a burnt-out mountain [of combustive

fires].
Jer 51:26 And [O Babylon] they shall not take your cracked stones for a cornerstone, or any stone for foundations, but you shall be waste {and} desolate forever, says the Lord.
Jer 51:27 Set up a standard {or} signal in the land [to spread the news]! Blow the trumpet among the nations! Prepare {and} dedicate the nations for war against her; call against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz. Appoint a marshal against her; cause the horses to come up like [a swarm of] locusts [when their wings are not yet released from their horny cases].
Jer 51:28 Prepare {and} dedicate the nations for war against her--the kings of Media, with their governors and commanders (deputies), and every land of their dominion.
Jer 51:29 [I foresee this:] The land trembles and writhes in pain {and} sorrow, for the purposes of the Lord against Babylon stand--to make the land of Babylon a desolation without inhabitant.
Jer 51:30 The mighty warriors of Babylon have ceased to fight; they have remained in their holds. Their might has failed; they have become [weak and helpless] like women. Her dwelling places are burned up; her bars [and defenses generally] are broken.
Jer 51:31 One post shall run to meet another and one messenger to meet another to show the king of Babylon that his city is taken on every side {and} to its farthest end,
Jer 51:32 And that the passages [or ferries across the Euphrates] are stopped, and the great marshes they [the Medes] have burned with fire, and the men of war are frightened.
Jer 51:33 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: The Daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor at the time it is [being prepared]; yet a little while and the time of harvest shall come to her.
Jer 51:34 [The inhabitants of Zion say] Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon has devoured us, he has crushed us, he has made us an empty vessel. Like a monster he has swallowed us up, he has filled his belly with our delicacies; he has rinsed us out {and} cast us away.
Jer 51:35 May the violence done to me and to my flesh {and} blood be upon Babylon, will the inhabitant of Zion say; and, May my blood be upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, will Jerusalem say.
Jer 51:36 Therefore thus says the Lord: Behold, I will plead your cause and take vengeance for you. I will dry up her lake {or} great reservoir and make her fountain dry.
Jer 51:37 And Babylon shall become heaps [of ruins], a dwelling place of jackals, a horror (an astonishing desolation) and a hissing [of amazement], without inhabitant.
Jer 51:38 They [the Chaldean lords] shall be roaring together [before their sudden capture] like young lions [over their prey], they [the princes] shall be growling like lions' whelps.
Jer 51:39 When the revelers are inflamed [with wine and lust during their drinking bouts], I will prepare them a feast [of My wrath] and make them drunk, that they may rejoice and fall asleep to a perpetual sleep and not waken, says the Lord.
Jer 51:40 I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams together with he-goats.
Jer 51:41 How Sheshach [Babylon] is taken! And the praise of the whole earth is surprised {and} seized! How Babylon has become an astonishing desolation {and} a horror among the nations!
Jer 51:42 The sea has come up upon Babylon; she is covered with the tumult {and} multitude of its waves.
Jer 51:43 Her cities have become a desolation {and} a horror, a land of drought and a wilderness, a land in which no one lives, nor does any son of man pass through it.
Jer 51:44 And I will punish {and} execute judgment upon Bel [the god] in Babylon and take out of his mouth what he has swallowed up [the sacred vessels and the people of Judah and elsewhere who were taken captive]. The nations will not flow any more to him. Yes, the wall of Babylon has fallen!
Jer 51:45 My people, come out of the midst of her! And let every man save his life from the fierce anger of the Lord!
Jer 51:46 And beware, lest your heart faint and you be afraid at the report (rumor) heard in the land; for in one year shall one report come and in another year another report, and violence shall be in the land, ruler against ruler.
Jer 51:47 Therefore behold, the days will come when I will execute judgment {and} punishment upon the idols of Babylon; her whole land will be confounded {and} put to shame, and all her slain will fall in the midst of her.
Jer 51:48 Then heaven and earth and all that is in them shall sing for joy over Babylon, for the [Median] destroyers shall come against her from the north, says the Lord.
Jer 51:49 As Babylon caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all [her] land.
Jer 51:50 You who have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still! [Seriously and earnestly] remember the Lord from afar [Babylon], and let [desolate] Jerusalem come into your mind.
Jer 51:51 We are confounded {and} ashamed, for we have heard reproach; confusion {and} shame have covered our

faces, for strangers have come into the [most] sacred parts of the sanctuary of the Lord [even those forbidden for entrance by all but the high priest or the appointed priests].
Jer 51:52 Therefore behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will execute judgment upon [Babylon's] idols {and} images, and throughout all her land the wounded will groan.
Jer 51:53 Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify her strong height (her lofty stronghold), yet destroyers will come upon her from Me, says the Lord.
Jer 51:54 The sound of a cry [comes] from Babylon, and [the sound of] great destruction {and} ruin from the land of the Chaldeans!
Jer 51:55 For the Lord is destroying Babylon {and} laying her waste and stilling her great voice [the hum of the city's life]. And the waves [of her conquerors] roar like great waters, the noise of their voices is raised up [like the tramping of an army].
Jer 51:56 For the destroyer is coming upon her, upon Babylon; and her mighty warriors are taken, their bows are broken in pieces; for the Lord is a God of recompense; He will surely requite.
Jer 51:57 And I will make drunk her princes and her wise men, her governors and her commanders (deputies) and her mighty warriors; and they will sleep a perpetual sleep and not waken, says the King--the Lord of hosts is His name.
Jer 51:58 Thus says the Lord of hosts: The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly overthrown {and} [the foundations] made bare, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; the peoples shall labor in vain, and the nations [only] to satisfy the fire, and they shall be weary.
Jer 51:59 The word that Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. Now this Seraiah was chief chamberlain {or} quartermaster [and brother of Baruch].
Jer 51:60 So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that would come upon Babylon--even all these words that are written against Babylon.
Jer 51:61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When you come to Babylon, see to it that you read all these words.
Jer 51:62 Then say, O Lord, You have spoken concerning this place that it shall be cut off, so that nothing shall remain and dwell in it, neither man nor beast; but it shall be desolate forever.
Jer 51:63 And it shall be that when you have finished reading this book, you shall bind a stone to it and cast it into the midst of the Euphrates.
Jer 51:64 Then say, Thus will Babylon sink and not rise because of the evil that I will bring upon her; and [the Babylonians] will be weary (hopelessly exhausted). Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.
Jer 52:1 ZEDEKIAH WAS twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal daughter of Jeremiah [not the prophet] of Libnah.
Jer 52:2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.
Jer 52:3 For all this came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah because of the anger of the Lord, and [in the end] He cast them out from His presence. And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.
Jer 52:4 And in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem; and they pitched against it and built moveable towers {and} siege mounds against it round about.
Jer 52:5 So the city was besieged until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.
Jer 52:6 And in the fourth month, on the ninth day of the month, the famine was so severe in the city that there was no bread for the people of the land.
Jer 52:7 Then the city [wall] was broken through, so that all the men of war might flee, and they went forth out of the city by night [as Ezekiel had foretold] by way of the gate between the two walls by the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were round about the city. And they [the Jewish soldiers fled] by way of the Arabah (the Jordan Valley).
Jer 52:8 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him.
Jer 52:9 Then they seized the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah in the [Syrian] land of Hamath [on the northern border of Israel], where he pronounced sentence upon him.
Jer 52:10 And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes; he slew also all the princes of Judah at Riblah.
Jer 52:11 Then he put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him with shackles and carried him to Babylon and put him in prison [mill] till the day of his death.
Jer 52:12 Now in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, there came to Jerusalem Nebuzaradan captain of the guard, who stood {and} served before the king

of Babylon.
Jer 52:13 And he burned the house of the Lord and the king's house and all the houses of Jerusalem; every great house he consumed with fire.
Jer 52:14 And all the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of the guard broke down all the walls round about Jerusalem.
Jer 52:15 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive some of the poorest of the people and those who were left in the city [at the time it was captured], along with those who went out to the king of Babylon [during the siege] and the remnant of the multitude [the country's working people].
Jer 52:16 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left some of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and tillers of the soil.
Jer 52:17 Also the pillars of bronze that belonged to the house of the Lord, and the bronze bases {or} pedestals [which supported the ten basins] and the bronze Sea {or} huge laver that were in the house of the Lord, the Chaldeans broke into pieces and carried all the bronze of them to Babylon.
Jer 52:18 The pots [for carrying away ashes] also and the shovels and the snuffers and the bowls and the spoons and all the vessels of bronze used in the temple service they took away.
Jer 52:19 Also the small bowls and the firepans and the basins and the pots and the lampstands and the incense cups and the bowls for the drink offerings--whatever was of gold the captain of the guard took away as gold, and whatever was of silver as silver.
Jer 52:20 The two pillars, one Sea {or} huge laver, and twelve bronze bulls {or} oxen under the Sea, which King Solomon had made in the house of the Lord--the bronze of all these things was beyond weighing.
Jer 52:21 Concerning the pillars, the height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits (twenty-seven feet), and an ornamental molding of twelve cubits (eighteen feet) went around its circumference; it was four fingers thick, and it [the pillar] was hollow.
Jer 52:22 An upper part {or} capital of bronze was on top of it. The height of one capital was five cubits (seven and one-half feet), with a network and pomegranates around it, all of bronze. The second pillar also, with its pomegranates, was similar to these.
Jer 52:23 And there were ninety-six pomegranates on the sides; and all the pomegranates upon the network were a hundred round about.
Jer 52:24 And the captain of the guard took [as prisoners] Seraiah the chief priest and Zephaniah the second priest and the three keepers of the door.
Jer 52:25 He took also out of the city a court officer who had been overseer of the soldiers, and seven men of them who were next to the king [as advisers] {and} saw his face, who were found in the city, and the scribe of the prince {or} captain of the army who mustered the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land who were found in the midst of the city.
Jer 52:26 And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah.
Jer 52:27 And the king of Babylon smote them and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land.
Jer 52:28 This is the number of people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year, 3,023 Jews;
Jer 52:29 In the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar, he carried away captive from Jerusalem 832 persons;
Jer 52:30 In the twenty-third year of Nebuchadrezzar, Nebuzaradan the captain of the [Babylonian] guard carried away captive of the Jews 745 persons. All the persons were 4,600.
Jer 52:31 And in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin [also called Coniah and Jeconiah] king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-fifth day of the month, Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the first year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah [and showed favor to him] and brought him out of prison.
Jer 52:32 He spoke kindly to him and gave him a seat above the seats of the kings who were [captives] with him in Babylon,
Jer 52:33 Jehoiachin put off his prison garments, and he dined regularly at the king's table all the days of his life.
Jer 52:34 And his allowance, a continual one, was given him by the king of Babylon, a portion according to his requirements until the day of his death, all the days of his life.
Lam 1:1 HOW SOLITARY {and} lonely sits the city [Jerusalem] that was [once] full of people! How like a widow has she become! She who was great among the nations and princess among the provinces has become a tributary [in servitude]!
Lam 1:2 She weeps bitterly in the night, and her tears are [constantly] on her cheeks. Among all her lovers (allies) she has no one to comfort her. All her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies.

Lam 1:3 Judah has gone into exile [to escape] from the affliction and laborious servitude [of the homeland]. She dwells among the [heathen] nations, but she finds no rest; all her persecutors overtook her amid the [dire] straits [of her distress].
Lam 1:4 The roads to Zion mourn, because no one comes to the solemn assembly {or} the appointed feasts. All her gates are desolate, her priests sigh {and} groan, her maidens are grieved {and} vexed, and she herself is in bitterness.
Lam 1:5 Her adversaries have become the head; her enemies prosper. For the Lord has afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions; her young children have gone into captivity before the enemy.
Lam 1:6 From the Daughter of Zion all her beauty {and} majesty have departed. Her princes have become like harts that find no pasture; they have fled without strength before the pursuer.
Lam 1:7 Jerusalem [earnestly] remembers in the days of her affliction, in the days of her [compulsory] wanderings {and} her bitterness, all the pleasant {and} precious things that she had from the days of old. When her people fell into {and} at the hands of the adversary, and there was none to help her, the enemy [gloated as they] looked at her, and they mocked at her desolations {and} downfall.
Lam 1:8 Jerusalem has grievously sinned; therefore she has become an unclean thing {and} has been removed. All who honored her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness; yes, she herself groans {and} sighs and turns [her face] away.
Lam 1:9 Her filthiness was in {and} on her skirts; she did not [seriously and earnestly] consider her final end. Therefore she has come down [from throne to slavery] singularly {and} astonishingly; she has no comforter. O Lord [cries Jerusalem], look at my affliction, for the enemy has magnified himself [in triumph]!
Lam 1:10 The adversary has spread out his hand upon all her precious {and} desirable things; for she has seen the nations enter her sanctuary [of the temple]--when You commanded that they should not even enter Your congregation [in the outer courts].
Lam 1:11 All her people groan {and} sigh, seeking for bread; they have given their desirable {and} precious things [in exchange] for food to revive their strength {and} bring back life. See, O Lord, and consider how wretched {and} lightly esteemed, how vile {and} abominable, I have become!
Lam 1:12 Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which was dealt out to me, with which the Lord has afflicted me in the day of His fierce anger!
Lam 1:13 From above He has sent fire into my bones, and it prevailed against them. He has spread a net for my feet; He has turned me back. He has made me hopelessly miserable and faint all the day long.
Lam 1:14 The yoke of my transgressions is bound by His hand; they were twined together; they were set upon my neck. He has made my strength fail {and} [me to] stumble; the Lord has delivered me into the hands of those I am unable to resist {or} withstand.
Lam 1:15 The Lord has made of no account all my [Jerusalem's] mighty men in the midst of me; He has proclaimed a set time against me to crush my young men. The Lord has trodden as in a winepress the Virgin Daughter of Judah.
Lam 1:16 For these things I weep; my eyes overflow with tears, because a comforter, one who could refresh {and} restore my soul, is far from me. My children are desolate {and} perishing, for the enemy has prevailed.
Lam 1:17 Zion stretches forth her hands, but there is no comforter for her. The Lord has commanded concerning {and} against Jacob that his neighbors should be his adversaries; Jerusalem has become a filthy thing among them [an object of contempt].
Lam 1:18 The Lord is righteous (just and in the right); for I have rebelled against His commandment (His word). Hear, I pray you, all you peoples, and look at my sorrow {and} suffering; my maidens and my young men have gone into captivity.
Lam 1:19 I [Jerusalem] called to my lovers [allies], but they deceived me. My priests and my elders expired in the city while they sought food to save their lives.
Lam 1:20 Behold, O Lord, how distressed I am! My vital parts (emotions) are in tumult {and} are deeply disturbed; my heart cannot rest {and} is violently agitated within me, for I have grievously rebelled. Outside the house the sword bereaves, at home there is [famine, pestilence] death!
Lam 1:21 [My foes] have heard that I [Jerusalem] sigh {and} groan, that I have no comforter [in You]. All my enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad [O Lord] that You have done it. You will bring the day [of Judah's punishment] that you have foretold {and} proclaimed; [it involves also my foes' punishment] and they will become like me.
Lam 1:22 Let all their wickedness come before You; and deal with them as You have dealt with me because of all my transgressions; for my sighs {and} groans are many and my heart is faint.
Lam 2:1 HOW THE Lord has covered the Daughter of Zion with a cloud in His anger! He has cast down from heaven

to the earth the beauty {and} splendor of Israel and has not [earnestly] remembered His footstool in the day of His anger!
Lam 2:2 The Lord has swallowed up all the country places {and} habitations of Jacob and has spared not {nor} pitied; He has demolished in His wrath the strongholds of the Daughter of Judah. He has cast down to the ground the kingdom and its rulers, polluting them {and} depriving them of their sanctity.
Lam 2:3 He has broken off in His fierce anger every horn (means of defense) of Israel. He has drawn back His right hand from before the enemy. And He has burned amidst Jacob like a flaming fire consuming all around.
Lam 2:4 He has bent His bow like an enemy; He has stood with His right hand set like a foe and has slain all the delights {and} pride of the eye; on {and} in the tent of the Daughter of Zion He has poured out His wrath like fire.
Lam 2:5 The Lord has become like an enemy; He has destroyed Israel. He has destroyed all its palaces, has laid in ruins its strongholds, and has multiplied in the Daughter of Judah groaning and moaning and lamentation.
Lam 2:6 And He has violently broken down His temple like a booth {or} hedge of a garden; He has destroyed the place of His appointed assembly. The Lord has caused the solemn appointed feasts and Sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion and has spurned {and} rejected in the indignation of His anger the king and the priest.
Lam 2:7 The Lord has scorned, rejected, {and} cast off His altar; He has abhorred {and} disowned His sanctuary. He has given into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces [and high buildings]; they have raised a clamor in the house of the Lord as on a day of a solemn appointed feast.
Lam 2:8 The Lord purposed to lay in ruins the [city] wall of the Daughter of Zion. He marked it off by measuring line; He restrained not His hand from destroying. He made rampart and wall lament; they languished together.
Lam 2:9 Her gates have sunk into the ground; He has destroyed and broken her bars. Her king and her princes are [exiled] among the nations; the law is no more; her prophets also obtain no vision from the Lord.
Lam 2:10 The elders of the Daughter of Zion sit on the ground keeping silent; they have cast dust on their heads, they have girded themselves with sackcloth. The maidens of Jerusalem have bowed their heads to the ground [says Jeremiah].
Lam 2:11 My eyes fail from weeping, my emotions are deeply disturbed, my heart is poured out upon the ground [in grief] because of the destruction of the daughter of my people, because infants and nurslings faint in the streets of the city.
Lam 2:12 They keep crying to their mothers, Where is corn and wine [food and drink]? as they faint like wounded men in the streets of the city, as their lives ebb away on their mothers' bosom.
Lam 2:13 What [example of suffering in the past] is sufficient for me to remind you for your [comfort]? To what shall I liken you, O Daughter of Jerusalem? With what shall I compare you, that I may comfort you, O Virgin Daughter of Zion? For your ruin is as measureless as the sea! Who can heal you?
Lam 2:14 Your prophets have predicted for you falsehood and delusion {and} foolish things; and they have not exposed your iniquity {and} guilt to avert your captivity [by causing you to repent]. But they have divined {and} declared to you false {and} deceptive prophecies, worthless {and} misleading.
Lam 2:15 All who pass by clap their hands at you; they hiss and wag their heads at the Daughter of Jerusalem, saying, Is this the city which was called the perfection of beauty, the joy of all the earth?
Lam 2:16 All your enemies have opened wide their mouths against you; they scornfully hiss and gnash their teeth. They cry, We have swallowed her up! Certainly this is the day we have looked for; we have it, we see it!
Lam 2:17 The Lord has done what He planned; He has carried out {and} finished His word which He threatened {and} decreed in the days of old. He has demolished without pity; He has made the enemy rejoice over you and has exalted the might of your foes.
Lam 2:18 The hearts [of the inhabitants of Jerusalem] cried to the Lord. [Then to the congregation, I, Jeremiah, cried, addressing the wall as its symbol] O wall of the Daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night; give yourself no rest, let not your eyes stop [shedding tears].
Lam 2:19 Arise [from your bed], cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches; pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift up your hands toward Him for the lives of your young children, who faint from hunger at the head of every street.
Lam 2:20 Behold, O Lord, and consider [carefully] to whom You have done this. Should {and} shall women eat the fruit of their own bodies, the children whom they have tended {and} swaddled with their hands? Should {and} shall priest and prophet be slain in the place set apart [for the worship] of the Lord?
Lam 2:21 The young and the old lie on the ground in the streets; my maidens and my young men have fallen by the sword. You have slain them in the day of Your anger, slaughtering them without pity.
Lam 2:22 You [Lord] called together, as on an appointed feast day of solemn assembly, my terrors (dangers) from

every side. And there was not one in the day of God's wrath who escaped or survived; those I have nursed and brought up, my enemy has destroyed.
Lam 3:1 I AM [Jeremiah] the man who has seen affliction under the rod of His wrath.
Lam 3:2 He has led me and brought me into darkness and not light.
Lam 3:3 Surely He has turned away from me; His hand is against me all the day.
Lam 3:4 My flesh and my skin has He worn out {and} made old; He has shattered my bones.
Lam 3:5 He has built up [siege mounds] against me and surrounded me with bitterness, tribulation, {and} anguish.
Lam 3:6 He has caused me to dwell in dark places like those long dead.
Lam 3:7 He walled me in so that I cannot get out; He has weighted down my chain.
Lam 3:8 Even when I cry and shout for help, He shuts out my prayer.
Lam 3:9 He has enclosed my ways with hewn stone; He has made my paths crooked.
Lam 3:10 He is to me like a bear lying in wait, and like a lion [hiding] in secret places.
Lam 3:11 He has turned me off my ways and pulled me in pieces; He has made me desolate.
Lam 3:12 He has bent His bow and set me as a mark for the arrow.
Lam 3:13 He has caused the arrows of His quiver to enter into my heart [the seat of my affections and desires].
Lam 3:14 I have become a derision to all my people, and [the subject of] their singsong all the day.
Lam 3:15 He has filled me with bitterness; He has made me drink to excess {and} until drunken with wormwood [bitterness].
Lam 3:16 He has also broken my teeth with gravel (stones); He has covered me with ashes.
Lam 3:17 And You have bereaved my soul {and} cast it off far from peace; I have forgotten what good {and} happiness {are.}
Lam 3:18 And I say, Perished is my strength and my expectation from the Lord.
Lam 3:19 [O Lord] remember [earnestly] my affliction and my misery, my wandering {and} my outcast state, the wormwood and the gall.
Lam 3:20 My soul has them continually in remembrance and is bowed down within me.
Lam 3:21 But this I recall and therefore have I hope {and} expectation:
Lam 3:22 It is because of the Lord's mercy {and} loving-kindness that we are not consumed, because His [tender] compassions fail not.
Lam 3:23 They are new every morning; great {and} abundant is Your stability {and} faithfulness.
Lam 3:24 The Lord is my portion {or} share, says my living being (my inner self); therefore will I hope in Him {and} wait expectantly for Him.
Lam 3:25 The Lord is good to those who wait hopefully {and} expectantly for Him, to those who seek Him [inquire of and for Him and require Him by right of necessity and on the authority of God's word].
Lam 3:26 It is good that one should hope in {and} wait quietly for the salvation (the safety and ease) of the Lord.
Lam 3:27 It is good for a man that he should bear the yoke [of divine disciplinary dealings] in his youth.
Lam 3:28 Let him sit alone uncomplaining {and} keeping silent [in hope], because [God] has laid [the yoke] upon him [for his benefit].
Lam 3:29 Let him put his mouth in the dust [in abject recognition of his unworthiness]--there may yet be hope.
Lam 3:30 Let him give his cheek to the One Who smites him [even through His human agents]; let him be filled [full] with [men's] reproach [in meekness].
Lam 3:31 For the Lord will not cast off forever!
Lam 3:32 But though He causes grief, yet will He be moved to compassion according to the multitude of His loving-kindness {and} tender mercy.
Lam 3:33 For He does not willingly {and} from His heart afflict or grieve the children of men.
Lam 3:34 To trample {and} crush underfoot all the prisoners of the earth,
Lam 3:35 To turn aside {and} deprive a man of his rights before the face of the Most High {or} a superior [acting as God's representative],
Lam 3:36 To subvert a man in his cause--[of these things] the Lord does not approve.
Lam 3:37 Who is he who speaks and it comes to pass, if the Lord has not authorized {and} commanded it?
Lam 3:38 Is it not out of the mouth of the Most High that evil and good both proceed [adversity and prosperity, physical evil or misfortune and physical good or happiness]?
Lam 3:39 Why does a living man sigh [one who is still in this life's school of discipline]? [And why does] a man complain for the punishment of his sins?
Lam 3:40 Let us test and examine our ways, and let us return to the Lord!

Lam 3:41 Let us lift up our hearts and our hands [and then with them mount up in prayer] to God in heaven:
Lam 3:42 We have transgressed and rebelled and You have not pardoned.
Lam 3:43 You have covered Yourself with wrath and pursued {and} afflicted us; You have slain without pity.
Lam 3:44 You have covered Yourself with a cloud so that no prayer can pass through.
Lam 3:45 You have made us offscouring and refuse among the nations.
Lam 3:46 All our enemies have gaped at us {and} railed against us.
Lam 3:47 Fear and pitfall have come upon us, devastation and destruction.
Lam 3:48 My eyes overflow with streams of tears because of the destruction of the daughter of my people.
Lam 3:49 My eyes overflow continually and will not cease
Lam 3:50 Until the Lord looks down and sees from heaven.
Lam 3:51 My eyes cause me grief at the fate of all the maidens [and the daughter-towns] of my city [Jerusalem].
Lam 3:52 I have been hunted down like a bird by those who were my enemies without cause.
Lam 3:53 They [thought they had] destroyed my life in the dungeon (pit) and cast a stone [over it] above me.
Lam 3:54 The waters ran down on my head; I said, I am gone.
Lam 3:55 I called upon Your name, O Lord, out of the depths [of the mire] of the dungeon.
Lam 3:56 You heard my voice [then]: [Oh] hide not Your ear [now] at my prayer for relief.
Lam 3:57 You drew near on the day I called to You; You said, Fear not.
Lam 3:58 O Lord, You have pleaded the causes of my soul [You have managed my affairs and You have protected my person and my rights]; You have rescued {and} redeemed my life!
Lam 3:59 O Lord, You have seen my wrong [done to me]; judge {and} maintain my cause.
Lam 3:60 You have seen all their vengeance, all their devices against me.
Lam 3:61 You have heard their reproach {and} revilings, O Lord, and all their devices against me--
Lam 3:62 The lips {and} thoughts of my assailants are against me all day long.
Lam 3:63 Look at their sitting down and their rising up [their movements, doings, and secret counsels]; I am their singsong [the subject of their derision and merriment].
Lam 3:64 Render to them a recompense, O Lord, according to the work of their hands.
Lam 3:65 You will give them hardness {and} blindness of heart; Your curse will be upon them.
Lam 3:66 You will pursue {and} afflict them in anger and destroy them from under Your heavens, O Lord.
Lam 4:1 HOW THE gold has become dim! How the most pure gold has changed! The hallowed stones [of the temple] are poured out at the head of every street.
Lam 4:2 The noble {and} precious sons of Zion, [once] worth their weight in fine gold--how they are esteemed [merely] as earthen pots {or} pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!
Lam 4:3 Even the jackals draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones, but the daughter of my people has become cruel like ostriches in the wilderness [that desert their young].
Lam 4:4 The tongue of the nursing babe cleaves to the roof of its mouth because of thirst; the young children beg for food, but no one gives it to them.
Lam 4:5 Those who feasted on dainties are perishing in the streets; those who were brought up in purple lie cleaving to refuse {and} ash heaps.
Lam 4:6 For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom, which was overthrown in a moment, and no hands had come against her {or} been laid on her.
Lam 4:7 [In physical appearance] her princes were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk; they were more ruddy in body than rubies {or} corals, their shapely figures [suggested a carefully cut] sapphire.
Lam 4:8 [Prolonged famine has made] them look blacker than soot and darkness; they are not recognized in the streets. Their skin clings to their bones; it is withered and it has become [dry] like a stick.
Lam 4:9 Those who are slain with the sword are more fortunate than those who are the victims of hunger [slain by the famine]; for they [the hungry] pine {and} ebb away, stricken through for want of the fruits of the field.
Lam 4:10 The hands of [heretofore] compassionate women have boiled their own children; they were their food during the destruction of the daughter of my people [Judah].
Lam 4:11 The Lord has fulfilled His wrath; He has poured out His fierce anger and has kindled a fire in Zion that has consumed her foundations.
Lam 4:12 The kings of the earth did not believe, nor did any of the inhabitants of the earth, that the oppressor and enemy could enter the gates of Jerusalem.
Lam 4:13 [But this happened] because of the sins of her [false] prophets and the iniquities of her priests, who shed the blood of the just {and} righteous in the midst of her.

Lam 4:14 [The false prophets and priests] wandered [staggering] in the streets as if blind; they had so polluted themselves with blood it was not [lawful] for men to touch their garments.
Lam 4:15 [People] cried to them, Go away! Unclean! Depart! Depart! Touch not! When they fled away, then they wandered [as fugitives]; men said among the nations, They shall not stay here any longer.
Lam 4:16 The anger of the Lord has scattered [and divided them among the nations]; He will no longer look after them. They did not respect the persons of the priests; they did not favor the elders.
Lam 4:17 As for us, our eyes yet failed {and} wasted away in looking for our worthless help. In our watching [on our watchtower] we have watched {and} waited expectantly for a nation [Egypt or some other one to come to our rescue] that could not save us.
Lam 4:18 [The missiles of the enemy] dog our steps, so that we cannot go into our streets; our end is near, our days are fulfilled--yes, our end has come.
Lam 4:19 Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles of the sky; they pursued us on the mountains, they lay in wait for us in the wilderness.
Lam 4:20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the Lord [our king], was taken in their snares--he of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the nations.
Lam 4:21 Rejoice and be glad, O Daughter of Edom, you who dwell in the land of Uz. But the cup [of the wine of God's wrath] also shall pass to you; you shall become drunk and make yourself naked.
Lam 4:22 The punishment of your iniquity will be accomplished {and} completed, O Daughter of Zion; [the Lord] will no more carry you away {or} keep you in exile. But He will inspect {and} punish your iniquity {and} guilt, O Daughter of Edom; He will uncover your sins.
Lam 5:1 O LORD, [earnestly] remember what has come upon us! Look down and see our reproach (our national disgrace)!
Lam 5:2 Our inheritance has fallen over to strangers, our houses to foreigners.
Lam 5:3 We have become orphans and fatherless; our mothers are like widows.
Lam 5:4 We have had to pay money to drink the water that belongs to us; our [own] wood is sold to us.
Lam 5:5 Our pursuers are upon our necks [like a yoke]; we are weary and are allowed no rest.
Lam 5:6 We have given the hand [as a pledge of fidelity and submission] to the Egyptians and to the Assyrians [merely] to get food to satisfy [our hunger].
Lam 5:7 Our fathers sinned and are no more, and we have borne their iniquities.
Lam 5:8 Servants {and} slaves rule over us; there is none to deliver us out of their hands.
Lam 5:9 We get our bread at the peril of our lives because of the sword of the wilderness [the wild Arabs, who may attack if we venture into the fields to reap our harvests].
Lam 5:10 Our skin glows {and} is parched as from [the heat of] an oven because of the burning heat of [the fever of] famine.
Lam 5:11 They ravished the women in Zion, the virgins in the cities of Judah.
Lam 5:12 They hung princes by their hands; the persons of elders were not respected.
Lam 5:13 Young men carried millstones, and boys fell [staggering] under [burdens of] wood.
Lam 5:14 The elders have ceased from [congregating at] the city's gate, the young men from their music.
Lam 5:15 Ceased is the joy of our hearts; our dancing has turned into mourning.
Lam 5:16 The crown has fallen from our head [our honor is brought to the dust]! Woe to us, for we have sinned!
Lam 5:17 Because of this our hearts are faint {and} sick; because of these things our eyes are dim {and} see darkly.
Lam 5:18 As for Mount Zion, which lies desolate, the jackals prowl over it!
Lam 5:19 But You, O Lord, remain {and} reign forever; Your throne endures from generation to [all] generations.
Lam 5:20 Why do You forget us forever? Why do You forsake us so long?
Lam 5:21 Turn us to Yourself, O Lord, and we shall be turned {and} restored! Renew our days as of old!--
Lam 5:22 Or have You utterly rejected us? Or are You exceedingly angry with us [still]?
Ezek 1:1 NOW [when I was] in [my] thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was in the midst of captivity beside the river Chebar [in Babylonia], the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.
Ezek 1:2 On the fifth day of the month, which was in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity,
Ezek 1:3 The word of the Lord came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the Lord was there upon him.
Ezek 1:4 As I looked, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, and a great cloud with a fire enveloping it {and} flashing continually; a brightness was about it and out of the midst of it there seemed to glow amber metal, out of the midst of the fire.

Ezek 1:5 And out of the midst of it came the likeness of four living creatures [or cherubim]. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man,
Ezek 1:6 But each one had four faces and each one had four wings.
Ezek 1:7 And their legs were straight legs, and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot, and they sparkled like burnished bronze.
Ezek 1:8 And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides. And the four of them had their faces and their wings thus:
Ezek 1:9 Their wings touched one another; they turned not when they went but went every one straight forward.
Ezek 1:10 As for the likeness of their faces, they each had the face of a man [in front], and each had the face of a lion on the right side and the face of an ox on the left side; the four also had the face of an eagle [at the back of their heads].
Ezek 1:11 Such were their faces. And their wings were stretched out upward [each creature had four wings]; two wings of each one were touching the [adjacent] wing of the creatures on either side of it, and [the remaining] two wings of each creature covered its body.
Ezek 1:12 And they went every one straight forward; wherever the spirit would go, they went, and they turned not when they went.
Ezek 1:13 In the midst of the living creatures there was what looked like burning coals of fire, like torches moving to and fro among the living creatures; the fire was bright and out of the fire went forth lightning.
Ezek 1:14 And the living creatures darted back and forth like a flash of lightning.
Ezek 1:15 Now as I was still looking at the living creatures, I saw one wheel upon the ground beside each of the living creatures with its four faces.
Ezek 1:16 As to the appearance of the wheels and their construction: in appearance they gleamed like chrysolite; and the four were formed alike, and their construction work was as it were a wheel within a wheel.
Ezek 1:17 When they went, they went in one of their four directions without turning [for they were faced that way].
Ezek 1:18 As for their rims, they were so high that they were dreadful, and the four had their rims full of eyes round about.
Ezek 1:19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.
Ezek 1:20 Wherever the spirit went, the creatures went and the wheels rose along with them, for the spirit {or} life of the [four living creatures acting as one] living creature was in the wheels.
Ezek 1:21 When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up high beside them, for the spirit {or} life of the [combined] living creature was in the wheels.
Ezek 1:22 Over the head of the [combined] living creature there was the likeness of a firmament, looking like the terrible {and} awesome [dazzling of shining] crystal {or} ice stretched across the expanse of sky over their heads.
Ezek 1:23 And under the firmament their wings were stretched out straight, one toward another. Every living creature had two wings which covered its body on this side and two which covered it on that side.
Ezek 1:24 And when they went, I heard the sound of their wings like the noise of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, the sound of tumult like the noise of a host. When they stood, they let down their wings.
Ezek 1:25 And there was a voice above the firmament that was over their heads; when they stood, they let down their wings.
Ezek 1:26 And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne in appearance like a sapphire stone, and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with the appearance of a Man.
Ezek 1:27 From what had the appearance of His waist upward, I saw a lustre as it were glowing metal with the appearance of fire enclosed round about within it; and from the appearance of His waist downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness [of a halo] round about Him.
Ezek 1:28 Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face and I heard a voice of One speaking.
Ezek 2:1 AND HE said to me [Ezekiel], Son of man, stand upon your feet and I will speak to you.
Ezek 2:2 And the Spirit entered into me when He spoke to me and set me upon my feet, and I heard Him speaking to me.
Ezek 2:3 And He said to me, I send you, son of man, to the children of Israel, two rebellious nations that have rebelled against Me. They and their fathers have transgressed against Me even to this very day.

Ezek 2:4 And the children are impudent and hard of heart. I send you to them and you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord God.
Ezek 2:5 And they, whether they will hear or refuse to hear--for they are a rebellious house--yet shall they know {and} realize that there has been a prophet among them.
Ezek 2:6 And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words; though briers and thorns are all around you and you dwell {and} sit among scorpions, be not afraid of their words nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.
Ezek 2:7 And you shall speak My words to them whether they will hear or refuse to hear, for they are most rebellious.
Ezek 2:8 As for you, son of man, hear what I say to you; be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.
Ezek 2:9 And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me and behold, a scroll of a book was in it.
Ezek 2:10 And He spread it before me and it was written within and on the back, and written on it were words of lamentation and mourning and woe.
Ezek 3:1 HE SAID to me, Son of man, eat what you find [in this book]; eat this scroll; then go and speak to the house of Israel.
Ezek 3:2 So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat the scroll.
Ezek 3:3 And He said to me, Son of man, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it. Then I ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth.
Ezek 3:4 And He said to me, Son of man, go, get you to the house of Israel and speak to them with My words.
Ezek 3:5 For you are not sent to a people of a foreign speech and of a difficult language but to the house of Israel;
Ezek 3:6 Not to many peoples of foreign speech and of a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, had I sent you to such people, they would have listened to you {and} heeded My words.
Ezek 3:7 But the house of Israel will not listen to you {and} obey you since they will not listen to Me {and} obey Me, for all the house of Israel are impudent and stubborn of heart.
Ezek 3:8 Behold, I have made your face strong {and} hard against their faces and your forehead strong {and} hard against their foreheads.
Ezek 3:9 Like an adamant harder than flint {or} a diamond point have I made your forehead; fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.
Ezek 3:10 Moreover, He said to me, Son of man, all My words that I shall speak to you, receive in your heart and hear with your ears.
Ezek 3:11 And go, get you to the [Jewish] captives [in Babylon], to the children of your people, and speak to them and tell them, Thus says the Lord God, whether they will hear or refuse to hear.
Ezek 3:12 Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing [saying], Blessed be the glory of the Lord from His place [above the firmament].
Ezek 3:13 I heard the noise of the wings of the living creatures as they touched {and} joined each one the other [its sister wing], and I heard the noise of the wheels beside them and the noise of a great rushing.
Ezek 3:14 So the Spirit lifted me up and took me away [in the vision], and I went in bitterness [of discouragement] in the heat of my spirit; and the hand of the Lord was strong upon me.
Ezek 3:15 Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, who sat {and} dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat and remained there among them seven days, overwhelmed with astonishment {and} silent.
Ezek 3:16 And at the end of seven days, the word of the Lord came to me:
Ezek 3:17 Son of man, I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at My mouth and give them warning from Me.
Ezek 3:18 If I say to the wicked, You shall surely die, and you do not give him warning or speak to warn the wicked to turn from his wicked way, to save his life, the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at your hand.
Ezek 3:19 Yet if you warn the wicked and he turn not from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity, but you have delivered yourself.
Ezek 3:20 Again, if a righteous man turns from his righteousness (right doing and right standing with God) and some gift or providence which I lay before him he perverts into an occasion to sin and he commits iniquity, he shall die; because you have not given him warning, he shall die in his sin and his righteous deeds which he has done shall not be remembered, but his blood will I require at your hand.
Ezek 3:21 Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man not to sin and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he is warned; also you have delivered yourself from guilt.

Ezek 3:22 And the hand of the Lord was there upon me, and He said to me, Arise, go forth into the plain and I will talk with you there.
Ezek 3:23 Then I arose and went forth into the plain, and behold, the glory of the Lord stood there, like the glory I had seen by the river Chebar, and I fell on my face.
Ezek 3:24 Then the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; He spoke and said to me, Go, shut yourself up in your house.
Ezek 3:25 But you, O son of man, behold, ropes will be put upon you and you will be bound with them, and you cannot go out among people.
Ezek 3:26 And I will make your tongue cleave to the roof of your mouth so that you cannot talk and be a reprover of the people, for they are a rebellious house.
Ezek 3:27 But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth and you shall say to the people, Thus says the Lord God; he who hears, let him hear, and he who refuses to hear, let him refuse; for they are a rebellious house.
Ezek 4:1 AND YOU, son of man, take a tile and lay it before you, and make upon it a drawing of a city, even Jerusalem.
Ezek 4:2 And put siege works against it, build a siege wall against it, and cast up a mound against it; set camps also against it and set battering rams against it round about.
Ezek 4:3 Moreover, take a plate of iron and place it for an iron wall between you and the city; and set your face toward it and it shall be besieged, and you shall press the siege against it. This is a sign to the house of Israel.
Ezek 4:4 Then [bound as you are] lie upon your left [and north] side to bear symbolically the iniquity of the house of the ten tribes of Israel upon that side. According to the number of days that you shall lie upon it you shall bear their iniquity.
Ezek 4:5 For I have laid upon you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, 390 days [representing 390 years]; so you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.
Ezek 4:6 And when you have fulfilled the days for Israel, lie again, but on your right [and south] side, and you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days. I have appointed you one day for each year.
Ezek 4:7 Therefore you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem and your arm shall be uncovered [ready for battle], and you shall prophesy against [the city].
Ezek 4:8 And, behold, I will lay bands upon you and you shall not turn yourself from one side to another till you have ended the days of your siege.
Ezek 4:9 Also take wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet, and spelt, and put them into one vessel and make bread of them. According to the number of the days that you shall lie upon your side, 390 days you shall eat of it.
Ezek 4:10 And the food you eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels {or} a full half pound a day, to be eaten at a fixed time each day.
Ezek 4:11 You shall drink water by measure also, about one quart {or} the sixth part of a hin; you shall drink at a fixed time each day.
Ezek 4:12 And you shall eat your food as barley cakes and you shall bake it with human dung as fuel in the sight of the people.
Ezek 4:13 And the Lord said, Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the nations to whom I will drive them.
Ezek 4:14 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! Behold, I have never defiled myself. From my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dies of itself or is torn in pieces; neither did there ever come abominable flesh into my mouth.
Ezek 4:15 Then He said to me, Behold, I will let you use cow's dung instead of human dung, and you shall prepare your food with it.
Ezek 4:16 Moreover, He said to me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread [by which life is supported] in Jerusalem; and they shall eat bread rationed by weight and with fearfulness, and they shall drink water rationed by measure and with dismay (silent, speechless grief caused by the impending starvation),
Ezek 4:17 In order that they may lack bread and water and look at one another in dismay and waste away [in their punishment] for their iniquity.
Ezek 5:1 AND YOU, son of man [Ezekiel], take a sharp sword and use it as a barber's razor and shave your head and your beard. Then take balances for weighing and divide the hair into three parts.
Ezek 5:2 You shall burn one part with fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled; and you shall take a second part and strike with the sword round about it; and a third part you shall scatter to the wind, and I will draw out a sword after them.
Ezek 5:3 You shall also take from these a small number of hairs and bind them in the skirts of your robe.

Ezek 5:4 And of these again take some hairs and cast them into the midst of the fire and burn them in the fire; from there a fire shall come forth into all the house of Israel.
Ezek 5:5 Thus says the Lord God: This is Jerusalem; in the center of the nations I have set her, and countries are round about her.
Ezek 5:6 And she has changed {and} rebelled against My ordinances more wickedly than the [heathen] nations, and against My statutes more than the countries that are round about her; for [Israel] rejected My ordinances, and as for My statutes, they have not walked in them.
Ezek 5:7 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you were more turbulent {and} raged [against Me] more than the nations that are round about you and have not walked in My statutes, neither have kept My ordinances, nor have done according to the ordinances [concerning] the nations that are round about you;
Ezek 5:8 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, even I, am against you, and I will execute judgments in the midst of you in the sight of the nations.
Ezek 5:9 And because of all your abominations, I will do in you that which I have not done and the like of which I will never do again.
Ezek 5:10 Therefore fathers shall eat their sons in your midst, and sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments on you and all who are left of you I will scatter to all the winds.
Ezek 5:11 Therefore, as I live, says the Lord God, surely because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your detestable things and with all your abominations, therefore will I also diminish you {and} withdraw My eye that it shall not spare you. And I also will have no pity.
Ezek 5:12 And a third of you shall die of pestilence and be consumed by famine in the midst of you; a third shall fall by the sword round about you; and I will scatter a third to all the winds and will draw out a sword after them.
Ezek 5:13 Thus shall My anger be spent and I will cause My wrath toward them to rest and I will be eased {and} comforted. And they shall know, understand, {and} realize that I the Lord have spoken in My zeal, when I have accomplished My wrath upon them.
Ezek 5:14 Moreover, I will make you a desolation and a reproach among the nations that are round about you and in the sight of all who pass by.
Ezek 5:15 So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, a warning and a horror {and} an astonishment to the [heathen] nations around you when I shall execute judgments upon you in anger and in wrath and in furious chastisements {and} rebukes--I the Lord have spoken it.
Ezek 5:16 When I shall loose against them the evil arrows of hunger that are for destruction, which I will send to destroy you, then I will increase the famine upon you and will break your staff of bread.
Ezek 5:17 And I will send upon you hunger and wild beasts, and they shall bereave you [of your loved ones]; and pestilence and blood shall pass through you, and I will bring the sword upon you. I the Lord have spoken it.
Ezek 6:1 AND THE word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 6:2 Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel and prophesy against them,
Ezek 6:3 And say, You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God! Thus says the Lord God to the mountains and the hills, to the river ravines and the valleys: Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places [of idolatrous worship],
Ezek 6:4 And your altars shall be made desolate and your sun-pillars shall be broken in pieces, and I will cast down your slain before your idols.
Ezek 6:5 And I will lay the dead bodies of the children of Israel before their idols, and I will scatter your bones round about your altars.
Ezek 6:6 In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste and the high places shall be made desolate, that your altars may bear their guilt {and} be laid waste and made desolate, your idols may be broken and destroyed, your sun-images may be hewn down, and your handiworks may be wiped away {and} blotted out.
Ezek 6:7 And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and you shall know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord.
Ezek 6:8 Yet will I leave some of you alive. When you have some that shall escape the sword among the nations, when you shall be scattered through the countries,
Ezek 6:9 Then those of you who escape shall [earnestly] remember Me among the nations to which they shall be carried captive, how that I have been broken by their lewdness {and} have Myself broken their wanton heart which has departed from Me and blinded their eyes which turn after their idols wantonly; and they shall be loathsome in their own sight for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.
Ezek 6:10 And they shall know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord. I have not said in vain that I would bring this evil calamity [in punishment] upon them.

Ezek 6:11 Thus says the Lord God: Strike with your fist, stamp with your foot, and say, Alas! over all the vile abominations of the house of Israel for which [Israel] shall fall by sword, by famine, and by pestilence.
Ezek 6:12 He who is far off shall die of the pestilence, and he that is near shall fall by the sword, and he who remains and is preserved shall die by the famine. Thus will I accomplish My wrath upon them.
Ezek 6:13 Then shall you know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord, when their slain shall lie among their idols round about their altars upon every high hill, on all the tops of the mountains, under every green tree, and under every thickly leafed oak, the places where they were accustomed to offer sweet incense to all their idols.
Ezek 6:14 And I will stretch out My hand upon them and make the land desolate and waste, yes, more desolate than the wilderness toward Diblah [a Moabite city], throughout all their dwelling places; and they shall know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord.
Ezek 7:1 MOREOVER, THE word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 7:2 Also, son of man, thus says the Lord God to the land of Israel: An end! The end has come upon the four corners of the land.
Ezek 7:3 Now is the end upon you, and I will send My anger upon you and will judge you according to your ways and will bring upon you retribution for all your abominations.
Ezek 7:4 And My eye will not spare you, neither will I have pity; but I will bring recompense for your evil ways upon you, while your abominations are in the midst of you [calling down punishment from a righteous God]; and you shall know (recognize, understand, and realize) that I am the Lord.
Ezek 7:5 Thus says the Lord God: Behold, an evil is coming, [an evil so destructive and injurious, so sudden and violent, that it stands alone, not as a succession but as] only one evil.
Ezek 7:6 An end has come! The end has come! [The end--after sleeping so long] awakes against you. See, it has come!
Ezek 7:7 Your turn (your doom) has come upon you, O inhabitant of the land; the time has come, the day is near, a day not of joyful shouting, but a day of tumult upon the mountains.
Ezek 7:8 Now will I shortly pour out My wrath upon you and finish spending My anger against you, and I will judge you according to your ways and will recompense you with punishment for all your abominations.
Ezek 7:9 And My eye will not spare, nor will I have pity. I will punish you according to your ways while your abominations are right in the midst of you. And you shall know, understand, {and} realize that it is I the Lord Who smites you.
Ezek 7:10 Behold, the day! Behold, it has come! Your doom has gone forth, the rod has blossomed, pride has budded.
Ezek 7:11 Violence has grown up into a rod of wickedness; none of [Israel] shall remain, none of their abundance, none of their wealth; neither shall there be preeminence among them {or} wailing for them.
Ezek 7:12 The time has come, the day draws near. Let not the buyer rejoice nor the seller mourn, for wrath is upon all their multitude.
Ezek 7:13 For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, even were they yet alive. For the vision [of punishment] is touching [Israel's] whole multitude; he shall not come back, neither shall any strengthen himself whose life is in his iniquity.
Ezek 7:14 They have blown the trumpet and have made all ready, but none goes to the battle, for My wrath is upon all their multitude.
Ezek 7:15 The sword is without and pestilence and famine are within. He who is in the field shall die by the sword, and him who is in the city shall famine and pestilence devour.
Ezek 7:16 But those of them that escape shall escape, but shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them moaning, every one in his iniquity's [punishment].
Ezek 7:17 All hands shall be feeble and all knees shall be weak as water.
Ezek 7:18 They shall also gird themselves with sackcloth; horror {and} dismay shall cover them, and shame shall be upon all faces and baldness upon all their heads [as evidence of grief].
Ezek 7:19 They shall cast their silver into the streets, and their gold shall be [discarded] like an unclean thing {or} rubbish; their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord; they shall not satisfy their animal cravings nor fill their stomachs with them, for [wealth] has been the stumbling block of their iniquity.
Ezek 7:20 As for the beauty of gold for ornament, they turned it to pride and made of it the images of their abominations (idols) and of their detestable things. Therefore I will make it to them as an unclean thing.
Ezek 7:21 And I will give it for plunder into the hands of strangers and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil, and they shall profane it.

Ezek 7:22 Also I will turn My face from them and they shall profane My secret treasure [the temple]; and robbers shall enter into it and profane it.
Ezek 7:23 Prepare the chain [of imprisonment], for the land is full of bloodguiltiness [murders committed with pretended formalities of justice] and the city is full of violence.
Ezek 7:24 Therefore I will bring in the worst of the [heathen] nations, who will take possession of the houses [of the people of Judah]; I will also silence their strongholds {and} put an end to their proud might, and their holy places {and} those who sanctify them shall be profaned.
Ezek 7:25 Distress, panic, {and} destruction shall come, and they [of Judah] shall seek peace, and there shall be none.
Ezek 7:26 Calamity shall come upon calamity and rumor shall be upon rumor, and they shall seek a vision of the prophet; and the law {and} instruction shall cease from the [distracted] priest and counsel from the [dismayed] elders.
Ezek 7:27 The king [of Judah] shall wear mourning and the prince shall clothe himself with garments of despair {and} desolation, while the hands of the people of the land shall tremble [palsied by terror]; for I will do to them in accordance with their ways, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know, recognize, {and} realize that I am the Lord.
Ezek 8:1 AND IN the sixth year [of the capitivity of King Jehoiachin], in the sixth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I sat in my house [a captive of the Babylonians] with the elders of Judah sitting before me, the hand of the Lord God fell there upon me.
Ezek 8:2 Then I beheld, and lo, a likeness of a Man with the appearance of fire; from His waist downward He was like fire, and from His waist upward He had the appearance of brightness like gleaming bronze.
Ezek 8:3 And He put forth the form of a hand and took me by a lock of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heavens and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the entrance of the door of the inner [court] which faces toward the north, where was the seat of the idol (image) of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy.
Ezek 8:4 And behold, there was the glory of the God of Israel [Who had loved and chosen them], like the vision I saw in the plain.
Ezek 8:5 Then He [the Spirit] said to me, Son of man, now lift up your eyes toward the north. So I lifted up my eyes toward the north, and behold, on the north of the altar gate was that idol (image) of jealousy in the entrance.
Ezek 8:6 Furthermore, [the Spirit] said to me, Son of man, do you see what they are doing? The great abominations that the house of Israel is committing here to drive Me far from My sanctuary? But you shall again see greater abominations.
Ezek 8:7 And He brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold, there was a hole in the wall.
Ezek 8:8 Then He said to me, Son of man, dig now in the wall. And when I had dug in the wall, behold, there was a door.
Ezek 8:9 And He said to me, Go in and see the wicked abominations that they do here.
Ezek 8:10 So I went in and saw there pictures of every form of creeping things and loathsome beasts and all the idols of the house of Israel, painted round about on the wall.
Ezek 8:11 And there stood before these [pictures] seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan [the scribe], with every man his censer in his hand, and a thick cloud of incense was going up [in prayer to these their gods].
Ezek 8:12 Then said He to me, Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in his [secret] chambers of [idol] pictures? For they say, The Lord does not see us; the Lord has forsaken the land.
Ezek 8:13 He also said to me, Yet again you shall see greater abominations which they are committing.
Ezek 8:14 Then He brought me to the entrance of the north gate of the Lord's house; and behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz [a Babylonian god, who was supposed to die annually and subsequently be resurrected].
Ezek 8:15 Then said [the Spirit] to me, Have you seen this, O son of man? Yet again you shall see greater abominations that they are committing.
Ezek 8:16 And He brought me to the inner court of the Lord's house; and behold, at the door of the temple of the Lord, between the porch and the bronze altar, were about twenty-five men with their backs to the temple of the Lord and their faces toward the east, and they were bowing themselves toward the east {and} worshiping the sun.
Ezek 8:17 Then [the Spirit] said to me, Have you seen this, O son of man? Is it too slight a thing to the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they commit here, that they must fill the land with violence and turn back afresh to provoke Me to anger? And behold, they put the branch to their nose [actually, before their mouths, in superstitious worship]!
Ezek 8:18 Therefore I will deal in wrath; My eye will not spare, nor will I have pity; and though they cry in My ears

with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.
Ezek 9:1 [THE SPIRIT] cried in my ears [in the vision] with a loud voice, saying, Cause those to draw near who have charge over the city [as executioners], every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.
Ezek 9:2 And behold, six men came from the direction of the Upper Gate, which faces north, every man with his battle-ax in his hand; and one man among them was clothed in linen, with a writer's ink bottle at his side. And they went in and stood beside the bronze altar.
Ezek 9:3 And the glory of the God of Israel [the Shekinah, cloud] had gone up from the cherubim upon which it had rested to [stand above] the threshold of the [Lord's] house. And [the Lord] called to the man clothed with linen, who had the writer's ink bottle at his side.
Ezek 9:4 And the Lord said to him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in the midst of it.
Ezek 9:5 And to the others He said in my hearing, Follow [the man with the ink bottle] through the city and smite; let not your eye spare, neither have any pity.
Ezek 9:6 Slay outright the elderly, the young man and the virgin, the infant and the women; but do not touch {or} go near anyone on whom is the mark. Begin at My sanctuary. So they began with the old men who were in front of the temple [who did not have the Lord's mark on their foreheads].
Ezek 9:7 And He said to [the executioners], Defile the temple and fill its courts with the slain. Go forth! And they went forth and slew in the city.
Ezek 9:8 And while they were slaying them and I was left, I fell upon my face and cried, Ah, Lord God! Will You destroy all that is left of Israel in Your pouring out of Your wrath {and} indignation upon Jerusalem?
Ezek 9:9 Then said He to me, The iniquity {and} guilt of the house of Israel and Judah are exceedingly great; the land is full of blood and the city full of injustice {and} perverseness; for they say, The Lord has forsaken the land; the Lord does not see [what we are doing].
Ezek 9:10 And as for Me, My eye will not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their wicked doings upon their own heads.
Ezek 9:11 And behold, the man clothed in linen, who had the ink bottle at his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as You have commanded me.
Ezek 10:1 THEN I looked and behold, in the firmament that was over the heads of the cherubim there appeared above them something looking like a sapphire stone, in form resembling a throne.
Ezek 10:2 And [the Lord] spoke to the man clothed in linen and said, Go in among the whirling wheels under the cherubim; fill your hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim and scatter them over the city. And he went in before my eyes.
Ezek 10:3 Now the cherubim stood on the south side of the house when the man went in; and the cloud [the Shekinah] filled the inner court.
Ezek 10:4 Then the glory of the Lord mounted up from the cherubim to stand over the threshold of the [Lord's] house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the Lord's glory.
Ezek 10:5 And the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even to the outer court, like the voice of God Almighty when He speaks.
Ezek 10:6 And when He commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, Take fire from between the whirling wheels, from between the cherubim, [the man] went in and stood beside a wheel.
Ezek 10:7 And a cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim to the fire that was between the cherubim, and took some of it and put it into the hands of the man clothed in linen, who took it and went out.
Ezek 10:8 And the cherubim seemed to have the form of a man's hand under their wings.
Ezek 10:9 And I looked and behold, there were four wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside one cherub and another wheel beside another cherub; and the appearance of the wheels was like sparkling chrysolite.
Ezek 10:10 And as for their appearance, they four looked alike, as if a wheel had been within a wheel.
Ezek 10:11 When they went, they went in any one of the four directions [in which their four individual faces were turned]; they did not turn as they went, but to the place to which the front wheel faced the others followed; they turned not as they went.
Ezek 10:12 And their whole body, their backs, their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes round about, even the wheels that each had.
Ezek 10:13 As regarding the wheels [attached to them], they were called in my hearing the whirling wheels.
Ezek 10:14 And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of the cherub, the second the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

Ezek 10:15 And the cherubim mounted upward. This is the [same] living creature [the four regarded as one] that I saw by the river Chebar [in Babylonia].
Ezek 10:16 And when the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them; and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the wheels did not turn from beside them.
Ezek 10:17 When those stood still, these stood still; and when those mounted up, these [the wheels] mounted up also, for the spirit of life was in these [wheels].
Ezek 10:18 Then the glory of the Lord [the Shekinah, cloud] went forth from above the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim.
Ezek 10:19 And the cherubim lifted up their wings and mounted up from the earth in my sight, and they went forth with the wheels beside them; and they stood at the entrance of the East Gate of the house of the Lord, and the glory of the God of Israel [the Shekinah, cloud] was over them.
Ezek 10:20 This is the living creature [of four combined creatures] that I saw beneath the God of Israel by the river Chebar, and I knew that they were cherubim.
Ezek 10:21 Each one had four faces and each one had four wings, and what looked like the hands of a man was under their wings.
Ezek 10:22 And as for the likeness of their faces, they were the same faces which I saw by the river Chebar, with regard to their appearances and themselves; they went every one straight forward.
Ezek 11:1 MOREOVER, THE Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the East Gate of the Lord's house, which faces east. And behold, at the door of the gateway there were twenty-five men; and I saw in the midst of them Jaazaniah the son of Azzur and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.
Ezek 11:2 Then [the Spirit] said to me, Son of man, these are the men who devise iniquity and give wicked counsel in this city,
Ezek 11:3 Who say, [The time] is not near to build houses; this city is the boiling pot and we are the flesh.
Ezek 11:4 Therefore prophesy against them; prophesy, O son of man!
Ezek 11:5 And the Spirit of the Lord fell upon me, and He said to me, Speak. Say, Thus says the Lord: This is what you thought, O house of Israel, for I know the things that come into your mind.
Ezek 11:6 You have multiplied your slain in this city and you have filled its streets with the slain.
Ezek 11:7 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Your slain whom you have laid in your midst; they are the flesh and this city is the boiling pot, but you shall be brought forth out of the midst of it.
Ezek 11:8 You have feared the sword, and I will bring a sword upon you, says the Lord God.
Ezek 11:9 And I will bring you forth out of the midst of it and deliver you into the hands of foreigners and execute judgments among you.
Ezek 11:10 You shall fall by the sword; I will judge {and} punish you [before your neighbors] at the border {or} outside the land of Israel, and you shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord.
Ezek 11:11 This city shall not be your boiling pot, neither shall you be the flesh in the midst of it; I will judge you at the border {or} outside of Israel;
Ezek 11:12 And you shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord; for you have not walked in My statutes nor executed My ordinances, but have acted according to the ordinances of the nations around you.
Ezek 11:13 And while I was prophesying, Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then I fell down upon my face and cried with a loud voice, Ah, Lord God! Will You make a complete end of the remnant of Israel?
Ezek 11:14 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 11:15 Son of man, your brethren, even your kindred, your fellow exiles, and all the house of Israel, all of them, are they of whom the [present] inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, They have gone far from the Lord [and from this land]; therefore this land is given to us for a possession.
Ezek 11:16 Therefore say, Thus says the Lord God: Whereas I have removed [Israel] far off among the nations, and whereas I have scattered them among the countries, yet I have been to them a sanctuary for a little while in the countries to which they have come.
Ezek 11:17 Therefore say, Thus says the Lord God: I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give back to you the land of Israel.
Ezek 11:18 And when they return there, they shall take away from it all traces of its detestable things and all its abominations (sex impurities and heathen religious practices).
Ezek 11:19 And I will give them one heart [a new heart] and I will put a new spirit within them; and I will take the stony [unnaturally hardened] heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh [sensitive and responsive to the touch of their God],

Ezek 11:20 That they may walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances, and do them. And they shall be My people, and I will be their God.
Ezek 11:21 But as for those whose heart yearns for {and} goes after their detestable things and their loathsome abominations [associated with idolatry], I will repay their deeds upon their own heads, says the Lord God.
Ezek 11:22 Then the cherubim lifted up their wings with the wheels which were beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel [the Shekinah, cloud] was over them.
Ezek 11:23 Then the glory of the Lord rose up from over the midst of the city and stood over the mountain which is on the east side of the city.
Ezek 11:24 And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to the exiles. Then the vision that I had seen went up from me.
Ezek 11:25 And I told the exiles everything that the Lord had shown me.
Ezek 12:1 THE WORD of the Lord also came to me, saying,
Ezek 12:2 Son of man, you dwell in the midst of the house of the rebellious, who have eyes to see and see not, who have ears to hear and hear not, for they are a rebellious house.
Ezek 12:3 Therefore, son of man, prepare your belongings for removing {and} going into exile, and move out by day in their sight; and you shall remove from your place to another place in their sight. It may be they will consider {and} perceive that they are a rebellious house.
Ezek 12:4 And you shall bring forth your baggage by day in their sight, as baggage for removing into exile; and you shall go forth yourself at evening in their sight, as those who go forth into exile.
Ezek 12:5 Dig through the wall in their sight and carry the stuff out through the hole.
Ezek 12:6 In their sight you shall bear your baggage upon your shoulder and carry it forth in the dark; you shall cover your face so that you cannot see the land, for I have set you as a sign for the house of Israel.
Ezek 12:7 And I did as I was commanded. I brought forth my baggage by day, as baggage for exile, and in the evening I dug through the wall with my own hands. I brought out my baggage in the dark, carrying it upon my shoulder in their sight.
Ezek 12:8 And in the morning came the word of the Lord to me, saying,
Ezek 12:9 Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, asked you what you are doing?
Ezek 12:10 Say to them, Thus says the Lord God: This oracle {or} revelation concerns the prince in Jerusalem and all the house of Israel who are in it.
Ezek 12:11 Say, I am your sign; as I have done, so shall it be done to them; into banishment, into captivity, they shall go.
Ezek 12:12 And the prince who is in their midst shall lift up his luggage to his shoulder in the dark; then shall he go forth. They shall dig through the wall to carry out through the hole in it. He shall cover his face so that he will not see with his eyes the land.
Ezek 12:13 My net also will I spread over him, and he shall be taken in My snare, and I will bring him to Babylonia, to the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there.
Ezek 12:14 And I will scatter toward every wind all who are about him to help him, even all his bands; and I will draw out the sword after them.
Ezek 12:15 And they shall know (recognize, understand, and realize) that I am the Lord, when I shall scatter them among the nations and disperse them in the countries.
Ezek 12:16 But I will leave a few survivors who will escape the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, that they may declare {and} confess all their [idolatrous] abominations among the nations to which they go, and [thus God's punishment of them will be justified before everyone and] they shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord.
Ezek 12:17 Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 12:18 Son of man, eat your bread with shaking, and drink water with trembling and with fearfulness;
Ezek 12:19 And say to the people of the land, Thus says the Lord God concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem in the land of Israel: They shall eat their bread with fearfulness and drink water with dismay, for their land will be stripped {and} plundered of all its fullness, because of the violence of all those who dwell in it.
Ezek 12:20 And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be deserted {and} become a desolation; and you shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord.
Ezek 12:21 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 12:22 Son of man, what is this proverb that you have in the land of Israel, saying, The days drag on and every vision comes to nothing {and} is not fulfilled?
Ezek 12:23 Tell them therefore, Thus says the Lord God: I will put an end to this proverb, and they shall use it no

more as a proverb in Israel. But say to them, The days are at hand and the fulfillment of every vision.
Ezek 12:24 For there shall be no more any false, empty, {and} fruitless vision or flattering divination in the house of Israel.
Ezek 12:25 For I am the Lord; I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall be performed (come to pass); it shall be no more delayed {or} prolonged, for in your days, O rebellious house, I will speak the word and will perform it, says the Lord God.
Ezek 12:26 Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 12:27 Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, The vision that [Ezekiel] sees is for many days to come, and he prophesies of the times that are far off.
Ezek 12:28 Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord God: There shall none of My words be deferred any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be performed, says the Lord God.
Ezek 13:1 AND THE word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 13:2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy out of their own mind {and} heart, Hear the word of the Lord!
Ezek 13:3 Thus says the Lord God: Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit [and things they have not seen] and have seen nothing!
Ezek 13:4 O Israel, your prophets have been like foxes among ruins {and} in waste places.
Ezek 13:5 You have not gone up into the gaps {or} breeches, nor built up the wall for the house of Israel that it might stand in the battle in the day of the Lord.
Ezek 13:6 They have seen falsehood and lying divination, saying, The Lord says; but the Lord has not sent them. Yet they have hoped {and} made men to hope for the confirmation of their word.
Ezek 13:7 Have you not seen a false vision and have you not spoken a lying divination when you say, The Lord says, although I have not spoken?
Ezek 13:8 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you have spoken empty, false, {and} delusive words and have seen lies, therefore behold, I am against you, says the Lord God.
Ezek 13:9 And My hand shall be against the prophets who see empty, false, {and} delusive visions and who give lying prophecies. They shall not be in the secret council of My people, nor shall they be recorded in the register of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter into the land of Israel; and you shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord God.
Ezek 13:10 Because, even because they have seduced My people, saying, Peace, when there is no peace, and because when one builds a [flimsy] wall, behold, [these prophets] daub it over with whitewash,
Ezek 13:11 Say to them who daub it with whitewash that it shall fall! There shall be a downpour of rain; and you, O great hailstones, shall fall, and a violent wind shall tear apart [the whitewashed, flimsy wall].
Ezek 13:12 Behold, when the wall is fallen, will you not be asked, Where is the coating with which you [prophets] daubed it?
Ezek 13:13 Therefore thus says the Lord God: I will even rend it with a stormy wind in My wrath, and there shall be an overwhelming rain in My anger and great hailstones in wrath to destroy [that wall].
Ezek 13:14 So will I break down the wall that you have daubed with whitewash and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundations will be exposed; when it falls, you will perish {and} be consumed in the midst of it. And you will know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord.
Ezek 13:15 Thus will I accomplish My wrath upon the wall and upon those who have daubed it with whitewash, and I will say to you, The wall is no more, neither are they who daubed it,
Ezek 13:16 The [false] prophets of Israel who prophesied deceitfully about Jerusalem, seeing visions of peace for her when there is no peace, says the Lord God.
Ezek 13:17 And you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people who prophesy out of [the wishful thinking of] their own minds {and} hearts; prophesy against them,
Ezek 13:18 And say, Thus says the Lord God: Woe to the women who sew pillows to all armholes and fasten magic, protective charms to all wrists, and deceptive veils upon the heads of those of every stature to hunt {and} capture human lives! Will you snare the lives of My people to keep your own selves alive?
Ezek 13:19 You have profaned Me among My people [in payment] for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, slaying persons who should not die and giving [a guaranty of] life to those who should not live, by your lying to My people, who give heed to lies.
Ezek 13:20 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against your pillows {and} charms {and} veils with which you snare human lives like birds, and I will tear them from your arms and will let the lives you hunt go free, the

lives you are snaring like birds.
Ezek 13:21 Your [deceptive] veils also will I tear and deliver My people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted {and} snared. Then you shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord.
Ezek 13:22 Because with lies you have made the righteous sad {and} disheartened, whom I have not made sad {or} disheartened, and because you have encouraged {and} strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way and be saved [in that you falsely promised him life],
Ezek 13:23 Therefore you will no more see false visions or practice divinations, and I will deliver My people out of your hand. Then you will know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord.
Ezek 14:1 THEN CAME certain of the elders of Israel to me and sat before me.
Ezek 14:2 And the word of the Lord came to me:
Ezek 14:3 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts and put the stumbling block of their iniquity {and} guilt before their faces; should I permit Myself to be inquired of at all by them?
Ezek 14:4 Therefore speak to them and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Every man of the house of Israel who takes his idols [of self-will and unsubmissiveness] into his heart and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity [idols of silver and gold] before his face, and yet comes to the prophet [to inquire of him], I the Lord will answer him, answer him according to the multitude of his idols,
Ezek 14:5 That I may lay hold of the house of Israel in the thoughts of their own mind {and} heart, because they are all estranged from Me through their idols.
Ezek 14:6 Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: Repent {and} turn away from your idols, and turn away your faces from all your abominations.
Ezek 14:7 For anyone of the house of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel who separates himself from Me, taking his idols into his heart and putting the stumbling block of his iniquity {and} guilt before his face, and [yet] comes to the prophet to inquire for himself of Me, I the Lord will answer him Myself!
Ezek 14:8 And I will set My face against that [false worshiper] and will make him a sign and a byword, and I will cut him off from the midst of My people; and you shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord.
Ezek 14:9 [The prophet has not been granted permission to give an answer to the hypocritical inquirer] but if the prophet does give the man the answer he desires [thus allowing himself to be a party to the inquirer's sin], I the Lord will see to it that the prophet is deceived in his answer, and I will stretch out My hand against him and will destroy him from the midst of My people Israel.
Ezek 14:10 And they both shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the iniquity of the [presumptuous] prophet shall be the same as the iniquity of the [hypocritical] inquirer,
Ezek 14:11 That the house of Israel may go no more astray from Me, neither defile themselves any more with all their transgressions, but that they may be My people, and I may be their God, says the Lord God.
Ezek 14:12 The word of the Lord came [again] to me, saying,
Ezek 14:13 Son of man, when a land sins against Me by committing a trespass, and I stretch out My hand against it and break its staff of bread and send famine upon it and cut off from it man and beast,
Ezek 14:14 Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, they would save but their own lives by their righteousness (their uprightness and right standing with Me), says the Lord God.
Ezek 14:15 If I cause ferocious {and} evil wild animals to pass through the land and they ravage {and} bereave it, and it becomes desolate so that no man may pass through because of the beasts;
Ezek 14:16 Though these three men were in it, as I live, says the Lord God, they would deliver neither sons nor daughters; they themselves alone would be delivered but the land would be desolate (laid waste and deserted).
Ezek 14:17 Or if I bring a sword upon that land and say, Sword, go through the land, so that I cut off man and beast from it,
Ezek 14:18 Though these three men were in it, as I live, says the Lord God, they would deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they themselves alone would be delivered.
Ezek 14:19 Or if I send a pestilence into that land and pour out My wrath upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast,
Ezek 14:20 Though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live, says the Lord God, they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would but deliver their own lives by their righteousness (their moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation).
Ezek 14:21 For thus says the Lord God: How much more when I send My four sore acts of judgment upon Jerusalem--the sword, the famine, the evil wild beasts, and the pestilence--to cut off from it man and beast!
Ezek 14:22 And yet, behold, in it shall be left a remnant (an escaped portion), both sons and daughters. They shall be

carried forth to you [in Babylon], and when you see their [ungodly] walk and their [wicked] doings, you will be consoled for the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought upon it.
Ezek 14:23 And they shall console you when you see their evil ways and their rebellious actions. Then you shall know (understand and realize) that I have not done without cause all that I have done in Jerusalem, says the Lord God.
Ezek 15:1 AND THE word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 15:2 Son of man, How is the wood of the grapevine [Israel] more than that of any tree, the vine branch which was among the trees of the forest?
Ezek 15:3 Shall wood be taken from it to do any work? Or will men take a peg of it on which to hang any vessel?
Ezek 15:4 Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire consumes both ends of it and the middle of it is charred. Is it suitable {or} profitable for any work?
Ezek 15:5 Notice, even when it was whole, it was good for no work; how much less shall it be useful {and} profitable when the fire has devoured it and it is charred?
Ezek 15:6 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Like the wood of the grapevine among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give up the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
Ezek 15:7 And I will set My face against them; they shall go out from one fire and another fire shall devour them, and you shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord, when I set My face against them.
Ezek 15:8 And I will make the land desolate (laid waste and deserted) because they have acted faithlessly [through their idolatry], says the Lord.
Ezek 16:1 AGAIN THE word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 16:2 Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know, understand, {and} realize her [idolatrous] abominations [that they] are disgusting, detestable, and shamefully vile.
Ezek 16:3 And say, Thus says the Lord God to Jerusalem [representing Israel]: Your [spiritual] origin and your birth are thoroughly Canaanitish; your [spiritual] father was an Amorite and your [spiritual] mother a Hittite.
Ezek 16:4 And as for your birth, on the day you were born your navel cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water to cleanse you, nor rubbed with salt or swaddled with bands at all.
Ezek 16:5 No eye pitied you to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you; but you were cast out in the open field, for your person was abhorrent {and} loathsome on the day that you were born.
Ezek 16:6 And when I passed by you and saw you rolling about in your blood, I said to you in your blood, Live! Yes, I said to you still in your natal blood, Live!
Ezek 16:7 I caused you [Israel] to multiply as the bud which grows in the field, and you increased and became tall and you came to full maidenhood {and} beauty; your breasts were formed and your hair had grown, yet you were naked and bare.
Ezek 16:8 Now I passed by you again and looked upon you; behold, you were maturing {and} at the time for love, and I spread My skirt over you and covered your nakedness. Yes, I plighted My troth to you and entered into a covenant with you, says the Lord, and you became Mine.
Ezek 16:9 Then I washed you with water; yes, I thoroughly washed away your [clinging] blood from you and I anointed you with oil.
Ezek 16:10 I clothed you also with embroidered cloth and shod you with [fine seal] leather; and I girded you about with fine linen and covered you with silk.
Ezek 16:11 I decked you also with ornaments and I put bracelets on your wrists and a chain on your neck.
Ezek 16:12 And I put a ring on your nostril and earrings in your ears and a beautiful crown upon your head!
Ezek 16:13 Thus you were decked with gold and silver, and your raiment was of fine linen and silk and embroidered cloth; you ate fine flour and honey and oil. And you were exceedingly beautiful and you prospered into royal estate.
Ezek 16:14 And your renown went forth among the nations for your beauty, for it was perfect through My majesty {and} splendor which I had put upon you, says the Lord God.
Ezek 16:15 But you trusted in {and} relied on your own beauty and were unfaithful to God {and} played the harlot [in idolatry] because of your renown, and you poured out your fornications upon anyone who passed by [as you worshiped the idols of every nation which prevailed over you] and your beauty was his.
Ezek 16:16 And you took some of your garments and made for yourself gaily decorated high places {or} shrines and played the harlot on them--things which should not come and that which should not take place.
Ezek 16:17 You did also take your fair jewels {and} beautiful vessels of My gold and My silver which I had given you and made for yourself images of men, and you played the harlot with them;
Ezek 16:18 And you took your embroidered garments and covered them and set My oil and My incense before them.
Ezek 16:19 My bread also which I gave you--fine flour and oil and honey with which I fed you--you have even set it

before the idols for a sweet odor. Thus it was, says the Lord God.
Ezek 16:20 Moreover, you have taken your sons and your daughters whom you have borne to Me, and you have sacrificed them [to your idols] to be destroyed. Were your harlotries too little,
Ezek 16:21 That you have slain My children and delivered them up, in setting them apart {and} causing them to pass through the fire for [your idols]?
Ezek 16:22 And in all your abominations and idolatrous whoredoms you have not [earnestly] remembered the days of your youth when you were naked and bare, rolling about in your natal blood.
Ezek 16:23 And after all your wickedness--Woe, woe to you! says the Lord God--
Ezek 16:24 You have built also for yourself a vaulted chamber (brothel) and have made a high place [of idol worship] in every street.
Ezek 16:25 At every crossway you built your high place [for idol worship] and have made your beauty an abomination [abhorrent, loathsome, extremely disgusting, and detestable]; and you have made your body available to every passerby and multiplied your [idolatry and spiritual] harlotry.
Ezek 16:26 You have also played the harlot with the Egyptians, your neighbors, [by adopting their idolatries] whose worship is thoroughly sensuous, and you have multiplied your harlotry to provoke Me to anger.
Ezek 16:27 Behold therefore, I have stretched out My hand against you, diminished your ordinary allowance of food, and delivered you over to the will of those who hate {and} despise you, the daughters of the Philistines, who turned away in shame from your despicable policy {and} lewd behavior [for they are faithful to their gods]!
Ezek 16:28 You played the harlot also with the Assyrians because you were unsatiable; yes, you played the harlot with them, and yet you were not satisfied.
Ezek 16:29 Moreover, you multiplied your harlotry with the land of trade, with Chaldea, and yet even with this you were not satisfied.
Ezek 16:30 How weak {and} spent with longing {and} lust is your heart {and} mind, says the Lord God, seeing you do all these things, the work of a bold, domineering harlot,
Ezek 16:31 In that you build your vaulted place (brothel) at the head of every street and make your high place at every crossing. But you were not like a harlot because you scorned pay.
Ezek 16:32 Rather, you were as an adulterous wife who receives strangers instead of her husband!
Ezek 16:33 Men give gifts to all harlots, but you give your gifts to all your lovers and hire them, bribing [the nations to ally themselves with you], that they may come to you on every side for your harlotries (your idolatrous unfaithfulnesses to God).
Ezek 16:34 And you are different [the reverse] from other women in your harlotries, in that nobody follows you to lure you into harlotry and in that you give hire when no hire is given you; and so you are different.
Ezek 16:35 Therefore, O harlot [Israel], hear the word of the Lord!
Ezek 16:36 Thus says the Lord God: Because your brass [coins and gifts] {and} your filthiness were emptied out and your nakedness uncovered through your harlotries with your lovers, and because of all the [filthy] idols of your abominations, and the blood of your children that you gave to them,
Ezek 16:37 Therefore behold, I will gather all your lovers with whom you have taken pleasure, and all those whom you have loved with all those whom you have hated; I will even gather them [the allies you have courted] against you on every side and will uncover your nakedness to them, that they may see all your nakedness [making you, Israel, an object of loathing and of mockery, a spectacle among the nations].
Ezek 16:38 And I the Lord will judge you as women who break wedlock and shed blood are judged, and I will bring upon you the blood of [your divine Husband's] wrath and jealousy.
Ezek 16:39 And I will also give you into the hand of those [your enemies], and they shall throw down your vaulted place (brothel) and shall demolish your high places [of idolatry]; they shall strip you of your clothes and shall take your splendid jewels and leave you naked and bare.
Ezek 16:40 They shall also bring up a company against you, and they shall stone you with stones and hew down {and} thrust you through with their swords.
Ezek 16:41 And they shall burn your houses with fire and execute judgments upon you before the eyes of many women spectators [the nations]. And I will cause you to cease playing the harlot, and you also shall give hire no more.
Ezek 16:42 So will I make My wrath toward you to rest and My jealousy shall depart from you [My adulterous wife], and I will be quiet and will be no more angry.
Ezek 16:43 Because you have not [earnestly] remembered the days of your youth but have enraged Me with all these things, therefore behold, I also will bring your deeds down on your own head, says the Lord God. Did you not commit this lewdness above {and} in addition to all your other abominations?

Ezek 16:44 Behold, everyone who uses proverbs will use this proverb against you: As is the mother, so is her daughter.
Ezek 16:45 You are your [spiritual] mother's daughter who loathed her husband and her children, and you are the sister of your sisters who loathed their husbands and their children. Your mother was a Hittite and your father an Amorite.
Ezek 16:46 And your elder sister is Samaria, she and her daughters who dwelt in the north {and} at your left hand; and your younger sister who dwelt in the south {and} at your right hand is Sodom and her daughters.
Ezek 16:47 Yet you were not satisfied to walk after their ways or to do after their abominations, but very soon you were more corrupt in all your ways than they were [for your sin, as those taught of God, is far blacker than theirs].
Ezek 16:48 As I live, says the Lord God, Sodom your sister has not done, she nor her daughters, as you have done, you and your daughters.
Ezek 16:49 Behold, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: pride, overabundance of food, prosperous ease, {and} idleness were hers and her daughters'; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.
Ezek 16:50 And they were haughty and committed abominable offenses before Me; therefore I removed them when I saw it {and} I saw fit.
Ezek 16:51 Neither has Samaria committed half of your sins, but you have multiplied your [idolatrous] abominations more than they and have seemed to justify your sisters [Samaria and Sodom] in all their wickedness by all the abominable things which you have done--you even make them appear righteous in comparison with you.
Ezek 16:52 Take upon you {and} bear your own shame {and} disgrace [in your punishment], you also who called in question {and} judged your sisters, for you have virtually absolved them by your sins in which you behaved more abominably than they; they are more right than you. Yes, be ashamed {and} confounded and bear your shame {and} disgrace, you also, for you have seemed to justify your sisters {and} make them appear righteous.
Ezek 16:53 I will restore them again from their captivity, restore the fortunes of Sodom and her daughters and the fortunes of Samaria and her daughters, and I will restore your own fortunes in the midst of them [in the day of the Lord],
Ezek 16:54 That you [Judah], amid your shame {and} disgrace, may be compelled to recognize your wickedness {and} be thoroughly ashamed {and} confounded at all you have done, becoming [converted and bringing] consolation {and} comfort to [your sisters.]
Ezek 16:55 And your sisters, Sodom and her daughters shall return to their former estate, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate; then you and your daughters shall return to your former estate.
Ezek 16:56 For was your sister Sodom not mentioned by you [except] as a byword in the day of your pride,
Ezek 16:57 Before your own wickedness was uncovered? Now you have become like her, an object of reproach {and} a byword for the daughters of Syria {and} of Edom and for all who are round about them and for the daughters of the Philistines--those round about who despise you.
Ezek 16:58 You bear the penalty of your lewdness and your [idolatrous] abominations, says the Lord.
Ezek 16:59 Yes, thus says the Lord God: I will even deal with you as you have done, who have despised the oath in breaking the covenant;
Ezek 16:60 Nevertheless, I will [earnestly] remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth and I will establish with you an everlasting covenant.
Ezek 16:61 Then you will [earnestly] remember your ways and be ashamed {and} confounded when you shall receive your sisters, both your elder and your younger; I will give them to you as daughters, but not on account of your covenant [with Me].
Ezek 16:62 And I will establish My covenant with you, and you shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord,
Ezek 16:63 That you may [earnestly] remember and be ashamed {and} confounded and never open your mouth again because of your shame, when I have forgiven you all that you have done, says the Lord God.
Ezek 17:1 AND THE word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 17:2 Son of man, put forth a riddle and speak a parable {or} allegory to the house of Israel;
Ezek 17:3 Say, Thus says the Lord God: A great eagle [Nebuchadnezzar] with great wings and long pinions, rich in feathers of various colors, came to Lebanon [symbolic of Jerusalem] and took the top of the cedar [tree].
Ezek 17:4 He broke off the topmost of its young twigs [the youthful King Jehoiachin] and carried it into a land of trade [Babylon]; he set it in a city of merchants.
Ezek 17:5 He took also of the seedlings of the land [Zedekiah, one of the native royal family] and planted it in fertile soil {and} a fruitful field; he placed it beside abundant waters and set it as a willow tree [to succeed Zedekiah's nephew Jehoiachin in Judah as vassal king].
Ezek 17:6 And it grew and became a spreading vine of low [not Davidic] stature, whose branches turned [in

submission] toward him, and its roots remained under {and} subject to him [the king of Babylon]; so it became a vine and brought forth branches and shot forth leafy twigs.
Ezek 17:7 There was also another great eagle [the Egyptian king] with great wings and many feathers; and behold, this vine [Zedekiah] bent its roots [languishingly] toward him and shot forth its branches toward him, away from the beds of its planting, for him to water.
Ezek 17:8 Though it was planted in good soil where water was plentiful for it to produce leaves and to bear fruit, it was transplanted, that it might become a splendid vine.
Ezek 17:9 Thus says the Lord God: Ask, Will it thrive? Will he [the insulted Nebuchadnezzar] not pluck up its roots and strip off its fruit so that all its fresh sprouting leaves will wither? It will not take a strong arm or many people to pluck it up by its roots [totally ending Israel's national existence].
Ezek 17:10 Yes, behold, though transplanted, will it prosper? Will it not utterly wither when the east wind touches it? It will wither in the furrows {and} beds where it sprouted {and} grew.
Ezek 17:11 Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 17:12 Say now to the rebellious house, Do you not know {and} realize what these things mean? Tell them, Behold, the king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and took its king [Jehoiachin] and its princes and brought them with him to Babylon.
Ezek 17:13 And he took one of the royal family [the king's uncle, Zedekiah] and made a covenant with him, putting him under oath. He also took the mighty {and} chief men of the land,
Ezek 17:14 That the kingdom might become low {and} base and be unable to lift itself up, but that by keeping his [Nebuchadnezzar's] covenant it might stand.
Ezek 17:15 But he [Zedekiah] rebelled against him [Nebuchadnezzar] in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Will he prosper? Will he escape who does such things? Can he break the covenant with [Babylon] and yet escape?
Ezek 17:16 As I live, says the Lord God, surely in the place where the king [Nebuchadnezzar] dwells who made [Zedekiah as vassal] king, whose oath [Zedekiah] despised and whose covenant he broke, even with him in the midst of Babylon shall [Zedekiah] die.
Ezek 17:17 Neither shall Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company help him in the war when the [Babylonians] cast up mounds and build forts to destroy many lives.
Ezek 17:18 For [Zedekiah] despised the oath and broke the covenant and behold, he had given his hand, and yet has done all these things; he shall not escape.
Ezek 17:19 Therefore thus says the Lord God: As I live, surely My oath [made for Me by Nebuchadnezzar] that [Zedekiah] has despised and My covenant with him that he has broken, I will even bring down on his own head.
Ezek 17:20 And I will spread My net over him, and he shall be taken in My snare; and I will bring him to Babylon and will enter into judgment {and} punishment with him there for his trespass {and} treason that he has committed against Me.
Ezek 17:21 And all his fugitives [from Judah] in all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward every wind. And you shall know (understand and realize) that I the Lord have spoken it.
Ezek 17:22 Thus says the Lord God: I Myself will take a twig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out; I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one and will plant it upon a mountain high and exalted.
Ezek 17:23 On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bring forth boughs and bear fruit and be a noble cedar, and under it shall dwell all birds of every feather; in the shade of its branches they shall nestle {and} find rest.
Ezek 17:24 And all the trees of the field shall know (understand and realize) that I the Lord have brought low the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken, and I will do it.
Ezek 18:1 THE WORD of the Lord came to me again, saying,
Ezek 18:2 What do you mean by using this proverb concerning the land of Israel, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?
Ezek 18:3 As I live, says the Lord God, you shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel.
Ezek 18:4 Behold, all souls are Mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is Mine; the soul that sins, it shall die.
Ezek 18:5 But if a man is [uncompromisingly] righteous (upright and in right standing with God) and does what is lawful and right,
Ezek 18:6 And has not eaten [at the idol shrines] upon the mountains nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, has not defiled his neighbor's wife nor come near to a woman in her time of impurity,

Ezek 18:7 And has not wronged anyone but has restored to the debtor his pledge, has taken nothing by robbery but has given his bread to the hungry and has covered the naked with a garment,
Ezek 18:8 Who does not charge interest or percentage of increase on what he lends [in compassion], who withholds his hand from iniquity, who executes true justice between man and man,
Ezek 18:9 Who has walked in My statutes and kept My ordinances, to deal justly; [then] he is [truly] righteous; he shall surely live, says the Lord God.
Ezek 18:10 If he begets a son who is a robber or a shedder of blood, who does to a brother either of these sins of violence,
Ezek 18:11 And leaves undone all of the duties [of a righteous man], and has even eaten [the food set before idols] on the mountains and defiled his neighbor's wife,
Ezek 18:12 Has wronged the poor and needy, has taken by robbery, has not restored [to the debtor] his pledge, has lifted up his eyes to the idols, has committed abomination (things hateful and exceedingly vile in the eyes of God),
Ezek 18:13 And has charged interest or percentage of increase on what he has loaned [in supposed compassion]; shall he then live? He shall not live! He has done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him.
Ezek 18:14 But if this wicked man begets a son who sees all the sins which his father has committed, and considers {and} fears [God] and does not do like his father,
Ezek 18:15 Who has not eaten [food set before idols] upon the mountains nor has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, has not defiled his neighbor's wife,
Ezek 18:16 Nor wronged anyone, nor has taken anything in pledge, nor has taken by robbery but has given his bread to the hungry and has covered the naked with a garment,
Ezek 18:17 Who has withdrawn his hand from [oppressing] the poor, who has not received interest or increase [from the needy] but has executed My ordinances and has walked in My statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father; he shall surely live.
Ezek 18:18 As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, robbed his brother, and did that which is not good among his people, behold, he shall die for his iniquity {and} guilt.
Ezek 18:19 Yet do you say, Why does not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son has done that which is lawful and right and has kept all My statutes and has done them, he shall surely live.
Ezek 18:20 The soul that sins, it [is the one that] shall die. The son shall not bear {and} be punished for the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear {and} be punished for the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him only, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon the wicked only.
Ezek 18:21 But if the wicked man turns from all his sins that he has committed and keeps all My statutes and does that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.
Ezek 18:22 None of his transgressions which he has committed shall be remembered against him; for his righteousness which he has executed [for his moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation], he shall live.
Ezek 18:23 Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked? says the Lord, and not rather that he should turn from his evil way {and} return [to his God] and live?
Ezek 18:24 But if the righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? None of his righteous deeds which he has done shall be remembered. In his trespass that he has trespassed and in his sin that he has sinned, in them shall he die.
Ezek 18:25 Yet you say, The way of the Lord is not fair {and} just. Hear now, O house of Israel: Is not My way fair {and} just? Are not your ways unfair {and} unjust?
Ezek 18:26 When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity and dies in his sins, for his iniquity that he has done he shall die.
Ezek 18:27 Again, when the wicked man turns away from his wickedness which he has committed and does that which is lawful and right, he shall save his life.
Ezek 18:28 Because he considers and turns away from all his transgressions which he has committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.
Ezek 18:29 Yet says the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not fair and just! O house of Israel, are not My ways fair and just? Are not your ways unfair and unjust?
Ezek 18:30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin {and} so shall they not be a stumbling block to you.
Ezek 18:31 Cast away from you all your transgressions by which you have transgressed against Me, and make you a new mind {and} heart and a new spirit. For why will you die, O house of Israel?
Ezek 18:32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him who dies, says the Lord God. Therefore turn (be converted) and

live!
Ezek 19:1 MOREOVER, TAKE up a lamentation for the princes of Israel,
Ezek 19:2 And say, What a lioness was your mother [Jerusalem-Judah]! She couched among lions; in the midst of young lions she nourished her cubs.
Ezek 19:3 And she [the royal mother-city] brought up one of her cubs [Jehoahaz]; he became a young lion and he learned to catch the prey; he devoured men.
Ezek 19:4 The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with hooks to the land of Egypt.
Ezek 19:5 Now when she had waited, she saw her hope was lost. Then she took another of her cubs [Jehoiachin] and made him a young lion.
Ezek 19:6 And he [Jehoiachin] went up and down among the lions; he became a young lion and learned to catch prey, and he devoured men.
Ezek 19:7 And he knew {and} ravaged their strongholds and he laid waste their cities, and the land was appalled and all who were in it by the noise of his roaring.
Ezek 19:8 Then the nations set against [the king] on every side from the provinces, and they spread their net over him [Jehoiachin]; he was taken in their pit.
Ezek 19:9 With hooks they put him in a cage and brought him to the king of Babylon; they brought him into custody {and} put him in strongholds, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel.
Ezek 19:10 Your mother [the mother-city Jerusalem] was like a vine [like you, Zedekiah, and in your blood] planted by the waters; it was fruitful and full of branches by reason of abundant water.
Ezek 19:11 And it had strong rods for the scepters of those who bore rule and its height was exalted among the thick branches {and} into the clouds, and it was seen in its height among the multitude of its branches {and} was conspicuous.
Ezek 19:12 But the vine was plucked up in God's wrath [by His agent the Babylonian king] and it was cast down to the ground; the east wind dried up its fruit; its strong rods were broken off and withered; the fire [of God's judgment] consumed them.
Ezek 19:13 And now it is transplanted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty land [Babylon].
Ezek 19:14 And fire went out of a rod [Zedekiah] of its branches which has consumed the vine's fruit, so that it has in it no [longer a] strong rod to be a scepter for ruling. This is a lamentation and shall be for a lamentation {and} a dirge.
Ezek 20:1 IN THE seventh year, in the fifth [month], on the tenth [day] of the month [after the beginning of the Babylonian captivity, which was to last seventy years], certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the Lord and sat down before me [Ezekiel, in Babylonia].
Ezek 20:2 Then came the word of the Lord to me, saying,
Ezek 20:3 Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Have you come to inquire of Me? As I live, says the Lord God, I will not be inquired of by you!
Ezek 20:4 Will you judge them, son of man [Ezekiel], will you judge them? Then cause them to know, understand, {and} realize the abominations of their fathers.
Ezek 20:5 And say to them, Thus says the Lord God: In the day when I chose Israel and lifted up My hand {and} swore to the offspring of the house of Jacob and made Myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up My hand {and} swore to them, saying, I am the Lord your God,
Ezek 20:6 On that day I lifted up My hand {and} swore to them to bring them out of the land of Egypt to a land that I had searched out for them, flowing with milk and honey, [a land] which is an ornament {and} a glory to all lands.
Ezek 20:7 Then said I to them, Let every man cast away the abominable things on which he feasts his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.
Ezek 20:8 But they rebelled against Me and would not listen to Me; they did not every man cast away the abominable things on which they feasted their eyes, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I [thought], I will pour out My wrath upon them and finish My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.
Ezek 20:9 But I acted for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the [heathen] nations among whom they dwelt, in whose sight I made Myself known to them by bringing them out of the land of Egypt.
Ezek 20:10 So I caused them to go out from the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness.
Ezek 20:11 And I gave them My statutes and showed {and} made known to them My judgments, which, if a man keeps, he must live in {and} by them.
Ezek 20:12 Moreover, also I gave them My Sabbaths to be a sign between Me and them, that they might understand {and} realize that I am the Lord Who sanctifies them [separates and sets them apart].

Ezek 20:13 But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness; they walked not in My statutes and they despised {and} cast away My judgments, which, if a man keeps, he must even live in {and} by them; and they grievously profaned My Sabbaths. Then I thought I would pour out My wrath on them in the wilderness and uproot {and} consume them.
Ezek 20:14 But I acted for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the [heathen] nations in whose sight I brought them out.
Ezek 20:15 Yet also I lifted up My hand to swear to them in the wilderness that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the ornament {and} glory of all lands--
Ezek 20:16 Because they despised {and} rejected My ordinances and walked not in My statutes and profaned My Sabbaths, for their hearts went after their idols.
Ezek 20:17 Yet My eye pitied them instead of destroying them, and I did not make a full end of them in the wilderness.
Ezek 20:18 But I said to their sons in the wilderness, You shall not walk in the statutes of your fathers nor observe their ordinances nor defile yourselves with their idols.
Ezek 20:19 I the Lord am your God; walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances,
Ezek 20:20 And hallow (separate and keep holy) My Sabbaths, and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that you may know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord your God.
Ezek 20:21 Yet the sons rebelled against Me; they walked not in My statutes, neither kept My ordinances which, if a man does, he must live in {and} by them; they profaned My Sabbaths. Then I thought I would pour out My wrath on them and finish My anger against them in the wilderness.
Ezek 20:22 Yet I withheld My hand and acted for My name's sake, that it should not be debased and profaned in the sight of the [heathen] nations, in whose sight I had brought them forth [from bondage].
Ezek 20:23 Moreover, I lifted up My hand {and} swore to them in the wilderness that I would scatter them among the [heathen] nations and disperse them in the countries,
Ezek 20:24 Because they had not executed My ordinances but had despised {and} rejected My statutes and had profaned My Sabbaths, and their eyes were set on their fathers' idols.
Ezek 20:25 Wherefore also I gave them [over to] statutes that were not good and ordinances whereby they should not live {and} could not have life,
Ezek 20:26 And I [let them] pollute {and} make themselves unclean in their own offerings [to their idols], in that they caused to pass through the fire all the firstborn, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord.
Ezek 20:27 Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Again in this your fathers blasphemed Me, in that they dealt faithlessly {and} treacherously with Me and committed a treasonous trespass against Me.
Ezek 20:28 For when I had brought them into the land which I lifted up My hand {and} swore to give to them, then they saw every high hill and every dark {and} leafy tree [as a place for idol worship], and they offered there their sacrifices and there they presented their offering that provoked My anger {and} sadness; there also they made their sweet-smelling savor and poured out there their drink offerings.
Ezek 20:29 Then I said to them, What is the high place to which you go? And the name of it is called Bamah [high place] to this day.
Ezek 20:30 Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: Do you [exiles] debase {and} defile yourselves after the manner of your fathers? And do you play the harlot after their loathsome {and} detestable things?
Ezek 20:31 And when you offer your gifts, when you make your sons pass through the fire, do you not debase {and} defile yourselves with all your idols to this day? And shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, says the Lord God, I will not be inquired of by you!
Ezek 20:32 And that which has come up in your mind shall never happen, in that you think, We will be as the nations, as the tribes of the countries, to serve idols of wood and stone.
Ezek 20:33 As I live, says the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out will I be King over you.
Ezek 20:34 And I will bring you out from the peoples and will gather you out of the countries in which you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out.
Ezek 20:35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there will I enter into judgment with you {and} contend with you face to face.
Ezek 20:36 As I entered into judgment {and} contended with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so

will I enter into judgment {and} contend with you, says the Lord God.
Ezek 20:37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod [as the shepherd does his sheep when he counts them, and I will count you as Mine and I will constrain you] and bring you into the covenant to which you are permanently bound.
Ezek 20:38 And I will purge out {and} separate from among you the rebels and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the country where they temporarily dwell, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you shall know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord.
Ezek 20:39 As for you, O house of Israel, thus says the Lord God: Go, serve every one of you his idols, now and hereafter, if you will not listen to Me! But you shall not profane My holy name any more with your sacrificial gifts and your idols!
Ezek 20:40 For on My holy mountain, on the mountain height of Israel, says the Lord God, there all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, shall serve Me. There will I [graciously] accept them, and there will I require your offerings and the firstfruits {and} the choicest of your contributions, with all your sacred things.
Ezek 20:41 I will accept you [graciously] as a pleasant odor when I lead you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries in which you have been scattered, and I will manifest My holiness among you in the sight of the nations [who will seek Me because of My power displayed in you].
Ezek 20:42 And you shall know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord, when I bring you into the land of Israel, into the country which I lifted up My hand {and} swore to give to your fathers.
Ezek 20:43 And there you shall [earnestly] remember your ways and all your doings with which you have defiled yourselves, and you shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evil deeds which you have done.
Ezek 20:44 And you shall know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord, when I deal with you for My name's sake, not according to your evil ways nor according to your corrupt doings, O house of Israel, says the Lord God.
Ezek 20:45 Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 20:46 Son of man, set your face toward the south, preach against the south, and prophesy against the forest land of the South (the Negeb),
Ezek 20:47 And say to the forest of the South (the Negeb), Hear the word of the Lord; Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will kindle a fire in you and it shall devour every green tree in you and every dry tree. The blazing flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be scorched by it.
Ezek 20:48 All flesh shall see that I the Lord have kindled it; it shall not be quenched.
Ezek 20:49 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! They are saying of me, Does he not speak in parables {and} make allegories?
Ezek 21:1 AND THE word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 21:2 Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem and direct your [prophetic] word against the holy places; prophesy against the land of Israel
Ezek 21:3 And say to the land of Israel, Thus says the Lord: Behold, I am against you and will draw forth My sword out of its sheath and will cut off from you both the righteous and the wicked.
Ezek 21:4 Because I will cut off from you both the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall My sword go out of its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north,
Ezek 21:5 And all living shall know, understand, {and} realize that I the Lord have drawn My sword out of its sheath; it shall not be sheathed any more.
Ezek 21:6 Sigh therefore, son of man! With breaking heart and with bitterness shall you sigh before their eyes.
Ezek 21:7 And it shall be that when they say to you, Why do you sigh? that you shall answer, Because of the tidings. When it comes, every heart will melt and all hands will be feeble, and every spirit will faint and all knees will be weak as water. Behold, it comes and it shall be fulfilled, says the Lord God.
Ezek 21:8 Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 21:9 Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus says the Lord: Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened and also polished;
Ezek 21:10 It [the sword of Babylon] is sharpened that it may make a slaughter, polished that it may flash {and} glitter like lightning! Shall we then rejoice {and} make mirth [when such a calamity is impending]? But the rod {or} scepter of My son [Judah] rejects {and} views with contempt every tree [that is, since God's promise long ago to Judah is certain, he believes Judah's scepter must remain no matter what power arises against it]!
Ezek 21:11 And the sword [of Babylon] is given to be polished that it may be put to use; the sword is sharpened and polished to be given into the hand of the slayer.
Ezek 21:12 Cry and wail, son of man, for it is against My people; it is against all the princes of Israel; they are thrown to the sword along with My people, {and} terrors by reason of the sword are upon My people. Therefore smite your thigh [in dismay].
Ezek 21:13 For this sword has been tested {and} proved [on others], and what if the rejecting {and} despising rod

{or} scepter of Judah shall be no more but completely swept away? says the Lord God.
Ezek 21:14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy and smite your hands together and let the sword be doubled, yes, trebled in intensity--the sword for those to be overthrown {and} pierced through; it is the sword of great slaughter which encompasses them [so that none can escape, even by entering into their inner chambers].
Ezek 21:15 I have set the threatening {and} glittering sword against all their gates, that their hearts may melt and their stumblings be multiplied. Ah! It is made [to flash] like lightning; it is pointed {and} sharpened for slaughter.
Ezek 21:16 Turn [O sword] and cut right or cut left, whichever way your lust for blood {and} your edge direct you.
Ezek 21:17 I will also clap My hands, and I will cause My wrath to rest. I the Lord have said it.
Ezek 21:18 The word of the Lord came to me again, saying,
Ezek 21:19 Also, son of man, mark out two ways by which the sword of the king of Babylon may come; both shall come forth from the same land. And make a signpost (a hand); make it at the head of the way to a city.
Ezek 21:20 You shall point out a way for the [Babylonian] sword to come to Rabbah [the capital] of the sons of Ammon and to Judah with Jerusalem, the fortified {and} inaccessible.
Ezek 21:21 For the king of Babylon stands at the parting of the way, at the fork of the two ways, to use divination. He shakes the arrows to and fro, he consults the teraphim (household gods), he looks at the liver.
Ezek 21:22 In his right hand is the lot marked for Jerusalem: to set battering rams, to open the mouth calling for slaughter, to lift up the voice with a war cry, to set battering rams against the gates, to cast up siege mounds, and to build siege towers.
Ezek 21:23 And it shall seem like a lying divination to them who have sworn oaths [of allegiance to Nebuchadnezzar]. [Will he now fight against their homeland?] But he will remind them of their guilt {and} iniquity [in violating those oaths], that they may be caught.
Ezek 21:24 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you have made your guilt {and} iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that in all your doings your sins appear--because, I say, you have come to remembrance, you shall be taken with the [enemy's] hand.
Ezek 21:25 And you, O dishonored and wicked one [Zedekiah], the prince of Israel, whose day will come at the time of your final reckoning {and} punishment,
Ezek 21:26 Thus says the Lord God: Remove the [high priest's] miter {or} headband and take off the [king's] crown; things shall not remain as they have been; the low is to be exalted and the high is to be brought low.
Ezek 21:27 I will overthrow, overthrow, overthrow it; this also shall be no more until He comes Whose right it is [to reign in judgment and in righteousness], and I will give it to Him.
Ezek 21:28 And you, son of man, prophesy and say, Thus says the Lord God concerning the sons of Ammon and concerning their reproach: Say, A sword, a sword is drawn for the slaughter; it is polished to cause it to devour to the uttermost {and} to flash like lightning,
Ezek 21:29 While they see for you false visions, while they divine lies for you to lay you [of Ammon] upon the headless trunks of those who are slain, of the wicked whose day is coming at the time of the final reckoning {and} punishment.
Ezek 21:30 Return [the sword] to its sheath. In the place where you were created, in the land of your origin {and} of your birth, I will judge you.
Ezek 21:31 And I will pour out My indignation upon you [O sons of Ammon]; I will blow upon you with the fire of My wrath and will deliver you into the hand of brutish men, skillful to destroy.
Ezek 21:32 You shall be for fuel to the fire; your blood shall be in the midst of the land; you shall be no more remembered, for I the Lord have spoken it.
Ezek 22:1 MOREOVER, THE word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 22:2 And you son of man [Ezekiel], will you judge, will you judge the bloodshedding city? Then cause her to know all her abominations,
Ezek 22:3 And say, Thus says the Lord God: A city that sheds blood in the midst of her so that her time [of doom] will come, and makes idols [over those who worship them] to defile her!
Ezek 22:4 In your blood which you have shed you have become guilty, and you are defiled by the idols which you have made, and you have caused your time [of judgment and punishment] to draw near and have arrived at the full measure of your years. Therefore have I made you a reproach to the [heathen] nations and a mocking to all countries.
Ezek 22:5 Those who are near and those who are far from you will mock you, you infamous one, full of tumult.
Ezek 22:6 Behold, the princes of Israel in you, every one according to his power, have been intending to shed blood.
Ezek 22:7 In you have they treated father and mother lightly; in the midst of you they have dealt unjustly {and} by oppression in relation to the stranger; in you they have wronged the fatherless and the widow.

Ezek 22:8 You have despised {and} scorned My sacred things and have profaned My Sabbaths.
Ezek 22:9 In you are slanderous men who arouse suspicions to shed blood, and in you are they who have eaten [food offered to idols] upon the mountains; in the midst of you they have committed lewdness.
Ezek 22:10 In you men have uncovered their fathers' nakedness [the nakedness of mother or stepmother]; in you they have humbled women who are [ceremonially] unclean [during their periods or because of childbirth].
Ezek 22:11 And one has committed abomination with his neighbor's wife, another has lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law, and another in you has humbled his sister, his father's daughter.
Ezek 22:12 In you they have accepted bribes to shed blood; you have taken [forbidden] interest and [percentage of] increase, and you have greedily gained from your neighbors by oppression {and} extortion and have forgotten Me, says the Lord God.
Ezek 22:13 Behold therefore, I have struck My hands together at your dishonest gain which you have made and at the blood which has been in the midst of you.
Ezek 22:14 Can your heart {and} courage endure or can your hands be strong in the days that I shall deal with you? I the Lord have spoken it, and I will do it.
Ezek 22:15 And I will scatter you among the nations and disperse you through the countries, and I will consume your filthiness out of you.
Ezek 22:16 And you shall be dishonored {and} profane yourself in the sight of the nations, and you shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord.
Ezek 22:17 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 22:18 Son of man, the house of Israel has become to Me scum {and} waste matter. All of them are bronze and tin and iron and lead in the midst of the furnace; they are the dross of silver.
Ezek 22:19 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you have all become scum {and} waste matter, behold therefore, I will gather you [O Israel] into the midst of Jerusalem.
Ezek 22:20 As they gather silver and bronze and iron and lead and tin into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it in order to melt it, so will I gather you in My anger and in My wrath, and I will put you in and melt you.
Ezek 22:21 Yes, I will gather you and blow upon you with the fire of My wrath, and you shall be melted in the midst of it.
Ezek 22:22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall you be melted in the midst of it, and you shall know, understand, {and} realize that I the Lord have poured out My wrath upon you [O Israel].
Ezek 22:23 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 22:24 Son of man, say to her, You are a land that is not cleansed nor rained upon in the day of indignation.
Ezek 22:25 There is a conspiracy of [Israel's false] prophets in the midst of her, like a roaring lion tearing the prey; they have devoured human lives; they have taken [in their greed] treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in the midst of her.
Ezek 22:26 Her priests have done violence to My law and have profaned My holy things. They have made no distinction between the sacred and the secular, neither have they taught people the difference between the unclean and the clean and have hid their eyes from My Sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.
Ezek 22:27 Her princes in the midst of her are like wolves rending {and} devouring the prey, shedding blood and destroying lives to get dishonest gain.
Ezek 22:28 And her prophets have daubed them over with whitewash, seeing false visions and divining lies to them, saying, Thus says the Lord God--when the Lord has not spoken.
Ezek 22:29 The people of the land have used oppression {and} extortion and have committed robbery; yes, they have wronged {and} vexed the poor and needy; yes, they have oppressed the stranger {and} temporary resident wrongfully.
Ezek 22:30 And I sought a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none.
Ezek 22:31 Therefore have I poured out My indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; their own way have I repaid [by bringing it] upon their own heads, says the Lord God.
Ezek 23:1 THE WORD of the Lord came again to me, saying,
Ezek 23:2 Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother;
Ezek 23:3 And they played the harlot in Egypt. There they played the harlot in their youth; there their bosoms were pressed and there their virgin breasts were handled.
Ezek 23:4 And the names of them were Aholah the elder and Aholibah her sister, and they became Mine and they bore sons and daughters. As for the identity of their names, Aholah is Samaria and Aholibah is Jerusalem.
Ezek 23:5 And Aholah played the harlot when she was Mine, and she was foolishly fond of her lovers {and} doted on

the Assyrians her neighbors,
Ezek 23:6 Who were clothed with blue, governors and deputies, all of them attractive young men, horsemen riding upon horses.
Ezek 23:7 And she bestowed her harlotries upon them, the choicest men of Assyria all of them; and on whomever she doted, with all their idols she defiled herself.
Ezek 23:8 Neither has she left her harlotries since the days of Egypt [from where she brought them], for in her youth men there lay with her and handled her girlish bosom, and they poured out their sinful desire upon her.
Ezek 23:9 Wherefore I delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians upon whom she doted.
Ezek 23:10 These uncovered her nakedness {and} shame; they took her sons and her daughters and they slew her with the sword, and her name became notorious {and} a byword among women when judgments were executed upon her.
Ezek 23:11 And her sister Aholibah saw this; yet she was more corrupt in her foolish fondness than she, and in her harlotries she was more wanton than her sister in her harlotries.
Ezek 23:12 She doted upon the Assyrians--governors and deputies, her neighbors, clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men.
Ezek 23:13 And I saw that she was defiled, that both [of the sisters] took one way.
Ezek 23:14 But [Aholibah] carried her harlotries further, for she saw men pictured upon the wall, the pictures of the Chaldeans sketched in bright red pigment,
Ezek 23:15 Girded with girdles on their loins, with flowing turbans on their heads, all of them looking like officers, a picture of Babylonian men whose native land was Chaldea,
Ezek 23:16 Then as soon as she saw [the sketches of] them, she doted on them and sent messengers to them in Chaldea.
Ezek 23:17 And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their evil desire; and when she was polluted by them, she [Jerusalem] broke the relationship {and} pushed them away from her in disgust.
Ezek 23:18 So she flaunted her harlotries and exposed her nakedness, and I was disgusted and turned from her, as I had turned in disgust from her sister.
Ezek 23:19 Yet she multiplied her harlotries, remembering the days of her youth in which she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt.
Ezek 23:20 For she doted upon her paramours there, whose lust was sensuous {and} vulgar like that of asses {or} stallions.
Ezek 23:21 Thus you yearned for the lewdness of your youth, when those of Egypt handled your bosom on account of your girlish breasts.
Ezek 23:22 Therefore, O Aholibah, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will rouse up your lovers against you, from whom you turned in disgust, and I will bring them against you on every side:
Ezek 23:23 The Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, Pekod and Shoa and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them, desirable young men, governors and officers all of them, princes, men of renown {and} counselors, all of them riding on horses.
Ezek 23:24 And they shall come against you with weapons, chariots, wagons {and} wheels, and with a host of infantry which shall array themselves against you with buckler and shield and helmet round about; and I will commit the judgment {and} punishment to them, and they shall judge {and} punish you according to their [heathen] customs in such matters.
Ezek 23:25 And I will set My jealous indignation against you, and they shall deal with you in fury; they shall take away your nose and your ears, and those who are left of you shall fall by the sword; they shall take your sons and your daughters, and the remainder shall be devoured by the fire.
Ezek 23:26 They shall also strip you [Judah] of your clothes and take away your fine jewels.
Ezek 23:27 Thus I will put an end to your lewdness and your harlotry brought from the land of Egypt, so that you will not lift up your eyes to them nor [earnestly] remember Egypt any more.
Ezek 23:28 For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will deliver you into the hands of those whom you hate, into the hands of those from whom you turned away in disgust.
Ezek 23:29 They shall deal with you in hatred and shall take away all [the earnings of] your labor and shall leave you naked and bare, and the nakedness of your harlotry shall be uncovered, both your lewdness and your wanton ways.
Ezek 23:30 These things shall be done to you, because you have played the harlot after the nations and because you have defiled yourself with their idols.
Ezek 23:31 You have walked in the way of your sister [Samaria, Israel's capital]; therefore I will give her cup into your hand.

Ezek 23:32 Thus says the Lord God: You shall drink of your sister's cup which is deep and wide {and} brimful; you shall be laughed to scorn and held in derision, for it contains much [too much to endure].
Ezek 23:33 You shall be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of wasting astonishment {and} horror and desolation, with the cup of your sister Samaria.
Ezek 23:34 You shall drink it and drain it out, and then gnaw the pieces of it [which in your drunkenness you have broken] and shall tear your [own] breasts; for I have spoken it, says the Lord God.
Ezek 23:35 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you have forgotten Me [your divine Husband] and cast Me behind your back, therefore bear also [the consequences of] your lewdness and your harlotry.
Ezek 23:36 The Lord said, moreover, to me: Son of man, will you judge Aholah and Aholibah? Then declare {and} show to them their abominations (the detestable, loathsome, and shamefully vile things they do),
Ezek 23:37 For they have committed adultery and blood is on their hands, even with their idols have they committed adultery [against Me]. And they have also caused their sons, whom they bore to Me, to pass through the fire to their images [as an offering of food] to be devoured [by them].
Ezek 23:38 Moreover, this they have done to Me: they have defiled My sanctuary on the same day [of their idolatries] and have profaned My Sabbaths.
Ezek 23:39 For when they had slain their children [as offerings] to their idols, then they came the same day into My sanctuary to profane it [by daring to offer sacrifice there also]! And behold, thus have they done in the midst of My house!
Ezek 23:40 And furthermore, you have sent for men to come from afar, to whom a messenger was sent; and behold, they came--those for whom you washed yourself, painted your eyelids, and decked yourself with ornaments;
Ezek 23:41 And you sat upon a stately couch with a table spread before it upon which you set My incense and My oil.
Ezek 23:42 And the sound of a careless crowd was with her, and with men of the common sort were brought drunkards from the wilderness, who put bracelets upon the hands of both sisters and beautiful crowns upon their heads.
Ezek 23:43 Then I said of the one [Aholah] worn out with adulteries, Will they now play the harlot with her [now that she is old] and she with them?
Ezek 23:44 Yet they went in to her as they go in to a woman who plays the harlot; so they went in to Aholah and to Aholibah [Israel and Judah], the lewd women.
Ezek 23:45 And the righteous men, they shall judge {and} condemn them to the punishment due to adulteresses, to women who shed blood, for they are adulteresses and blood is upon their hands.
Ezek 23:46 For thus says the Lord God: I will bring up a host upon them and will give them over to be tossed to and fro and robbed.
Ezek 23:47 And the host shall stone them with stones and cut them down with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters and burn up their houses with fire.
Ezek 23:48 Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness.
Ezek 23:49 Thus your lewdness shall be recompensed upon you and you shall suffer the penalty for your sinful idolatry; and you shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord God.
Ezek 24:1 AGAIN IN the ninth year [of King Jehoiachin's captivity by Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon], in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 24:2 Son of man, record the name of the day, even of this same day; the king of Babylon set himself against {and} assailed Jerusalem this same day.
Ezek 24:3 And utter a parable against the rebellious house [of Judah] and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Put on a pot; put it on and also pour water into it.
Ezek 24:4 Put into it the pieces [of meat], all the good pieces, the thigh and the shoulder; fill it with the choice of the bones.
Ezek 24:5 Take the choicest of the flock and burn also the unused bones under it, and make it boil well and seethe its bones in [the pot].
Ezek 24:6 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Woe to the bloody city, to the pot whose rust {and} scum are in it and whose rust {and} scum have not gone out of it! Take out of it piece by piece, without making any choice.
Ezek 24:7 For the blood she has shed remains in the midst of her; she put it upon the bare rock; she did not pour it on the ground to cover it with dust.
Ezek 24:8 That it may cause wrath to come up to take vengeance, I have put her blood [guilt for her children sacrificed to Molech] upon the bare rock, that it would not be covered.
Ezek 24:9 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Woe to the bloodguilty city! Also I will make the pile [of fuel] great.

Ezek 24:10 Heap on wood, kindle the fire {and} make it hot, boil well the meat {and} mix the spices, pour out the broth when thick, and let the bones be burned up.
Ezek 24:11 Then set [the pot Jerusalem] back empty upon the coals, that the bronze of it may be hot and may glow and the filthiness of it may be melted in it and the rust {and} scum of it may be consumed.
Ezek 24:12 She has wearied herself {and} Me with toil; yet her great rust {and} scum go not forth out of her, for however hotly the fire burns, her thick rust {and} filth will not go out of her by fire.
Ezek 24:13 In your filthiness is abomination; [and therefore] because I would have cleansed you and you were not cleansed, you shall not be cleansed from your filthiness any more until I have satisfied My wrath against {and} upon you.
Ezek 24:14 I the Lord have spoken it; it shall come to pass and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I relent; according to your ways and according to your doings shall they judge {and} punish you, says the Lord God.
Ezek 24:15 Also the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 24:16 Son of man [Ezekiel], behold, I take away from you the desire of your eyes [your wife] at a single stroke. Yet you shall neither mourn nor weep, neither shall your tears flow.
Ezek 24:17 Sigh {and} groan, but not aloud [be silent]; make no mourning for the dead; bind your turban upon your head and put your shoes on your feet, and do not cover your beard or eat the bread of mourners [furnished by others].
Ezek 24:18 So I spoke to the people in the morning and in the evening my wife died, and I did the next morning as I was commanded.
Ezek 24:19 And the people said to me, Will you not tell us what these things are supposed to mean to us, that you are acting as you do?
Ezek 24:20 Then I answered them, The word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 24:21 Speak to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will profane My sanctuary--[in which you take] pride as your strength, the desire of your eyes, and the pity {and} sympathy of your soul [that you would spare with your life]; and your sons and your daughters whom you have left behind shall fall by the sword.
Ezek 24:22 And you shall do as I [Ezekiel] have done; you shall not cover your beard nor eat the bread of mourning [brought to you by others],
Ezek 24:23 And your turbans shall be upon your heads and your shoes upon your feet; you shall not mourn or weep, but you shall pine away for your iniquities (your guilt) and sigh {and} groan to one another.
Ezek 24:24 Thus Ezekiel is to you a sign; according to all that he has done you shall do. And when this [destruction of the temple] comes, you shall know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord God [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 24:25 And you, son of man, on the day when I take from them [My temple] their strength {and} their stronghold, their joy and their glory, the delight of their eyes and their hearts' chief desire, and also [take] their sons and their daughters--
Ezek 24:26 On that day an escaped fugitive shall come to you to cause you to hear of it [the destruction of Jerusalem] with your own ears.
Ezek 24:27 In that day your mouth shall be open to him who has escaped, and you shall speak and be no more speechless, and you shall be a sign to them and they shall know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord.
Ezek 25:1 THE WORD of the Lord came again to me, saying,
Ezek 25:2 Son of man, set your face toward the Ammonites and prophesy against them.
Ezek 25:3 And say to the Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord God, for thus says the Lord God: Because you said Aha! over My sanctuary when it was profaned and over the land of Israel when it was made desolate and over the house of Judah when it went into captivity {and} exile,
Ezek 25:4 Therefore behold, I am delivering you to the people of the East for a possession, and they shall set their encampments among you and make their dwellings in your midst; they shall eat your fruit and they shall drink your milk.
Ezek 25:5 And I will make Rabbah [your chief city] a stable for camels and [the cities of] the Ammonites a fold for flocks. And you shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 25:6 For thus says the Lord God: Because you have clapped your hands and stamped with the feet and rejoiced [in heart] with all the contempt, malice, {and} spite that is in you against the land of Israel,
Ezek 25:7 Therefore behold, I have stretched out My hand against you and will hand you over for a prey {and} a spoil to the nations, and I will cut you off from the peoples and will cause you to perish {and} be lost out of the countries; I

will destroy you. Then will you know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 25:8 Thus says the Lord God: Because Moab says, as does Seir [Edom], Behold, the house of Judah is like all the [heathen] nations,
Ezek 25:9 Therefore behold, I will lay open the flank of Moab from the cities, from its cities on its frontiers {and} in every quarter, the glory of the country, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim.
Ezek 25:10 I will give it along with the children of Ammon to the people of the East for a possession, that it {and} the children of Ammon may not be [any more seriously] remembered among the nations.
Ezek 25:11 And I will execute judgments {and} punishments upon Moab, and they shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 25:12 Thus says the Lord God: Because Edom has dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance and has greatly offended {and} has become doubly guilty by taking revenge upon them,
Ezek 25:13 Therefore thus says the Lord God: I will also stretch out My hand against Edom and will cut off {and} root out man and beast from it, and I will make it desolate; from Teman even to Dedan they shall fall by the sword.
Ezek 25:14 And I will lay My vengeance upon Edom by the hand of My people Israel, and they shall do upon Edom according to My anger and according to My wrath, and they shall know My vengeance, says the Lord God.
Ezek 25:15 Thus says the Lord God: Because the Philistines have dealt revengefully and have taken vengeance contemptuously, with malice {and} spite in their hearts, to destroy in perpetual enmity,
Ezek 25:16 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will stretch out My hand against the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites [an immigration in Philistia] and destroy the remainder of the seacoast.
Ezek 25:17 And I will execute great vengeance upon them with wrathful rebukes {and} chastisements, and they shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord, when I lay My vengeance upon them.
Ezek 26:1 AND IN the eleventh year, on the first day of the month [after the carrying away of King Jehoiachin], the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 26:2 Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, Aha! She is broken that has been the gate of the people; she is open to me [Tyre]; I shall become full now that she is desolate {and} a wasteland,
Ezek 26:3 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against you as the sea mounts up by its waves.
Ezek 26:4 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers; I will also scrape her dust from her and make her bare like the top of a rock.
Ezek 26:5 Her island in the midst of the sea shall become a place for the spreading of nets, for I have spoken it, says the Lord God; and she shall become a prey {and} a spoil to the nations.
Ezek 26:6 And Tyre's daughters [her towns and villages on the mainland] in the level place shall be slain by the sword, and they shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 26:7 For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will bring from the north upon Tyre Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, with horses and chariots and with horsemen and a host of many people.
Ezek 26:8 He shall slay with the sword your daughters [the towns and villages] in the level area [on the mainland], and he shall make a fortified wall against you and cast up a siege mound against you and raise up a roof of bucklers {and} shields as a defense against you.
Ezek 26:9 And he shall set his battering engines in shock against your walls, and with his axes he will break down your towers.
Ezek 26:10 Because of the great number of [Nebuchadrezzar's] horses, their dust will cover you; your walls [O Tyre] will shake at the noise of the horsemen and of the wagon wheels and of the chariots, when he enters into your gates as men enter into the city in whose walls there has been made a breach.
Ezek 26:11 With the hoofs of his horses [Nebuchadrezzar] will trample all your streets; he will slay your people with the sword and your strong pillars {or} obelisks will fall to the ground.
Ezek 26:12 And [your adversaries] shall make a spoil of your riches and make booty of your merchandise. And they shall break down your walls and destroy your pleasant houses, and they shall lay the stones and the timber and the very dust from your demolished city out in the midst of the water [between the island and the mainland city site to make a causeway].
Ezek 26:13 And I will cause the noise of your songs to cease, and the sound of your lyres shall be no more heard.
Ezek 26:14 And I will make you [Tyre] a bare rock; you shall be a place upon which to spread nets; you shall never be rebuilt, for I the Lord have spoken it, says the Lord God.

Ezek 26:15 Thus says the Lord God to Tyre: Shall not the isles {and} coastlands shake at the sound of your fall when the wounded groan, when the slaughter is made in the midst of you?
Ezek 26:16 Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones and lay aside their robes and strip off their embroidered garments; they shall clothe themselves with tremblings; they shall sit upon the ground and shall tremble every moment and be astonished at you {and} appalled.
Ezek 26:17 They shall take up a lamentation over you and say to you, How you are destroyed {and} vanished, O renowned city that was won from the seas {and} inhabited by seafaring men, renowned city that was mighty on the sea, she and her inhabitants who caused their terror to fall upon all who dwell there!
Ezek 26:18 Now the isles {and} coastlands tremble in the day of your fall; yes, the isles that are in the sea are troubled {and} dismayed at your departure.
Ezek 26:19 For thus says the Lord God: When I make you a desolate city like the cities that are not inhabited, when I bring up the deep over you and great waters cover you,
Ezek 26:20 Then I will thrust you down with those who descend into the pit (the place of the dead) to the people of olden times, and I will make you [Tyre] to dwell in the lower world like the places that were desolate of old, with those who go down to the pit, that you be not inhabited or shed forth your glory {and} renown in the land of the living.
Ezek 26:21 I will make you a terror [bring you to a dreadful end] and you shall be no more. Though you be sought, yet you shall never be found again, says the Lord God.
Ezek 27:1 THE WORD of the Lord came again to me, saying,
Ezek 27:2 Now you, son of man, take up a lamentation over Tyre,
Ezek 27:3 And say to Tyre, O you who dwell at the entrance to the sea, who are merchant of the peoples of many islands {and} coastlands, thus says the Lord God: O Tyre, you have thought {and} said, I am perfect in beauty.
Ezek 27:4 Your borders are in the heart of the seas; your builders have perfected your beauty.
Ezek 27:5 They have made all your planks {and} boards of fir trees from Senir [a peak of Mount Hermon]; they have taken a cedar from Lebanon to make a mast for you.
Ezek 27:6 Of the oaks of Bashan they have made your oars; they have made your deck {and} benches of boxwood from the coasts of Cyprus, inlaid with ivory.
Ezek 27:7 Of fine linen with embroidered work from Egypt was your sail, that it might be an ensign for you; blue and purple from the coasts of Elishah [of Asia Minor] was the [ship's] awning which covered you.
Ezek 27:8 The inhabitants of Sidon and [the island] of Arvad were your oarsmen; your skilled {and} wise men, O Tyre, were in you; they were your pilots.
Ezek 27:9 The old men of Gebal [a city north of Sidon] and its skilled {and} wise men in you were your calkers; all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in you to deal in your merchandise {and} trading.
Ezek 27:10 Persia and Lud and Put were in your army as your men of war; they hung the shield and helmet in you; they gave you beauty {and} splendor.
Ezek 27:11 The men of Arvad with your army were upon your walls round about and valorous men [of Gamad] were in your towers; they hung their shields upon your walls round about; they have perfected your beauty {and} splendor.
Ezek 27:12 Tarshish [in Spain] carried on traffic with you because of the abundance of your riches of all kinds; with silver, iron, tin, and lead they traded for your wares.
Ezek 27:13 Javan (Greece), Tubal, and Meshech [in the mountainous region between the Black and Caspian Seas] traded with you. They exchanged the lives of men [taken as slaves] and vessels of bronze for your merchandise.
Ezek 27:14 They of the house of Togarmah (Armenia) traded for your wares with [chariot] horses, cavalry horses, and mules.
Ezek 27:15 The men of Dedan [in Arabia] traded with you; many islands {and} coastlands were your own markets; they brought you in payment {or} as presents ivory tusks and ebony.
Ezek 27:16 Aram (Syria or Mesopotamia) {and Edom} traded with you because of the multitude of the wares of your making. They exchanged for your merchandise emeralds, purple, embroidered work, fine linen, coral, and agate {or} rubies.
Ezek 27:17 Judah and the land of Israel, they were your traders; they exchanged in your market wheat of Minnith [in Ammon], olives {or} early figs, honey, oil, and balm.
Ezek 27:18 Damascus traded with you because of the abundance of supplies of your handiworks and the immense wealth of every kind, with wine of Helbon [Aleppo] and white wool [of Sachar in Syria].
Ezek 27:19 Vedan also and [Arabic] Javan traded with yarn from Uzal [in Arabia] for your wares; wrought iron, cassia, and calamus were exchanged for your merchandise.
Ezek 27:20 Dedan supplied you with precious [saddle] cloths for riding.

Ezek 27:21 Arabia and all the princes of Kedar, they were the merchants in lambs, rams, and goats favored by you; in these they traded with you.
Ezek 27:22 The merchants of Sheba and Raamah [in Arabia] traded with you; they exchanged for your wares the choicest of all kinds of spices and all precious stones and gold.
Ezek 27:23 Haran and Canneh and Eden [in Mesopotamia], the merchants of Sheba [on the Euphrates], Asshur, and Chilmad [near Bagdad] were your traders.
Ezek 27:24 These traded with you in choice fabrics, in bales of garments of blue and embroidered work, and in treasures of many colored rich damask {and} carpets bound with cords and made firm; in these they traded with you.
Ezek 27:25 The ships of Tarshish were your caravans for your merchandise, and you were replenished [Tyre] and were heavily loaded {and} made an imposing fleet [in your location] in the heart of the seas.
Ezek 27:26 Your rowers have brought you out into great {and} deep waters; the east wind has broken {and} wrecked you in the heart of the seas.
Ezek 27:27 Your riches, your wares, your merchandise, your oarsmen and your pilots, your caulkers, your dealers in merchandise, and all your men of war who are in you, with all your company which is in your midst, sink in the heart of the seas on the day of your ruin!
Ezek 27:28 The waves {and} the countryside shake at the [piercing] sound of the [hopeless, wailing] cry of your pilots.
Ezek 27:29 And down from their ships come all who handle the oar. The mariners and all the pilots of the sea stand upon the shore
Ezek 27:30 And are heard wailing loudly over you, and they cry bitterly. They cast up dust on their heads; they wallow in ashes,
Ezek 27:31 And they make themselves [utterly] bald for you and gird themselves with sackcloth, and they weep over you in bitterness of heart and with bitter mourning {and} wailing.
Ezek 27:32 And in their wailing they take up a lamentation for you and lament over you, saying, Who was ever like Tyre, the destroyed (the annihilated), [who has become so still] in the heart of the sea?
Ezek 27:33 When your wares came forth from the seas, you met the desire, the demand, {and} the necessities of many people; you enriched the kings of the earth with your abundant wealth and merchandise.
Ezek 27:34 Now you are shattered by the seas in the depths of the waters; your merchandise and all your crew have gone down with you.
Ezek 27:35 All the inhabitants of the isles {and} coastlands are astonished {and} appalled at you, and their kings are horribly frightened {and} shudder greatly; their faces quiver.
Ezek 27:36 The merchants among the people hiss over you [with malicious joy]; you have become a horror {and} a source of terrors. You shall be no more [forever].
Ezek 28:1 THE WORD of the Lord came again to me, saying,
Ezek 28:2 Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, Thus says the Lord God: Because your heart is lifted up and you have said {and} thought, I am a god, I sit in the seat of the gods, in the heart of the seas; yet you are only man [weak, feeble, made of earth] and not God, though you imagine yourself to be almost more than mortal with your mind as the mind of God;
Ezek 28:3 Indeed, you are [imagining yourself] wiser than Daniel; there is no secret [you think] that is hidden from you;
Ezek 28:4 With your own wisdom and with your own understanding you have gotten you riches {and} power and have brought gold and silver into your treasuries;
Ezek 28:5 By your great wisdom and by your traffic you have increased your riches {and} power, and your heart is proud {and} lifted up because of your wealth;
Ezek 28:6 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you have imagined your mind as the mind of God [having thoughts and purposes suitable only to God Himself],
Ezek 28:7 Behold therefore, I am bringing strangers upon you, the most terrible of the nations, and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom [O Tyre], and they shall defile your splendor.
Ezek 28:8 They shall bring you down to the pit [of destruction] and you shall die the [many] deaths of all the Tyrians that are slain in the heart of the seas.
Ezek 28:9 Will you still say, I am a god, before him who slays you? But you are only a man [made of earth] and no god in the hand of him who wounds {and} profanes you.
Ezek 28:10 You shall die the death of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers, for I have spoken it, says the Lord God.

Ezek 28:11 Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, Thus says the Lord God: You are the full measure {and} pattern of exactness [giving the finishing touch to all that constitutes completeness], full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.
Ezek 28:13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, the carnelian, topaz, jasper, chrysolite, beryl, onyx, sapphire, carbuncle, and emerald; and your settings and your sockets {and} engravings were wrought in gold. On the day that you were created they were prepared.
Ezek 28:14 You were the anointed cherub that covers with overshadowing [wings], and I set you so. You were upon the holy mountain of God; you walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire [like the paved work of gleaming sapphire stone upon which the God of Israel walked on Mount Sinai].
Ezek 28:15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created until iniquity {and} guilt were found in you.
Ezek 28:16 Through the abundance of your commerce you were filled with lawlessness {and} violence, and you sinned; therefore I cast you out as a profane thing from the mountain of God and the guardian cherub drove you out from the midst of the stones of fire.
Ezek 28:17 Your heart was proud {and} lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I lay you before kings, that they might gaze at you.
Ezek 28:18 You have profaned your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities {and} the enormity of your guilt, by the unrighteousness of your trade. Therefore I have brought forth a fire from your midst; it has consumed you, and I have reduced you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who looked at you.
Ezek 28:19 All who know you among the people are astonished and appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and shall never return to being.
Ezek 28:20 Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 28:21 Son of man, set your face toward Sidon and prophesy against her.
Ezek 28:22 And say, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Sidon, and I will show forth My glory {and} be glorified in the midst of you. And they shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord when I execute judgments {and} punishments in her, and am set apart {and} separated {and} My holiness is manifested in her.
Ezek 28:23 For I will send pestilence into her and blood into her streets, and the wounded shall be judged {and} fall by the sword in the midst of her on every side, and they shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 28:24 And there shall be no more a brier to prick the house of Israel or a hurting thorn of all those around them who have treated them with contempt, and they shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord God [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 28:25 Thus says the Lord God: When I gather the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and I shall be set apart {and} separated {and} My holiness made apparent in them in the sight of the nations, then shall they dwell in their own land which I gave to My servant Jacob.
Ezek 28:26 And they shall dwell safely in it and shall build houses and plant vineyards; yes, they shall dwell securely {and} with confidence when I have executed judgments {and} punishments upon all those round about them who have despised {and} trodden upon them {and} pushed them away, and they shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord their God [their Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 29:1 IN THE tenth year [of the captivity of King Jehoiachin by the king of Babylon], in the tenth [month], on the twelfth [day] of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 29:2 Son of man, set your face toward Pharaoh king of Egypt and prophesy against him and against all Egypt.
Ezek 29:3 Say, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great monster [of sluggish and unwieldy strength] that lies in the midst of his [delta] streams, [boastfully] declaring, My river Nile is my own and I have made it for myself.
Ezek 29:4 But I will put hooks in your jaws [O Egyptian dragon] and I will cause the fish of your rivers to stick to your scales, and I will draw you up out of the midst of your streams with all the fish of your streams which stick to your scales.
Ezek 29:5 And I will cast you forth into the wilderness, you and all the fish of your rivers; you shall fall upon the open field and not be gathered up or buried. I have given you for food to the [wild] beasts of the earth and the birds of the heavens.
Ezek 29:6 And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service], because they have been a [deceitful] staff [made of fragile] reeds

to the house of Israel.
Ezek 29:7 When they grasped you with the hand {and} leaned upon you, you broke and tore their whole shoulder, and [by injuring their muscles made them so stiff and rigid that] they could do no more than stand.
Ezek 29:8 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will bring a sword upon you and cut off man and beast from you,
Ezek 29:9 And the land of Egypt shall be a desolation and a waste. And they shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service]. Because you have said, The river is mine and I have made it,
Ezek 29:10 Behold therefore, I am against you and against your streams, and I will make the land of Egypt an utter [plundered] waste and desolation [of subjection] from [northern] Migdol to [southern] Syene, even as far as the border of Ethiopia.
Ezek 29:11 No foot of man shall pass through it [in travel], no foot of beast shall pass through it [in trade with other countries], neither shall [Egypt] be [truly] inhabited [again] for forty years.
Ezek 29:12 And I will make the land of Egypt a desolation [plundered and reduced to subjection] in the midst of desolated (plundered and reduced to subjection) countries, and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be a desolation forty years. I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and will disperse them through the countries.
Ezek 29:13 Yet thus says the Lord God: At the end of [their] forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the peoples among whom they were scattered,
Ezek 29:14 And I will reverse the captivity of Egypt [as I will that of Israel] and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros [under Egypt], the land of their origin, and they shall be there a lowly kingdom.
Ezek 29:15 It shall be the lowliest of the kingdoms, neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations; I will diminish [the Egyptians] so they shall never again rule over the nations.
Ezek 29:16 And never again shall Egypt have the confidence {and} be the reliance of the house of Israel; their iniquity will be brought to remembrance whenever [Israel] looks toward them [for help]. They shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord God [Who demands loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 29:17 In the twenty-seventh year [after King Jehoiachin was taken to Babylon], in the first month, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 29:18 Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to render heavy service [at My bidding] against Tyre; every [soldier's] head became bald and every shoulder was worn {and} peeled [with carrying loads of earth and stones for siege works]. Yet he had no remuneration from Tyre [in proportion to the time and labor expended in the thirteen years' siege], either for himself or his army, for the work that he had done against it [for Me].
Ezek 29:19 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall carry off her great mass of people {and} of things (her riches) and take her spoil and take her prey, and it shall be the wages for his army.
Ezek 29:20 I have given him the land of Egypt for his labor with which he served [against Tyre] because they did it for Me, says the Lord God.
Ezek 29:21 In that day will I cause a horn to spring forth to the house of Israel and I will open your lips among them, and they shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 30:1 THE WORD of the Lord came again to me, saying,
Ezek 30:2 Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus says the Lord God: Wail, Alas for the day!
Ezek 30:3 For the day is near, even the day of the Lord is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time [of doom] for the nations.
Ezek 30:4 And a sword shall come upon Egypt, and anguish {and} great sorrow shall be in Ethiopia (Cush), when the slain fall in Egypt and they [of Babylon] carry away her great mass of people {and} of things and her foundations are broken down.
Ezek 30:5 Ethiopia (Cush) and Put, Lud and all the mingled people [foreigners living in Egypt], Cub (Lub, Libya) and the children of the land of the covenant [the Jews who had taken refuge in Egypt] shall fall with [the Egyptians] by the sword.
Ezek 30:6 Thus says the Lord: They also who uphold {or} lean upon {and} are supported by Egypt shall fall, and the pride of her power shall come down; from Migdol [in the north] to Syene [in the south] they shall fall within her by the sword, says the Lord God.
Ezek 30:7 And they shall be desolated in the midst of countries that are desolated, and her cities shall be in the midst of cities that are wasted [by plunder and subjection].

Ezek 30:8 And they shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service], when I have set a fire in Egypt and all her helpers are broken {and} destroyed.
Ezek 30:9 In that day shall [swift] messengers go forth from Me in ships to terrify the careless {and} unsuspecting Ethiopians, and there shall be anguish {and} great sorrow upon them as in the day of Egypt's [doom], for behold, [their day] comes!
Ezek 30:10 Thus says the Lord God: I will also make the tumult {and} the wealth {and} the large population of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon.
Ezek 30:11 He and his people with him, the [most] terrible of the nations, shall be brought in to destroy the land, and they shall draw their swords against Egypt and fill the land with the slain.
Ezek 30:12 And I will make the [artificial] streams [of the Nile delta] dry and will sell the land into the hand of evil men, and I will make the land desolate, and all that is in it, by the hand of strangers. I the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service] have spoken it.
Ezek 30:13 Thus says the Lord God: I will also destroy the idols and I will put an end to the images in Noph {or} Memphis, and there shall be no longer a prince of the land of Egypt. And I will put fear in the land of Egypt.
Ezek 30:14 And I will make Pathros desolate and will set fire to Zoan and will execute judgments {and} punishments upon No {or} Thebes.
Ezek 30:15 And I will pour My wrath upon Pelusium, the stronghold of Egypt, and I will cut off the tumult, the prosperity {and} the population of No {or} Thebes.
Ezek 30:16 And I will set fire to Egypt; Pelusium shall have great anguish and No {or} Thebes shall be torn open and Noph {or} Memphis shall have adversaries in the daytime {and} all the day long.
Ezek 30:17 The young men of Aven {or} On and of Pibeseth shall fall by the sword, and the [women and children] shall go into captivity.
Ezek 30:18 At Tehaphnehes also the day shall withdraw itself {and} be dark when I break there the yokes {and} dominion of Egypt, and the pride of her power shall come to an end. As for her, a cloud [of calamities] shall cover her and her daughters shall go into captivity.
Ezek 30:19 Thus will I execute judgments {and} punishments upon Egypt. Then shall they know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 30:20 And in the eleventh year [after King Jehoiachin was taken to Babylon], in the first month, on the seventh day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 30:21 Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and behold, it has not been bound up to heal it by binding it with a bandage, to make it strong to hold {and} wield the sword.
Ezek 30:22 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt and will break his arms, both the strong one and the one which was broken, and I will cause the sword to fall from his hand.
Ezek 30:23 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and will disperse them throughout the countries.
Ezek 30:24 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and put My sword in his hand, but I will break Pharaoh's arms and he will groan before [Nebuchadrezzar] with the groanings of a mortally wounded man.
Ezek 30:25 But I will strengthen {and} hold up the arms of the king of Babylon and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down, and they [of Egypt] shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service], when I put My sword into the hand of the king of Babylon and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt.
Ezek 30:26 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them through the countries, and they shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 31:1 AND IN the eleventh year [after King Jehoiachin was taken captive to Babylon], in the third month, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 31:2 Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his multitude: Whom are you like in your greatness?
Ezek 31:3 Behold, [I will liken you to] Assyria, a cedar in Lebanon, with fair branches and with forestlike shade and of high stature, with its top among the thick boughs [even among the clouds].
Ezek 31:4 The waters nourished it; the deep made it grow tall; its rivers ran round about its planting, sending out its streams to all the trees of the forest [the other nations].
Ezek 31:5 Therefore it towered higher than all the trees of the forest; its boughs were multiplied and its branches became long, because there was much water when they were shot forth.
Ezek 31:6 All the birds of the heavens made their nests in its boughs, and under its branches all the wild beasts of the field brought forth their young and under its shadow dwelt all of the great nations.
Ezek 31:7 Thus was it beautiful in its greatness, in the length of its branches, for its root was by many {and} great

waters.
Ezek 31:8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide {or} rival it; the cypress trees did not have boughs like it and the plane trees did not have branches like it, nor was any tree in the garden of God like it in its beauty.
Ezek 31:9 I made it beautiful with the multitude of its branches, so that all the trees of Eden that were in the garden of God envied it [Assyria].
Ezek 31:10 Therefore thus said the Lord God: Because it is exalted in stature and has set its top among the thick boughs {and} the clouds, and its heart is proud of its height,
Ezek 31:11 I will even deliver it into the hand of a mighty one of the nations; he shall surely deal with it. I have driven it out for its wickedness {and} lawlessness.
Ezek 31:12 And strangers, the most terrible of the nations, will cut it off and leave it; upon the mountains and in all the valleys its branches will fall and its boughs will lie broken by all the watercourses of the land, and all the peoples of the earth will go down out of its shade and leave it.
Ezek 31:13 Upon its ruins all the birds of the heavens will dwell, and all the wild beasts of the field will be upon [Assyria's fallen] branches.
Ezek 31:14 All this is so that none of the trees by the waters may exalt themselves because of their height or shoot up their top among the thick boughs {and} the clouds, and that none of their mighty ones should stand upon [their own estimate of] themselves for their height, all that drink water. For they are all delivered over to death, to the lower world, in the midst of the children of men, with those who go down to the pit (the grave).
Ezek 31:15 Thus says the Lord God: When [Assyria] goes down to Sheol (the place of the dead), I will cause a mourning; I will cover the deep for it and I will restrain its floods, and the many waters [that contributed to its prosperity] will be stayed; and I will cause Lebanon to be in black gloom {and} to mourn for it, and all the trees of the field, dismayed, will faint because of it.
Ezek 31:16 I will make the nations quake at the sound of its fall when I cast it down to Sheol with those who descend into the pit, and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all [the trees] that drink water, will be comforted in the netherworld [at Assyria's downfall].
Ezek 31:17 They also shall go down into Sheol with it to those who were slain by the sword--yes, those who were its arm, who dwelt under its shadow in the midst of the nations.
Ezek 31:18 To whom [O Egypt] among the trees of Eden are you thus like in glory and in greatness? Yet you [also] shall be brought down with the trees of Eden to the netherworld. You shall lie among the uncircumcised heathen with those who are slain by the sword. This is how it shall be with Pharaoh and all the multitude of his strength, his tumult, {and} his store [of wealth and glory], says the Lord God.
Ezek 32:1 IN THE twelfth year [after King Jehoiachin of Judah was taken into exile by the king of Babylon], in the twelfth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 32:2 Son of man, take up a lamentation over Pharaoh king of Egypt and say to him, You have likened [yourself] to a young lion, leader of the nations, but you are like a [monster] dragon in the seas; you break forth in your rivers and trouble the waters with your feet, and you make foul their rivers [the sources of their prosperity].
Ezek 32:3 Thus says the Lord God: I will therefore throw out My net over you with a host of many peoples, and they shall bring you up in My dragnet.
Ezek 32:4 Then I will leave you [Egypt] upon the shore; I will cast you on the open field and will cause all the birds of the heavens to settle upon you, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with you.
Ezek 32:5 And I will scatter your flesh upon the mountains and fill the valleys with your high heap of corpses {and} their worms.
Ezek 32:6 I will also water with your flowing blood the land, even to the mountains, and the hollows {and} water channels shall be full of you.
Ezek 32:7 And when I have extinguished you, I will cover the heavens [of Egypt] and make their stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud and the moon shall not give her light.
Ezek 32:8 All the bright lights of the heavens I will make dark over you and set darkness upon your land, says the Lord God.
Ezek 32:9 I will also trouble {and} vex the hearts of many peoples when I bring your breaking {and} trembling {and} destruction {and} carry you captive among the nations, into the countries which you have not known.
Ezek 32:10 I will make many peoples amazed {and} appalled at you [Egypt], and their kings shall shudder {and} be horribly afraid because of you when I brandish My sword before them; they shall tremble every moment, every man for his own life, in the day of your downfall.
Ezek 32:11 For thus says the Lord God: The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon you.

Ezek 32:12 I will cause your multitude, your tumult, {and} your store [of wealth, strength, and glory] to fall by the swords of the mighty--the most terrible among the nations are they all. And they shall bring to nothing the pomp {and} pride of Egypt, and all its multitude [with its activity and its wealth in every sphere] shall be destroyed.
Ezek 32:13 I will destroy also all its beasts from beside many {and} great waters, and no foot of man shall trouble them any more, nor shall the hoofs of beasts trouble them.
Ezek 32:14 Then will I make their waters sink down (subside, be quiet, and become clear); their rivers I will cause to run [slowly and smoothly] like oil, says the Lord God.
Ezek 32:15 When I make the land of Egypt desolate, and the country is stripped {and} destitute of all that of which it was full when I smite all those who dwell in it, then will they know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who requires and calls forth loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 32:16 This is the lamentation with which they shall intone {or} chant the lament for her; the daughters of the nations shall chant their lament with it; over Egypt and over all her multitude, her tumult, {and} her wealth in every sphere shall they chant it, says the Lord God.
Ezek 32:17 In the twelfth year [after King Jehoiachin of Judah was taken into exile], on the fifteenth day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 32:18 Son of man, wail over the multitude of Egypt and cast them down, even her and the daughters of the famous {and} majestic nations, to the netherworld, with those who go down to the pit;
Ezek 32:19 Whom [among them] do you surpass in beauty? Go down and be laid with the uncircumcised (the heathen).
Ezek 32:20 They shall fall in the midst of those who are slain by the sword; she [Egypt] is delivered to the sword; they draw her down [to her judgment], and all her multitudes [with their noise and stores].
Ezek 32:21 The strong among the mighty shall speak of [Pharaoh] out of the midst of Sheol (the place of the dead, the netherworld) with those who helped him; they are gone down; they lie still, even the uncircumcised (the heathen) slain by the sword.
Ezek 32:22 Assyria is there and all her company; their graves are round about her, all of them slain, fallen by the sword,
Ezek 32:23 Whose graves are set in the uttermost parts of the pit and whose company is round about her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who caused terror to spread in the land of the living.
Ezek 32:24 Elam [an auxiliary of Assyria] is there and all her multitude round about her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who have gone down uncircumcised into the netherworld, who caused their terror to spread in the land of the living and have borne their shame with those who go down to the pit.
Ezek 32:25 They have set her a bed (a sepulcher) among the slain with all her multitude--their graves round about her, all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, for their terror had spread in the land of the living, and they henceforth bear their shame with those who go down to the pit; they are laid in the midst of the slain.
Ezek 32:26 Meshech, Tubal, and all their multitude are there; their graves are round about [Pharaoh], all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, for they caused their terror to be spread in the land of the living.
Ezek 32:27 And they shall not lie with the mighty who have fallen of the uncircumcised [and] who have gone down to Sheol (the place of the dead, the netherworld) with their weapons of war, whose swords were laid [with honors] under their heads and whose iniquities are upon their bones, for they caused their terror to spread in the land of the living.
Ezek 32:28 But you [Meshech and Tubal] shall be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised and shall lie [without honors] with those who are slain with the sword.
Ezek 32:29 Edom is there, her kings and all her princes, who for all their might are laid with those who were slain by the sword; they shall lie with the uncircumcised (the heathen) and with those who go down to the pit.
Ezek 32:30 The princes of the north are there, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who have gone down with the slain; for all the terror which they caused by their might they are put to shame, and they lie uncircumcised with those who are slain by the sword and henceforth bear their shame with those who go down to the pit.
Ezek 32:31 When Pharaoh sees them, he will comfort himself for all his multitude--even Pharaoh and all his army, slain by the sword, says the Lord God.
Ezek 32:32 For I have put his {and} My terror in the land of the living, and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised (the heathen) with those slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude, says the Lord God.
Ezek 33:1 AND THE word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 33:2 Son of man, speak to your people [the Israelite captives in Babylon] and say to them, When I bring the sword upon a land and the people of the land take a man from among them and make him their watchman,
Ezek 33:3 If when he sees the sword coming upon the land, he blows the trumpet and warns the people,

Ezek 33:4 Then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.
Ezek 33:5 He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning shall save his life.
Ezek 33:6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, he is taken away in {and} for his perversity {and} iniquity, but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.
Ezek 33:7 So you, son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at My mouth and give them warning from Me.
Ezek 33:8 When I say to the wicked, O wicked man, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his perversity {and} iniquity, but his blood will I require at your hand.
Ezek 33:9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from his evil way and he does not turn from his evil way, he shall die in his iniquity, but you will have saved your life.
Ezek 33:10 And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: Truly our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?
Ezek 33:11 Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?
Ezek 33:12 And you, son of man, say to your people, The uprightness {and} justice of the [uncompromisingly] righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; and as for the wicked lawlessness of the wicked lawless, he shall not fall because of it in the day that he turns from his wickedness, neither shall the rigidly upright {and} just be able to live because of his past righteousness in the day that he sins {and} misses the mark [in keeping in harmony and right standing with God].
Ezek 33:13 When I shall say to the [uncompromisingly] righteous that he shall surely live, and he trusts to his own righteousness [to save him] and commits iniquity (heinous sin), all his righteous deeds shall not be [seriously] remembered; but for his perversity {and} iniquity that he has committed he shall die.
Ezek 33:14 Again, when I have said to the wicked, You shall surely die, if he turns from his sin and does that which is lawful and right--
Ezek 33:15 If the wicked restores [what he took in] pledge, gives back what he had taken in robbery, walks in the statutes of life [right relationship with God], without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die.
Ezek 33:16 None of his sins that he has committed shall be [seriously] remembered against him; he has done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.
Ezek 33:17 Yet your people say, The way of the Lord is not perfect {or} even just; but as for them, it is their own way that is not perfect {or} even just.
Ezek 33:18 When the righteous turns back from his [uncompromising] righteousness and commits perverseness {and} iniquity, he shall even die in {and} because of it.
Ezek 33:19 But if the wicked turns back from his wickedness and does what is lawful and right, he shall live because of it.
Ezek 33:20 Yet you say, The way of the Lord is not perfect {or} [even] just. O you house of Israel, I will judge you, every one according to his own ways!
Ezek 33:21 In the twelfth year of our captivity [in Babylon], in the tenth [month], on the fifth [day] of the month, a man who had escaped out of Jerusalem came to me [Ezekiel], saying, The city [Jerusalem] is taken.
Ezek 33:22 Now the hand of the Lord had been upon me in the evening before this one who had escaped came, and He had opened my mouth [in readiness for the fugitives] coming to me in the morning, and my mouth was opened and I was no longer dumb.
Ezek 33:23 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 33:24 Son of man, those [back in Palestine] who inhabit those wastes of the ground of Israel are saying, Abraham was only one man and he inherited the land, but we are many; the land is surely given to us to possess as our inheritance.
Ezek 33:25 Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord God: You eat meat with the blood [as an idolatrous rite] and lift up your eyes to your [filthy] idols and shed blood; shall you then possess the land?
Ezek 33:26 You stand upon your sword [as your dependence]; you commit abominations and each of you defiles your neighbor's wife; shall you then possess the land?
Ezek 33:27 Say this to them, Thus says the Lord God: As I live, surely those who are in the waste places shall fall by the sword, and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who are in strongholds

and in caves shall die by pestilence.
Ezek 33:28 And I will make the land [of Israel] a desolation and a waste, and her proud might shall cease, and the mountains of Israel shall be so desolate that no one will pass through them.
Ezek 33:29 Then shall they know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord, when I have made the land a desolation and a waste because of all their abominations which they have committed.
Ezek 33:30 As for you, son of man, your people who talk of you by the walls and in the doors of the houses say one to another, every one to his brother, Come and hear what the word is that comes forth from the Lord.
Ezek 33:31 And they come to you as people come, and they sit before you as My people, and they hear the words you say, but they will not do them; for with their mouths they show much love, but their hearts go after {and} are set on their [idolatrous greed for] gain.
Ezek 33:32 Behold, you are to them as a very lovely [love] song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument, for they hear your words but do not do them.
Ezek 33:33 When this comes to pass--for behold, it will come!--then shall they know, understand, {and} realize that a prophet has been among them.
Ezek 34:1 AND THE word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 34:2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them, even to the [spiritual] shepherds, Thus says the Lord God: Woe to the [spiritual] shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the sheep?
Ezek 34:3 You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you kill the fatlings, but you do not feed the sheep.
Ezek 34:4 The diseased {and} weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the hurt {and} crippled you have not bandaged, those gone astray you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought to find, but with force and hardhearted harshness you have ruled them.
Ezek 34:5 And they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild beasts of the field.
Ezek 34:6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains and upon every high hill; yes, My sheep were scattered upon all the face of the earth and no one searched or sought for them.
Ezek 34:7 Therefore, you [spiritual] shepherds, hear the word of the Lord:
Ezek 34:8 As I live, says the Lord God, surely because My sheep became a prey, and My sheep became food for every beast of the field because there was no shepherd--neither did My shepherds search for My sheep, but the shepherds fed themselves and fed not My sheep--
Ezek 34:9 Therefore, O you [spiritual] shepherds, hear the word of the Lord:
Ezek 34:10 Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require My sheep at their hand and cause them to cease feeding the sheep, neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more. I will rescue My sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.
Ezek 34:11 For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I Myself, will search for My sheep and will seek them out.
Ezek 34:12 As a shepherd seeks out his sheep in the day that he is among his flock that are scattered, so will I seek out My sheep; and I will rescue them out of all places where they have been scattered in the day of clouds and thick darkness.
Ezek 34:13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and will bring them to their own land; and I will feed them upon the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited places of the country.
Ezek 34:14 I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be; there shall they lie down in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.
Ezek 34:15 I will feed My sheep and I will cause them to lie down, says the Lord God.
Ezek 34:16 I will seek that which was lost and bring back that which has strayed, and I will bandage the hurt {and} the crippled and will strengthen the weak {and} the sick, but I will destroy the fat and the strong [who have become hardhearted and perverse]; I will feed them with judgment {and} punishment.
Ezek 34:17 And as for you, O My flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between the rams and the great he-goats [the malicious and the tyrants of the pasture].
Ezek 34:18 Is it too little for you that you feed on the best pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture? And to have drunk of the waters clarified by subsiding, but you must foul the rest of the water with your feet?
Ezek 34:19 And My flock, must they feed on what your feet have trodden and drink what your feet have fouled?
Ezek 34:20 Therefore thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I Myself, will judge between fat sheep and

impoverished sheep, {or} fat goats and lean goats.
Ezek 34:21 Because you push with side and with shoulder and thrust with your horns all those that have become weak {and} diseased, till you have scattered them abroad,
Ezek 34:22 Therefore will I rescue My flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
Ezek 34:23 And I will raise up over them one Shepherd and He shall feed them, even My Servant David; He shall feed them and He shall be their Shepherd.
Ezek 34:24 And I the Lord will be their God and My Servant David a Prince among them; I the Lord have spoken it.
Ezek 34:25 And I will confirm with them a covenant of peace and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land, and [My people] shall dwell safely in the wilderness, desert, {or} pastureland and sleep [confidently] in the woods.
Ezek 34:26 And I will make them and the places round about My hill a blessing, and I will cause the showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing [of good insured by God's favor].
Ezek 34:27 And the tree of the field shall yield its fruit and the earth shall yield its increase; and [My people] shall be secure in their land, and they shall be confident {and} know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord, when I have broken the bars of their yoke and have delivered them out of the hand of those who made slaves of them.
Ezek 34:28 And they shall no more be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beasts of the earth devour them, but they shall dwell safely and none shall make them afraid [in the day of the Messiah's reign].
Ezek 34:29 And I will raise up for them a planting of crops for renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land nor bear the reproach of the nations any longer.
Ezek 34:30 Then shall they know [positively] that I, the Lord their God, am with them and that they, the house of Israel, are My people, says the Lord God,
Ezek 34:31 And that you, My sheep, the sheep of My pasture, are [only] men and I am your God, says the Lord God.
Ezek 35:1 MOREOVER, THE word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 35:2 Son of man, set your face against the mountain [range of] Seir [in Edom] and prophesy against it,
Ezek 35:3 And say to it, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, O Mount Seir, I am against you, and I will stretch out My hand against you and I will make you a desolation and an astonishment.
Ezek 35:4 I will lay your cities waste and you shall be desolate, and you shall know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 35:5 Because you [of Esau] have had a perpetual enmity [for Jacob] and you gave over the sons of Israel to the power of the sword at the time of their calamity, when they were suffering their final punishment [the Babylonian conquest],
Ezek 35:6 Therefore, as I live, says the Lord God, I will expose you to slaughter and slaughter shall pursue you; since you could not bear to live without bloodshed, therefore bloodshed shall pursue you.
Ezek 35:7 Thus will I make Mount Seir an astonishment and a desolation, and I will cut off from it him who passes through it and him who returns [that way].
Ezek 35:8 And I will fill [Edom's] mountains with his slain men; on your hills and in your valleys and in all your ravines shall those fall who are slain with the sword.
Ezek 35:9 I will make you a perpetual desolation and your cities shall not be inhabited. Then you will know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 35:10 Because you [Edom] said, These two nations [Israel and Judah] and these two countries shall be mine and we will take possession of them--although the Lord was there,
Ezek 35:11 Therefore, as I live, says the Lord God, I will deal with you according to the anger and envy you showed because of your enmity for them, and I will make Myself known among them [as He Who will judge and punish] when I judge {and} punish you.
Ezek 35:12 And you shall know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service], and that I have heard all your revilings {and} scornful speeches that you have uttered against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid waste {and} desolate; they are given to us to devour.
Ezek 35:13 Thus you have boasted {and} magnified yourselves against Me with your mouth, multiplying your words against Me; I have heard it.
Ezek 35:14 Thus says the Lord God: While the whole earth rejoices, I will make you a waste {and} desolation.
Ezek 35:15 As you rejoiced over the inheritance of the house of Israel because it was desolate, so will I deal with you; you shall be a waste {and} desolation, O Mount Seir and all Edom, all of it. Then they shall know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 36:1 ALSO YOU, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel and say, You mountains of Israel, hear the

word of the Lord.
Ezek 36:2 Thus says the Lord God: Because the enemy has said over you, Aha! and, The ancient heights have become our possession,
Ezek 36:3 Therefore prophesy and say, Thus says the Lord God: Because, yes, because they made you a desolation, and they snapped after {and} crushed you from every side so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations and you became the talk and evil gossip of the people,
Ezek 36:4 Therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God: Thus says the Lord God to the mountains and hills, to the ravines and valleys, to the desolate wastes and the cities that are forsaken, that have become a prey and derision to the rest of the nations that are round about;
Ezek 36:5 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Surely in the fire of My hot jealousy have I spoken against the rest of the nations and against all Edom, who have given to themselves My land with wholehearted joy and with uttermost contempt, that they might empty it out {and} possess it for a prey {and} a spoil.
Ezek 36:6 Prophesy therefore concerning the land of Israel and say to the mountains and hills, to the ravines and valleys, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My wrath because you have suffered the shame {and} reproach of the nations;
Ezek 36:7 Therefore thus says the Lord God: I have lifted up My hand {and} sworn, Surely the nations that are round about you shall themselves suffer shame and reproach.
Ezek 36:8 But you, O mountains of Israel, shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel, for they are soon to come [home].
Ezek 36:9 For behold, I am for you and I will turn to you; and you shall be tilled and sown,
Ezek 36:10 And I will multiply men upon you, the whole house of Israel, even all of it; the cities shall be inhabited and the waste places shall be rebuilt,
Ezek 36:11 And I will multiply upon you man and beast, and they shall increase and be fruitful. And I will cause you to be inhabited according to your former estate and I will do better for you than at your beginnings; and you shall know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 36:12 Yes, [O mountains of Israel] I will cause men to walk upon you, even My people Israel, and they shall possess you, and you shall be their inheritance; and you shall no more after this bereave them of children [for idol sacrifices].
Ezek 36:13 Thus says the Lord God: Because they say to you, You [O land] are a devourer of men and have bereaved your nation of children [offered to idols],
Ezek 36:14 Therefore you shall devour men no more, neither bereave your nation {or} cause it to stumble any more, says the Lord God.
Ezek 36:15 Neither will I let you hear any more the reproach of the nations, nor shall you suffer the dishonor of the peoples any more, nor shall you cause your nation to stumble {and} fall any more [through idolatry], says the Lord God.
Ezek 36:16 Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 36:17 Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by [doing] their [own] way and by their [idolatrous] doings. Their conduct before Me was like the uncleanness of a woman during her [physical] impurity.
Ezek 36:18 So I poured out My wrath upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land and for their idols with which they had defiled it.
Ezek 36:19 And I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries; according to their conduct and their [idolatrous] deeds I judged {and} punished them.
Ezek 36:20 And when they came to the nations to which they went, they profaned My holy name in that men said of them, These are the people of the Lord, and yet they had to go forth out of His land.
Ezek 36:21 But I had regard, concern, {and} compassion for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations to which they went.
Ezek 36:22 Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: I do not do this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for My holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations to which you went.
Ezek 36:23 And I will vindicate the holiness of My great name {and} separate it for its holy purpose from all that defiles it--My name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned among them--and the nations will know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service], when I shall be set apart by you {and} My holiness vindicated in you before their eyes {and} yours.

Ezek 36:24 For I will take you from among the nations and gather you out of all countries and bring you into your own land.
Ezek 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness; and from all your idols will I cleanse you.
Ezek 36:26 A new heart will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you, and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
Ezek 36:27 And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you shall heed My ordinances and do them.
Ezek 36:28 And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and you shall be My people, and I will be your God.
Ezek 36:29 I will also save you from all your uncleannesses, and I will call forth the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine on you.
Ezek 36:30 And I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field, that you may no more suffer the reproach {and} disgrace of famine among the nations.
Ezek 36:31 Then you shall [earnestly] remember your own evil ways and your doings that were not good, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominable deeds.
Ezek 36:32 Not for your sake do I do this, says the Lord God; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your [own] wicked ways, O house of Israel!
Ezek 36:33 Thus says the Lord God: In the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities I will [also] cause [Israel's] cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt.
Ezek 36:34 And the desolate land shall be tilled, that which had lain desolate in the sight of all who passed by.
Ezek 36:35 And they shall say, This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited.
Ezek 36:36 Then the nations that are left round about you shall know that I the Lord have rebuilt the ruined places and replanted that which was desolate. I the Lord have spoken it, and I will do it.
Ezek 36:37 Thus says the Lord God: For this also I will let the house of Israel inquire of Me to do it for them; I will increase their men like a flock.
Ezek 36:38 Like the flock of holy things for sacrifice, like the flock of Jerusalem in her [solemn] appointed feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 37:1 THE HAND of the Lord was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones.
Ezek 37:2 And He caused me to pass round about among them, and behold, there were very many [human bones] in the open valley {or} plain, and behold, they were very dry.
Ezek 37:3 And He said to me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, You know!
Ezek 37:4 Again He said to me, Prophesy to these bones and say to them, O you dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.
Ezek 37:5 Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath {and} spirit to enter you, and you shall live;
Ezek 37:6 And I will lay sinews upon you and bring up flesh upon you and cover you with skin, and I will put breath {and} spirit in you, and you [dry bones] shall live; and you shall know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 37:7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a [thundering] noise and behold, a shaking {and} trembling {and} a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.
Ezek 37:8 And I looked and behold, there were sinews upon [the bones] and flesh came upon them and skin covered them over, but there was no breath {or} spirit in them.
Ezek 37:9 Then said He to me, Prophesy to the breath {and} spirit, son of man, and say to the breath {and} spirit, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath {and} spirit, and breathe upon these slain that they may live.
Ezek 37:10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath {and} spirit came into [the bones], and they lived and stood up upon their feet, an exceedingly great host.
Ezek 37:11 Then He said to me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, Our bones are dried up and our hope is lost; we are completely cut off.
Ezek 37:12 Therefore prophesy and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, O My people; and I will bring you [back home] to the land of Israel.
Ezek 37:13 And you shall know that I am the Lord [your Sovereign Ruler], when I have opened your graves and

caused you to come up out of your graves, O My people.
Ezek 37:14 And I shall put My Spirit in you and you shall live, and I shall place you in your own land. Then you shall know, understand, {and} realize that I the Lord have spoken it and performed it, says the Lord.
Ezek 37:15 The word of the Lord came again to me, saying,
Ezek 37:16 Son of man, take a stick and write on it, For Judah and the children of Israel his companions; then take another stick and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and all the house of Israel his companions;
Ezek 37:17 And join them together into one stick that they may become one in your hand.
Ezek 37:18 And when your people say to you, Will you not show us what you mean by these?
Ezek 37:19 Say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph--which is in the hand of Ephraim--and the tribes of Israel his associates, and will join with it the stick of Judah and make them one stick, and they shall be one in My hand.
Ezek 37:20 When the sticks on which you write shall be in your hand before their eyes,
Ezek 37:21 Then say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations to which they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land.
Ezek 37:22 And I will make them one nation in the land, upon the mountains of Israel, and one King shall be King over them all; and they shall be no longer two nations, neither be divided into two kingdoms any more.
Ezek 37:23 They shall not defile themselves any more with their idols and their detestable things or with any of their transgressions, but I will save them out of all their dwelling places {and} from all their backslidings in which they have sinned, and I will cleanse them. So shall they be My people, and I will be their God.
Ezek 37:24 And David My Servant shall be King over them, and they all shall have one Shepherd. They shall also walk in My ordinances and heed My statutes and do them.
Ezek 37:25 They shall dwell in the land in which your fathers dwelt, that I gave to My servant Jacob, and they shall dwell there, they and their children and their children's children, forever; and My Servant David shall be their Prince forever.
Ezek 37:26 I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them, and I will give blessings to them and multiply them and will set My sanctuary in the midst of them forevermore.
Ezek 37:27 My tabernacle {or} dwelling place also shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
Ezek 37:28 Then the nations shall know, understand, {and} realize that I the Lord do set apart {and} consecrate Israel for holy use, when My sanctuary shall be in their midst forevermore.
Ezek 38:1 AND THE word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Ezek 38:2 Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, of Meshech, and of Tubal, and prophesy against him,
Ezek 38:3 And say, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, chief prince (ruler) of Rosh, of Meshech, and of Tubal.
Ezek 38:4 And I will turn you back and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you forth and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them handling swords--
Ezek 38:5 Persia, Cush, and Put {or} Libya with them, all of them with shield and helmet,
Ezek 38:6 Gomer and all his hordes, the house of Togarmah in the uttermost parts of the north and all his hordes--many people are with you.
Ezek 38:7 You [Gog] be prepared; yes, prepare yourself, you and all your companies that are assembled about you, and you be a guard {and} a commander for them.
Ezek 38:8 After many days you shall be visited {and} mustered [for service]; in the latter years you shall go against the land that is restored from the ravages of the sword, where people are gathered out of many nations upon the mountains of Israel, which had been a continual waste; but its [people] are brought forth out of the nations and they shall dwell securely, all of them.
Ezek 38:9 You shall ascend and come like a storm; you shall be like a cloud to cover the land, you and all your hosts and many people with you.
Ezek 38:10 Thus says the Lord God: At the same time thoughts shall come into your mind, and you will devise an evil plan.
Ezek 38:11 And you will say, I will go up against an open country [the land of unwalled villages]; I will fall upon those who are at rest, who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls and having neither bars nor gates,
Ezek 38:12 To take spoil and prey, to turn your hand upon the desolate places now inhabited and assail the people

gathered out of the nations, who have obtained livestock and goods, who dwell at the center of the earth [Palestine].
Ezek 38:13 Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish, with all their lionlike cubs [or satellite areas], shall say to you, Have you come to take spoil? Have you gathered your hosts to take the prey? To carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take a great spoil?
Ezek 38:14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, Thus says the Lord God: In that day when My people Israel dwell securely, will you not know it {and} be aroused?
Ezek 38:15 And you will come from your place out of the uttermost parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great host, a mighty army.
Ezek 38:16 And you shall come up against My people Israel like a cloud to cover the land. In the latter days I will bring you against My land, that the nations may know, understand, {and} realize Me when My holiness shall be vindicated through you [vindicated and honored in your overwhelming destruction], O Gog, before their eyes.
Ezek 38:17 Thus says the Lord God: Are you he of whom I have spoken in olden times by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days for years that I would bring you [Gog] against them?
Ezek 38:18 But in that day when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, says the Lord God, My wrath shall come up into My nostrils.
Ezek 38:19 For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath have I said, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking {or} cosmic catastrophe in the land of Israel,
Ezek 38:20 So that the fishes of the sea and the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall tremble {and} shake at My presence; and the mountains shall be thrown down and the steep places shall fall and every wall [natural or artificial] shall fall to the ground.
Ezek 38:21 And I will call for a sword against [Gog] throughout all My mountains, says the Lord God, every man's sword shall be against his brother [over the dividing of booty].
Ezek 38:22 And with pestilence and with bloodshed will I enter into judgment with [Gog], and I will rain upon him and upon his hordes and upon the many peoples that are with him torrents of rain and great hailstones, fire and brimstone.
Ezek 38:23 Thus will I demonstrate My greatness and My holiness, and I will be recognized, understood, {and} known in the eyes of many nations; yes, they shall know that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 39:1 AND YOU, son of man, prophesy against Gog, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, chief prince (ruler) of Rosh, of Meshech, and of Tubal.
Ezek 39:2 And I will turn you about and will lead you on, and will cause you to come up from the uttermost parts of the north and will lead you against the mountains of Israel;
Ezek 39:3 And I will smite your bow from your left hand and will cause your arrows to fall out of your right hand.
Ezek 39:4 You shall fall [dead] upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your hosts and the peoples who are with you. I will give you to the ravenous birds of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.
Ezek 39:5 You shall fall in the open field, for I have spoken [it], says the Lord God.
Ezek 39:6 I will send fire on Magog and upon those who dwell securely in the coastlands, and they shall know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].
Ezek 39:7 And I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not let them profane My holy name any more; and the nations shall know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord, the Holy One of Israel.
Ezek 39:8 Behold, it is coming and it will be done, says the Lord God; that is the day of which I have spoken.
Ezek 39:9 And [when you, Gog, are no longer] they who dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth and shall set on fire and burn the battle gear, the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, the handspikes {or} riding whips and the spears; and they shall burn them as fuel for seven years,
Ezek 39:10 So that My people shall take no firewood out of the field or cut down any out of the forests, for they shall make their fires of the weapons. And they shall despoil those who despoiled them and plunder those who plundered them, says the Lord God.
Ezek 39:11 And in that day, I will give to Gog a place for burial there in Israel, the valley of those who pass through on the east side in front of the [Dead] Sea [the highway between Syria, Petra, and Egypt], and it will delay {and} stop those who pass through. And there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude, and they shall call it the Valley of Hamon-gog [multitude of Gog].
Ezek 39:12 For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them, that they may cleanse the land.
Ezek 39:13 Yes, all the people of the land will bury them, and it shall bring them renown in the day that I shall be

glorified, says the Lord God.
Ezek 39:14 And they shall set apart men to work continually who shall pass through the land, men commissioned to bury, with the help of those who are passing by, those bodies that lie unburied on the face of the ground, in order to cleanse the land. After the end of seven months they shall make their search.
Ezek 39:15 And when these pass through the land and anyone sees a human bone, he shall set up a marker by it as a sign to the buriers, until they have buried it in the Valley of Hamon-gog {or} of Gog's multitude.
Ezek 39:16 And Hamonah [multitude] shall also be the name of the city [of the dead]. Thus shall they cleanse the land.
Ezek 39:17 And you, son of man, thus says the Lord God: Say to the birds of prey of every sort and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves and come, gather from every side to the sacrificial feast that I am preparing for you, even a great sacrificial feast on the mountains of Israel at which you may eat flesh and drink blood.
Ezek 39:18 You shall eat the flesh of the mighty and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, of goats, and of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan [east of the Jordan].
Ezek 39:19 And you shall eat fat till you are filled and drink blood till you are drunk at the sacrificial feast which I am preparing for you.
Ezek 39:20 And you shall be filled at My table with horses and riders, with mighty men, and with soldiers of every kind, says the Lord God.
Ezek 39:21 And I will manifest My honor {and} glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see My judgment {and} justice [in the punishment] which I have executed and My hand which I have laid on them.
Ezek 39:22 So the house of Israel shall know, understand, {and} realize beyond all question that I am the Lord their God from that day forward.
Ezek 39:23 And the nations shall know, understand, {and} realize positively that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they trespassed against Me; and I hid My face from them. So I gave them into the hand of their enemies and they all fell [into captivity or were slain] by the power of the sword.
Ezek 39:24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions I dealt with them and hid My face from them.
Ezek 39:25 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Now will I reverse the captivity of Jacob and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel and will be jealous for My holy name.
Ezek 39:26 They shall forget their shame {and} self-reproach and all their treachery {and} unfaithfulness in which they have transgressed against Me, when they dwell securely in their land and there is none who makes them afraid.
Ezek 39:27 When I have brought them again from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and My justice {and} holiness are set apart {and} vindicated through them in the sight of many nations,
Ezek 39:28 Then shall they know, understand, {and} realize positively that I am the Lord their God, because I sent them into captivity {and} exile among the nations and then gathered them to their own land. I will leave none of them remaining among the nations any more [in the latter days].
Ezek 39:29 Neither will I hide My face any more then from them, when I have poured out My Spirit upon the house of Israel, says the Lord God.
Ezek 40:1 IN THE twenty-fifth year of our captivity [by Babylon], in the beginning of the year, on the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city [of Jerusalem] was taken, on the very same day the hand of the Lord was upon me and He brought me to that place.
Ezek 40:2 In the visions of God He brought me into the land of Israel and set me down upon a very high mountain, on the south side of which there was what seemed to be the structure of a city.
Ezek 40:3 He brought me there, and behold, there was a man [an angel] whose appearance was like bronze, with a line of flax and a measuring reed in his hand, and he stood in the gateway.
Ezek 40:4 And the man said to me, Son of man, look with your eyes and hear with your ears and set your heart {and} mind on all that I will show you, for you are brought here that I may show them to you. Declare all that you see to the house of Israel.
Ezek 40:5 And behold, there was a wall all around the outside area of the house [of the Lord], and in the man's hand a measuring reed six long cubits in length, each cubit being longer [than the usual one] by a handbreadth; so he measured the thickness of the wall, one reed, and the height, one reed.
Ezek 40:6 Then he came to the gate which faced the east and went up its [seven] steps and measured the threshold of the gateway, one reed broad, and the other threshold of the gateway [inside the thick wall], one reed broad.
Ezek 40:7 And every room for the guards was one reed long and one reed broad, and the space between the guardrooms {or} lodges was five cubits. And the threshold of the gate by the porch {or} vestibule of the gateway within was one reed.

Ezek 40:8 He measured also the porch {or} vestibule of the gate toward the house [of the Lord], one reed.
Ezek 40:9 Then he measured the porch {or} vestibule of the gateway, eight cubits, and its posts {or} jambs, two cubits. And the porch {or} vestibule of the gate was inside [toward the house of the Lord].
Ezek 40:10 And the guardrooms {or} lodges of the east gateway were three on this side and three on that side; the three were the same size, and the posts {or} jambs were the same size on either side.
Ezek 40:11 And he measured the breadth of the opening of the gateway, ten cubits, and the length of the gateway, thirteen cubits.
Ezek 40:12 And a border {or} barrier before the guardrooms was one cubit on this side, and a border {or} barrier, one cubit on that side. And the guardrooms {or} lodges were six cubits on this side and six cubits on that side.
Ezek 40:13 And {the man} [an angel] measured the gate from the outer wall of one chamber {or} guardroom to the outer wall of another--a breadth of twenty-five cubits from door to door.
Ezek 40:14 And the open part of the porch {or} vestibule of the gateway on the outside was twenty cubits, the chambers {or} guardrooms of the gate being round about.
Ezek 40:15 And including this porch {or} vestibule of the gate on the outside and the porch {or} vestibule on the inside, the extent was fifty cubits.
Ezek 40:16 And there were closed windows to the guardrooms {or} chambers and to their posts {or} pillars within the gate round about, and likewise to the archway {or} vestibule; and windows were round about facing into the court, and upon each post {or} pillar were palm tree [decorations].
Ezek 40:17 Then he brought me into the outward court, and behold, there were chambers and a pavement round about the court; thirty chambers fronted on the pavement.
Ezek 40:18 And the pavement was along by the side of the gates, answerable to the length of the gateways; this was the lower pavement.
Ezek 40:19 Then {the man} measured the distance from the inner front before the lower gate to the outer front of the inner court, a hundred cubits, both on the east and on the north.
Ezek 40:20 And the gate of the outward court which faced the north, of it he measured both the length and the breadth.
Ezek 40:21 And its guardrooms {or} lodges, three on this side and three on that side, and its posts {or} pillars and archway {or} vestibule were the same size as those of the first gate; the length was fifty cubits and the breadth twenty-five cubits.
Ezek 40:22 And its windows and its archway {or} vestibule and its palm trees were of the same size as those of the gate that faces toward the east. It was reached by going up seven steps, and the archway of its vestibule was on the inner side.
Ezek 40:23 Opposite the gate on the north and on the east was a gate to the inner court, and he [the man with the measuring rod of reed] measured from gate to gate, a hundred cubits.
Ezek 40:24 After that {the man} brought me toward the south, and behold, there was a gate on the south, and he measured its posts {or} pillars and its archway {or} vestibule; they measured as the others did.
Ezek 40:25 And there were windows round about in it and in its archway {or} vestibule, like those windows in the other gateways; its length was fifty cubits and its breadth twenty-five cubits.
Ezek 40:26 And there were seven steps going up to the gate, and its archway {or} vestibule was on the inside. And it had palm trees, one on this side and another on that side, carved on its posts {or} pillars.
Ezek 40:27 And there was a gate to the inner court on the south, and he measured from gate to gate toward the south, a hundred cubits.
Ezek 40:28 And {the man} [an angel] brought me into the inner court by the south gate, and he measured the south gate; its measurements were the same as those of the other gateways.
Ezek 40:29 And its guardrooms {or} chambers and its posts {or} pillars and its archway {or} vestibule measured as did the others. And there were windows in the gateway and in its archway {or} vestibule round about; its length was fifty cubits and its breadth twenty-five cubits.
Ezek 40:30 And there was an archway {or} a vestibule round about, twenty-five cubits long and five cubits wide.
Ezek 40:31 And its [arched] vestibule faced the outer court; and palm trees were carved upon its posts {or} pillars, and the steps going up to it were eight.
Ezek 40:32 And he brought me into the inner court toward the east and he measured the gate; it measured the same as the others.
Ezek 40:33 And its guardrooms {or} chambers and its posts {or} pillars and its archway {or} vestibule measured as did the others. And there were windows in it and in its [arched] vestibule round about; the gateway was fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

Ezek 40:34 And its [arched] vestibule faced the outer court; and palm trees were carved upon its posts {or} pillars on either side, and the steps leading to it were eight.
Ezek 40:35 And {the man} [an angel] brought me to the north gate and measured it; the measurements were the same as those of the other gates.
Ezek 40:36 Its guardrooms {or} chambers, its posts {or} pillars, its [arched] vestibule, and the windows to it round about [were of the same size as the others]. The length of the gateway was fifty cubits and the width was twenty-five cubits.
Ezek 40:37 And its posts {or} pillars were toward the outer court, and palm trees were carved upon them on either side. And the approach to it had eight steps.
Ezek 40:38 There was an attached chamber with its door beside the posts {or} pillars of the gates where the burnt offering was to be washed.
Ezek 40:39 And in the porch {or} vestibule of the gate were two tables on this side and two tables on that side, on which to slay the burnt offering and the sin offering and the trespass {or} guilt offering.
Ezek 40:40 And on the one side without, as one goes up to the entrance of the gate to the north, were two tables; and on the other side at the vestibule of the gate were two tables.
Ezek 40:41 Four tables were on the inside and four tables on the outside of the side of the gate, eight tables upon which the sacrifices were to be slain.
Ezek 40:42 Moreover, there were four tables of hewn stone for the burnt offering, a cubit and a half long, a cubit and a half broad, and one cubit high. Upon them were to be laid the instruments with which were slain the burnt offering and the sacrifice.
Ezek 40:43 And slabs {or} hooks a handbreadth long were fastened within [the room] round about. Upon the tables was to be placed the flesh of the offering.
Ezek 40:44 Then {the man} [an angel] led me [from without] into the inner court, and behold, there were two chambers in the inner court: one beside the north gate but facing the south, and one beside the south gate but looking toward the north.
Ezek 40:45 And {the man} [an angel who was guiding me] said, This chamber with its view to the south is for the priests who have charge of the house [of the Lord],
Ezek 40:46 And the chamber with its view to the north is for the priests who have charge of the altar. These are the sons of Zadok, who alone among the sons of Levi may come near to the Lord to minister to Him.
Ezek 40:47 And he measured the court, a hundred cubits long and a hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar was in front of the house [of the Lord].
Ezek 40:48 Then he brought me to the porch {or} vestibule of the temple proper, and he measured each post {or} pillar of the porch, five cubits on either side. And the width of the gate was three cubits for this [leaf] and three cubits for that one.
Ezek 40:49 And the length of the porch {or} vestibule was twenty cubits and the breadth eleven cubits; and he brought me by the steps by which it was reached, and there were two pillars standing on the posts [as bases] {or} beside them, one on either side of the entrance.
Ezek 41:1 AND {the man} [an angel] brought me to [the Holy Place of] the temple and measured the wall pillars, six cubits broad on one side [of the ten-cubit door] and six cubits broad on the other side, which was the breadth of the tabernacle {or} tent [later called the temple].
Ezek 41:2 And the breadth of the entrance was ten cubits, and the leaves of the door were five cubits on the one side and five cubits on the other side; and he measured its length, forty cubits, and its breadth, twenty cubits.
Ezek 41:3 Then {the man} [being an angel, and unrestricted] went inside [the inner room, but went alone] and measured each post of the door, two cubits, the doorway, six cubits, and the breadth of the entrance, seven cubits.
Ezek 41:4 And he measured the length [of the interior of the second room] in the temple proper, twenty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits; and he [came out and] said to me, This is the Most Holy Place (the Holy of Holies).
Ezek 41:5 Then he measured the wall of the temple, six cubits thick [to accommodate side chambers]; and the breadth of every side chamber, four cubits, round about the temple proper on every side.
Ezek 41:6 These side chambers were three stories high, one over another and thirty in each story; and they entered into the wall which belonged to the house for the side chambers round about, that they might have hold of the wall [of the house], but they did not have hold of the wall of the temple.
Ezek 41:7 And the side rooms became broader as they encompassed the temple higher and higher, for the encircling of the house went higher and higher round about the temple; therefore the breadth of the house continued upward, and so one went up from the lowest story to the highest one by way of the middle story [on a winding stairway].

Ezek 41:8 I saw also that the temple had an elevation {or} foundation platform round about it. The foundations of the side chambers measured a full reed measure of six long cubits.
Ezek 41:9 The thickness of the outer wall of the side chamber was five cubits, as was the width of that part of the foundation that was left free of the side chambers that belonged to the house.
Ezek 41:10 And between [the free space of the foundation platform and] the chambers was a breadth of twenty cubits round about the temple on every side.
Ezek 41:11 And the doors of the attached side chambers opened on the free space that was left, one door toward the north and another door toward the south; and the breadth of the space on the foundation platform that was left free was five cubits round about.
Ezek 41:12 And the building that faced the temple yard on the west side was seventy cubits broad, and the wall of the building was five cubits thick round about, and its length ninety cubits.
Ezek 41:13 And {the man} [an angel in my vision] measured the temple, a hundred cubits long; and the yard and the building with its walls, a hundred cubits long;
Ezek 41:14 Also the breadth of the east front of the temple and the yard, a hundred cubits.
Ezek 41:15 Then {the man} [an angel] measured the length of the building on the west side of the yard with its walls on either side, a hundred cubits. The Holy Place of the temple, the inner Holy of Holies, and the outer vestibule
Ezek 41:16 Were roofed over, and all three had latticed windows all around. The inside walls of the temple were paneled with wood round about from the floor up to the windows and from the windows to the roof,
Ezek 41:17 Including the space above the door leading to the inner room, inside and out. And on the walls round about in the inner room and the Holy Place were carvings,
Ezek 41:18 With figures of cherubim and palm trees, so that a palm tree was between a cherub and a cherub; and every cherub had two faces,
Ezek 41:19 So that the face of a man was toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side. It was made this way through all the house round about.
Ezek 41:20 From the floor to above the entrance were cherubim and palm trees made, and also on the wall of the temple [the Holy Place].
Ezek 41:21 The door frames of the temple were squared, and in front [outside of the sanctuary or Holy of Holies] was what appeared to be
Ezek 41:22 An altar of wood, three cubits high and two cubits long [and wide]; and its corners, its base, and its sides were of wood. And {the man} [an angel] said to me, This is the table that is before the Lord.
Ezek 41:23 And the temple {or} Holy Place and the sanctuary {or} Holy of Holies, had two doors [one for each of them].
Ezek 41:24 And the doors had two leaves apiece, two folding leaves--two leaves for the one door and two leaves for the other door.
Ezek 41:25 And there were carved on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubim and palm trees, like those carved upon the walls; and there was also a canopy of wood in front of the porch outside.
Ezek 41:26 And there were recessed windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side of the porch. Thus were the side chambers and the canopies of the house.
Ezek 42:1 THEN {the man} [an angel] brought me forth into the outer court northward, and he brought me to the attached chambers that were opposite the temple yard and were opposite the building on the north.
Ezek 42:2 Before the long side of one hundred cubits was the door toward the north, and the breadth was fifty cubits.
Ezek 42:3 Adjoining the twenty cubits which belonged to the inner court, and opposite the pavement which belonged to the outer court, was balcony facing balcony in three stories.
Ezek 42:4 And before the attached chambers was a walk inward of ten cubits breadth and a hundred cubits long, and their doors were on the north.
Ezek 42:5 Now the upper chambers were shorter, for the balconies took off from these more than from the lower and middle chambers of the building.
Ezek 42:6 For they were in three stories, but did not have pillars as the pillars of the [outer] court; therefore the upper chambers were set back more than the lower and the middle ones from the ground.
Ezek 42:7 And the wall {or} fence that was outside, opposite {and} parallel to the chambers, toward the outer court before the chambers, was fifty cubits long,
Ezek 42:8 For the length of the [combined] chambers that were on the outer court was fifty cubits, while [the length] of those opposite the temple was a hundred cubits.
Ezek 42:9 And under these chambers was the entrance on the east side, as one approached them from the outer court.

Ezek 42:10 In the breadth of the wall of the court going toward the east, before the yard and before the building, were the chambers
Ezek 42:11 With a passage before them that gave the appearance of the attached chambers on the north, of the same length and breadth, with similar exits and arrangements and doors.
Ezek 42:12 And like the doors of the chambers that were toward the south there was an entrance at the head of the way, the way before the dividing wall toward the east, as one enters them.
Ezek 42:13 Then said {the man} [an angel] to me, The north chambers and the south chambers, which are opposite the yard, are the holy chambers where the priests who approach the Lord shall eat the most holy offerings; there shall they lay the most holy things--the meal offering, the sin offering, and the trespass {or} guilt offering--for the place is holy.
Ezek 42:14 When the priests enter the Holy Place, they shall not go out of it into the outer court unless they lay aside there the garments in which they minister, for these are holy, separate, {and} set apart. They shall put on other garments before they approach that which is for the people.
Ezek 42:15 Now when he had finished measuring the inner temple area, he brought me forth toward the gate which faces east and measured it [the outer area] round about.
Ezek 42:16 He measured the east side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds with the measuring reed round about.
Ezek 42:17 He measured the north side, five hundred reeds with the measuring reed round about.
Ezek 42:18 He measured the south side, five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.
Ezek 42:19 He turned about to the west side and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.
Ezek 42:20 He measured it on the four sides; it had a wall round about, the length five hundred reeds and the breadth five hundred, to make a separation between that which was holy [the temple proper] and that which was common [the outer area].
Ezek 43:1 AFTERWARD {the man} [an angel] brought me to the gate, the gate that faces east.
Ezek 43:2 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the east and His voice was like the sound of many waters, and the earth shone with His glory.
Ezek 43:3 And the vision which I saw was like the vision I had seen when I came to foretell the destruction of the city and like the vision I had seen beside the river Chebar [near Babylon]; and I fell on my face.
Ezek 43:4 And the glory of the Lord entered the temple by the gate facing east.
Ezek 43:5 Then the Spirit caught me up and brought me into the inner court, and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the temple.
Ezek 43:6 And I heard One speaking to me out of the temple, and a Man stood by me.
Ezek 43:7 And He [the Lord] said to me, Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever; and My holy name the house of Israel shall no more profane, neither they nor their kings, by their [idolatrous] harlotry, nor by the dead bodies {and} monuments of their kings,
Ezek 43:8 Nor by setting their threshold by My thresholds and their doorposts by My doorposts, with a mere wall between Me and them. They have profaned My holy name by their abominations which they have committed; therefore I have consumed them in My anger.
Ezek 43:9 Now let them put away their [idolatrous] harlotry and the dead bodies {and} monuments of their kings far from Me, and I will dwell in their midst forever.
Ezek 43:10 Son of man, show the temple by your description of it to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure accurately its appearance and plan.
Ezek 43:11 And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the form of the temple and the arrangement of it--its exits and its entrances and the whole form of it--all its ordinances and all its forms and all its laws. And write it down in their sight so that they may keep the whole form of it and all the ordinances of it and do them.
Ezek 43:12 This is the law of the house [of the Lord]: The whole area round about on the top of the mountain [Mount Moriah] shall be most holy, separated, {and} set apart. Behold, this is the law of the house [of the Lord].
Ezek 43:13 And these are the measurements of the altar [of burnt offering] in cubits. The cubit is a royal cubit [the length of a forearm and a palm of the hand]; the bottom {or} gutter shall be a cubit deep and a cubit wide, with a rim or lip round about it of a span's breadth. And this shall be the height of the altar:
Ezek 43:14 From the bottom {or} gutter on the ground to the lower ledge {or} brim shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser ledge to the greater ledge shall be four cubits, and the breadth one cubit.
Ezek 43:15 And the altar hearth shall be four cubits high, and from the altar hearth reaching upward there shall be four

horns one cubit high.
Ezek 43:16 And the altar hearth shall be square--twelve cubits long, twelve broad, square in its four sides.
Ezek 43:17 And the ledge shall be fourteen cubits long and fourteen cubits broad on its four sides, and the border about it shall be half a cubit; and its bottom {or} gutter shall be a cubit deep and wide, and its ascent [not steps] shall face the east.
Ezek 43:18 And [the Lord] said to me, Son of man, thus says the Lord God: These are the regulations for the use of the altar in the day that it is erected, upon which to offer burnt offerings and to sprinkle blood against it:
Ezek 43:19 You shall give to the priests, the Levites who are of the offspring of Zadok, who are near to Me to minister to Me, says the Lord God, a young bull for a sin offering.
Ezek 43:20 And you shall take of its blood and put it on the four horns of [the altar of burnt offering] and on the four corners of the ledge and on the rim {or} border round about. Thus shall you cleanse {and} make atonement for [the altar].
Ezek 43:21 You shall also take the bullock of the sin offering, and it shall be burned in the appointed place of the temple, outside the sacred enclosure.
Ezek 43:22 And on the second day you shall offer a male goat without blemish for a sin offering. Thus the altar shall be cleansed, as it was cleansed with the bullock.
Ezek 43:23 When you have finished cleansing it, you shall offer a young bull without blemish and a ram out of the flock without blemish.
Ezek 43:24 And you shall bring them near before the Lord, and the priests shall cast salt upon them and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering to the Lord.
Ezek 43:25 Seven days you shall prepare every day a goat for a sin offering; also a young bull and a ram out of the flock, without blemish, shall be prepared.
Ezek 43:26 For seven days shall they make atonement for the altar and purify it; so the priests shall consecrate, separate, {and} set it apart to receive offerings.
Ezek 43:27 And when these days have been accomplished, on the eighth day and from then on, the priests shall offer your burnt offerings upon the altar and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, says the Lord God.
Ezek 44:1 THEN {the man} [an angel] brought me back the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary which faces the east, and it was shut.
Ezek 44:2 Then the Lord said to me, This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened and no man shall enter in by it, for the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered in by it; therefore it shall remain shut.
Ezek 44:3 As for the prince, being the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the Lord; he shall enter by way of the porch {or} vestibule of the gate and shall go out the same way.
Ezek 44:4 Then he brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; I looked, and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord, and I fell upon my face.
Ezek 44:5 And the Lord said to me, Son of man, mark well {and} set your heart to see with your eyes and hear with your ears all that I say to you concerning all the ordinances of the house of the Lord and all its laws, and mark well {and} set your heart to know who are allowed to enter the temple and all those who are excluded from the sanctuary.
Ezek 44:6 And you shall say to the rebellious, even to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: O you house of Israel, let all your previous abominations be enough for you! [Do not repeat them!]
Ezek 44:7 You have brought into My sanctuary aliens, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary to pollute {and} profane it, even My house, when you offer My bread, the fat and the blood; and through it all {and} in addition to all your abominations, they {and} you have broken My covenant.
Ezek 44:8 And you have not kept charge of My holy things, but you have chosen foreign keepers to please yourselves and have set them in charge of My sanctuary.
Ezek 44:9 Therefore thus says the Lord God: No foreigner uncircumcised in heart and flesh shall enter into My sanctuary [where no one but the priests might enter], of any foreigners who are among the children of Israel.
Ezek 44:10 But the Levites who went far away from Me when Israel went astray, who went astray from Me after their idols, they shall bear [the punishment for] their iniquity {and} guilt.
Ezek 44:11 They shall minister in My sanctuary, having oversight as guards at the gates of the temple and ministering in the temple. They shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall attend the people to serve them.
Ezek 44:12 Because [the priests] ministered to [the people] before their idols and became a stumbling block of iniquity {and} guilt to the house of Israel, therefore I have lifted up My hand {and} have sworn against them, says the Lord God, that they shall bear the punishment for their iniquity {and} guilt.

Ezek 44:13 And they shall not come near to Me to do the office of a priest to Me, nor come near to any of My holy things that are most sacred; but they shall bear their shame {and} their punishment for the abominations which they have committed.
Ezek 44:14 Yet I will appoint them as caretakers to have charge of the temple, for all the service of the temple and for all that will be done in it.
Ezek 44:15 But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, shall come near to Me to minister to Me, and they shall attend Me to offer to Me the fat and the blood, says the Lord God.
Ezek 44:16 They shall enter into My sanctuary; and they shall come near to My table to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge.
Ezek 44:17 When they enter the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed in linen garments; no wool shall be on them while they minister at the gates of the inner court and within the temple.
Ezek 44:18 They shall have linen turbans on their heads and linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with anything that causes [them to] sweat.
Ezek 44:19 And when they go out into the outer court to the people, they shall put off the garments in which they ministered and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments, lest by contact of their garments with the people they should consecrate (separate and set apart for holy use) such persons [unintentionally and unfittingly].
Ezek 44:20 Neither shall they shave their heads or allow their locks to grow long; they shall only cut short {or} trim the hair of their heads.
Ezek 44:21 Neither shall any priest drink wine when he enters the inner court.
Ezek 44:22 Neither shall they take for their wives a widow or a woman separated {or} divorced from her husband; but they shall marry maidens [who are virgins] of the offspring of the house of Israel or a widow previously married to a priest.
Ezek 44:23 The priests shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the common {or} profane, and cause them to distinguish between the unclean and the clean.
Ezek 44:24 And in a controversy they shall act as judges, and they shall judge according to My judgments; and they shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed feasts, and they shall keep My Sabbaths holy.
Ezek 44:25 And they shall go near to no dead person to defile themselves, except for father or for mother, for son or for daughter, for brother or for sister who has had no husband; for them they may defile themselves.
Ezek 44:26 And after he is cleansed [from the defilement of a dead body] they shall reckon to him seven days more before returning to the temple.
Ezek 44:27 And on the day that he goes into the sanctuary, into the inner court to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, says the Lord God.
Ezek 44:28 This [their ministry to Me] shall be to them as an inheritance, for I am their inheritance; and you shall give them no possession in Israel, for I am their possession.
Ezek 44:29 They shall eat the meal offering and the sin offering and the trespass offering, and every offering in Israel dedicated by a solemn vow to God shall be theirs.
Ezek 44:30 And the first of all the firstfruits of all kinds, and every offering of all kinds from all your offerings, shall belong to the priests. You shall also give to the priest the first of your coarse meal {and} bread dough, that a blessing may rest on your house.
Ezek 44:31 The priests shall not eat of anything that has died of itself or is torn, whether it be bird or beast.
Ezek 45:1 MOREOVER, WHEN you shall divide the land by apportioned {and} assigned lots for inheritance, you shall set apart as an offering to the Lord a portion of the land to be used for holy purposes. The length shall be 25,000 {cubits,} and the breadth 20,000. It shall be holy (set apart and consecrated to sacred use) in its every area.
Ezek 45:2 Of this there shall belong to the sanctuary a square plot 500 by 500, and 50 {cubits} for the open space around it.
Ezek 45:3 And in this sacred section you shall measure off a portion 25,000 {cubits} in length and 10,000 {cubits} in breadth. And in it shall be the sanctuary which is most holy.
Ezek 45:4 It is a holy portion of the land; it shall be for the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who come near to minister to the Lord; and it shall be a place for their houses and a holy place (set apart as sacred) for the sanctuary.
Ezek 45:5 And another portion of land, 25,000 {cubits} long and 10,000 {cubits} wide, shall also be for the Levites, the ministers of the temple, and they shall possess it as a place in which to live.
Ezek 45:6 And you shall appoint for the possession of the city an area of 5,000 {cubits} wide and 25,000 {cubits}

long, along beside the portion set aside as a holy section. It shall belong to the whole house of Israel.
Ezek 45:7 And to the prince shall belong the land on the one side and on the other side of the portion set aside as a holy section and the property of the city, in front of the holy section and the property of the city, from the west side westward and from the east side eastward; and the length shall be answerable to that of one of the tribal portions {and} parallel to it from the western boundary to the eastern boundary of the land.
Ezek 45:8 It shall be for the prince--his possession in Israel. And My princes shall no more oppress My people, but they shall give the rest of the land to the house of Israel according to their tribes.
Ezek 45:9 Thus says the Lord God: That is enough for you, O princes of Israel! Stop the violence and plundering {and} oppression [that you did when you were given no property], and do justice and righteousness, and take away your exactions {and} cease your evictions of My people, says the Lord God.
Ezek 45:10 You shall have just weights on your scales and just measures--both a just ephah measure and a just bath measure.
Ezek 45:11 The ephah and the bath measures shall both be the same size, the bath containing one tenth of a homer and the ephah one tenth of a homer; the standard measure shall be the homer.
Ezek 45:12 And the shekel shall be twenty gerahs; twenty shekels and twenty-five shekels and fifteen shekels shall be your maneh.
Ezek 45:13 This is the offering which you shall make: a sixth of an ephah from each homer of wheat and a sixth of an ephah from each homer of barley.
Ezek 45:14 And as to the set portion of oil, you shall offer the tenth part of a bath of oil out of each cor, which is a homer of ten baths, for ten baths make [both a cor and] a homer.
Ezek 45:15 And [you shall offer] one lamb out of every flock of two hundred, out of the well-watered pastures of Israel {and} from all the families of Israel, to provide for a meal offering and for a burnt offering and for peace offerings, to make atonement for those who brought them, says the Lord God.
Ezek 45:16 All the people of the land shall give this offering for the prince in Israel.
Ezek 45:17 And it shall be the prince's part to furnish [from the contributions of the people] the burnt offerings, meal offerings, and drink offerings at the feasts and on the New Moons and on the Sabbaths, at all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel. He shall prepare {and} make the sin offering, the meal offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offerings to make atonement for, bringing forgiveness {and} reconciliation to, the house of Israel.
Ezek 45:18 Thus says the Lord God: In the first [month], on the first [day] of the month, you shall take a young bull without blemish and you shall cleanse the sanctuary.
Ezek 45:19 And the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering and put it upon the doorposts of the temple and upon the four corners of the ledge of the altar and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.
Ezek 45:20 You shall do this on the seventh day of the month for everyone who has sinned through error {or} ignorance and for him who is simple-minded. So shall you make atonement for the temple.
Ezek 45:21 In the first month on the fourteenth day of the [month]; you shall have the Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.
Ezek 45:22 Upon that day the prince shall prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bullock for a sin offering.
Ezek 45:23 And for the seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the Lord, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily for the seven days, and a he-goat daily for a sin offering.
Ezek 45:24 And he shall prepare as a meal offering to be offered with each bullock an ephah of meal, an ephah for each ram, and a hin of oil for each ephah of meal.
Ezek 45:25 In the seventh [month], on the fifteenth day of the month, he shall make the same provision {and} preparation for the seven days of the feast, for sin offerings, burnt offerings, bloodless {or} meal offerings, and for the oil.
Ezek 46:1 THUS SAYS the Lord God: The gate of the inner court that faces east shall be shut during the six working days, but on the Sabbath it shall be opened, and also on the day of the New Moon it shall be opened.
Ezek 46:2 And the prince shall enter by the porch {or} vestibule of the gate from without and shall stand by the sidepost of the gate. The priests shall prepare {and} offer his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate. Then he shall go out, but the gate shall not be shut until evening.
Ezek 46:3 The people of the land shall worship at the entrance of that gate before the Lord on the Sabbaths and on the New Moons.
Ezek 46:4 And the burnt offering that the prince shall offer to the Lord on the Sabbath day shall be six lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish.

Ezek 46:5 And the bloodless {or} meal offering with the ram shall be an ephah, and the meal offering with the lambs shall be as much as he is able {and} willing to give, and a hin of oil with each ephah.
Ezek 46:6 And on the day of the New Moon the offering shall be a young bull without blemish and six lambs and a ram without blemish.
Ezek 46:7 And the prince shall provide {and} make a meal {or} bloodless offering, an ephah for the bullock and an ephah for the ram, and for the lambs as he is able {and} willing according to what has been made available to his hand, and a hin of oil to each ephah.
Ezek 46:8 And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the porch {or} vestibule of that gate and he shall go out by way of it.
Ezek 46:9 But when the people of the land shall come before the Lord at the appointed solemn feasts, he who enters the north gate to worship shall go out by the south gate, and he who enters by the south gate shall go out by the north gate; he shall not return by the gate by which he came in but shall go out by the opposite gate [straight ahead].
Ezek 46:10 And the prince, when they go in, shall go in with them, and when they go out, he shall go out.
Ezek 46:11 And in the appointed and solemn feasts the meal {or} bloodless offering shall be with a bullock an ephah, and with a ram an ephah, and with the lambs as much as the prince is willing {and} able to give [from what has been made available to him], and a hin of oil with each ephah.
Ezek 46:12 When the prince shall prepare {and} make a freewill burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily to the Lord, the gate that faces east shall be opened for him, and he shall offer his burnt offering and his peace offerings as he does on the Sabbath day. Then he shall go out, and after he has gone out, the gate shall be shut.
Ezek 46:13 And a lamb a year old without blemish shall you [the priests, for the congregation] offer daily to the Lord; you shall prepare {and} offer it every morning.
Ezek 46:14 And you [the priests] shall prepare a meal offering to go with it every morning, one-sixth of an ephah with one-third of a hin of oil to moisten the fine flour. This is a perpetual ordinance for a continual meal offering to the Lord.
Ezek 46:15 Thus shall they prepare {and} offer the lamb and the meal offering and the oil every morning for a continual burnt offering.
Ezek 46:16 Thus says the Lord God: If the prince gives a gift to any of his sons out of his inheritance, it shall belong to his sons; it is their property by inheritance.
Ezek 46:17 But if he gives a gift out of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his until the year of liberty [the Year of Jubilee]; after that it shall be returned to the prince; only his sons may keep a gift from his inheritance [permanently].
Ezek 46:18 Moreover, the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, thrusting them out of their property; what he gives to his sons he shall take out of his own possession, so that none of My people shall be separated from his [inherited] possession.
Ezek 46:19 Then he [my guide] led me through the entrance which was at the side of the gate into the holy chambers for the priests, which faced the north; and behold, there was a place at the extreme western end of them.
Ezek 46:20 And he said to me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the guilt offering and the sin offering, and where they shall bake the [bloodless] meal offering, to prevent their having to bring them into the outer court, lest they should thereby wrongfully sanctify (separate and consecrate for holy service) the people who are there.
Ezek 46:21 And he brought me out into the outer court and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court, and behold, in every corner of the court there was a court.
Ezek 46:22 In the four corners of the court there were courts joined on {and} enclosed, forty cubits long and thirty broad; these four in the corners were the same size.
Ezek 46:23 And there was a row of masonry inside them, round about [each of] the four courts, and it was made with hearths for boiling at the bottom of the rows round about.
Ezek 46:24 Then said he to me, These are the kitchens of those who do the boiling, where the ministers [the Levites] of the temple shall boil the sacrifices of the people.
Ezek 47:1 THEN HE [my guide] brought me again to the door of the house [of the Lord--the temple], and behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple was toward the east; and the waters came down from under, from the right side of the temple, on the south side of the altar.
Ezek 47:2 Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around outside to the outer gate by the way that faces east, and behold, waters were running out on the right side.
Ezek 47:3 And when the man went on eastward with the measuring line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits, and he caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were ankle-deep.

Ezek 47:4 Again he measured a thousand cubits and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that reached to the knees. Again he measured a thousand cubits and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that reached to the loins.
Ezek 47:5 Afterward he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the waters had risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over {or} through.
Ezek 47:6 And he said to me, Son of man, have you seen this? Then he led me and caused me to return to the bank of the river.
Ezek 47:7 Now when I had returned, behold, on the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.
Ezek 47:8 Then he said to me, These waters pour out toward the eastern region and go down into the Arabah (the Jordan Valley) and on into the Dead Sea. And when they shall enter into the sea [the sea of putrid waters], the waters shall be healed {and} made fresh.
Ezek 47:9 And wherever the double river shall go, every living creature which swarms shall live. And there shall be a very great number of fish, because these waters go there that [the waters of the sea] may be healed {and} made fresh; and everything shall live wherever the river goes.
Ezek 47:10 The fishermen shall stand on [the banks of the Dead Sea]; from En-gedi even to En-eglaim shall be a place to spread nets; their fish shall be of very many kinds, as the fish of the Great {or} Mediterranean Sea.
Ezek 47:11 But its swamps and marshes will not become wholesome for animal life; they shall [as the river subsides] be left encrusted with salt {and} given over to it.
Ezek 47:12 And on the banks of the river on both its sides, there shall grow all kinds of trees for food; their leaf shall not fade nor shall their fruit fail [to meet the demand]. Each tree shall bring forth new fruit every month, [these supernatural qualities being] because their waters came from out of the sanctuary. And their fruit shall be for food and their leaves for healing.
Ezek 47:13 Thus says the Lord God: These shall be the boundaries by which you shall divide the land among the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph shall have two portions.
Ezek 47:14 And you shall divide it equally. I lifted up My hand {and} swore to give it to your fathers, and this land shall fall to you as your inheritance.
Ezek 47:15 And this shall be the boundary of the land on the north side: from the Great {or} Mediterranean Sea by way of Hethlon to the entrance of Zedad,
Ezek 47:16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which is on the border between Damascus and Hamath, as far as Hazer-hatticon on the border of Hauran.
Ezek 47:17 So the boundary shall extend from the [Mediterranean] Sea to Hazar-enan, at the boundary of Damascus on the north, together with the boundary of Hamath to the north. This is the north side.
Ezek 47:18 And on the east side you shall measure the boundary from between Hauran and Damascus, and Gilead on one side and the land of Israel on the other, with the Jordan forming the boundary down to the East {or} Dead Sea. And this [from Damascus to the Dead Sea and including it] is the east side.
Ezek 47:19 And the south side [boundary] southward, from Tamar [near the Dead Sea] shall run as far as the waters of Meribath-kadesh, then along the Brook of Egypt to the Great {or} Mediterranean Sea. And this is the south side.
Ezek 47:20 On the west side [the boundary] shall be the Great {or} Mediterranean Sea to a point opposite the entrance of Hamath [north of Mount Hermon]. This is the west side.
Ezek 47:21 So you shall divide this land among you according to the tribes of Israel.
Ezek 47:22 You shall divide it by allotment as an inheritance for yourselves and for the foreigners who reside among you and shall have children born among you. They shall be to you as those born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall inherit with you among the tribes of Israel.
Ezek 47:23 In whatever tribe the foreigner resides, there shall you give him his inheritance, says the Lord God.
Ezek 48:1 NOW THESE are the names of the tribes: From the north end, beside the way of Hethlon to the entrance of Hamath as far as Hazar-enan, which is on the northern border of Damascus opposite Hamath, and reaching from the east border to the west, Dan, one [portion].
Ezek 48:2 And beside the border of Dan, from the east side to the west side, Asher, one [portion].
Ezek 48:3 And beside the border of Asher, from the east side to the west side, Naphtali, one [portion].
Ezek 48:4 And beside the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the west side, Manasseh, one [portion].
Ezek 48:5 And beside the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, Ephraim, one [portion].
Ezek 48:6 And beside the border of Ephraim, from the east side to the west side, Reuben, one [portion].
Ezek 48:7 And beside the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west side, Judah, one [portion].

Ezek 48:8 And beside the border of Judah, from the east side to the west side, shall be the offering of land which you shall offer: 25,000 reeds in breadth, and in length as one of the tribal portions from the east side to the west side; and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it.
Ezek 48:9 The portion of land that you shall set apart and offer to the Lord shall be 25,000 [measures] in length and 10,000 in breadth [for each of the two districts].
Ezek 48:10 And for these, even for the priests, shall be this holy offering of land: toward the north 25,000 [measures] in length, and toward the west 10,000 in breadth, and toward the east 10,000 in breadth, and toward the south 25,000 in length, and the sanctuary of the Lord shall be in the midst of it.
Ezek 48:11 The set-apart {and} sacred portion shall be for the consecrated priests of the sons of Zadok, who have kept My charge and who did not go astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the other Levites did.
Ezek 48:12 And this land offering shall be for the priests as a thing most holy beside the border of the [other] Levites.
Ezek 48:13 And opposite the border of the priests the [other] Levites shall have 25,000 [measures] in length and 10,000 in breadth. The whole length shall be 25,000 and the breadth 10,000.
Ezek 48:14 And they shall not sell any of it or exchange it; they shall not convey {or} transfer this the firstfruits of the land, for it has been offered to the Lord and is holy to Him.
Ezek 48:15 And the remaining strip of 5,000 [measures] in breadth and 25,000 in length shall be for the city's secular use, for a place in which to dwell and for open country {or} suburbs. The city shall be in the midst of the plot.
Ezek 48:16 And these shall be the dimensions of it: the north side 4,500 [measures] and the south side 4,500, the east side 4,500 and the west side 4,500.
Ezek 48:17 And the city shall have suburbs {or} open country: toward the north 250 [measures] and toward the south 250, toward the east 250 and toward the west 250.
Ezek 48:18 The remainder of the length along beside the holy portion shall be 10,000 [measures] to the east and 10,000 to the west, and it shall be along beside the holy portion. The produce from it shall be for food for those who work in the city.
Ezek 48:19 And the workers of the city from all the tribes of Israel shall till the open land.
Ezek 48:20 The whole portion that you shall set apart as an offering to God shall be 25,000 [measures] by 25,000; you shall set apart the holy portion foursquare, together with the property of the city.
Ezek 48:21 And what is left unallotted, on both sides of the holy portion and of that possessed by the city, shall belong to the prince. Reaching eastward from the 25,000 [measures] of the holy portion to the east border, and westward from the 25,000 [measures] to the west border, parallel to the tribal allotments, it belongs to the prince. The holy portion with the sanctuary of the temple in its midst,
Ezek 48:22 And the possession of the Levites and the property of the city [of Jerusalem] shall be in the midst of that which belongs to the prince. What lies between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin shall be for the prince.
Ezek 48:23 As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side to the west side, Benjamin, one [portion].
Ezek 48:24 And beside the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, Simeon, one [portion].
Ezek 48:25 And beside the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west side, Issachar, one [portion].
Ezek 48:26 And beside the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, Zebulun, one [portion].
Ezek 48:27 And beside the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, Gad, one [portion].
Ezek 48:28 And beside the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall extend from Tamar to the waters of Meribath-kadesh and on along the Brook [of Egypt] to the Great {or} Mediterranean Sea.
Ezek 48:29 This is the land which you shall divide by allotment among the tribes of Israel as their inheritance, and these are their several portions, says the Lord God.
Ezek 48:30 And these shall be the exits of the city: On the north side, which is to extend 4,500 measures,
Ezek 48:31 Three gates: one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi, the gates of the city being called after the names of the tribes of Israel;
Ezek 48:32 And on the east side's 4,500 measures, three gates: one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan;
Ezek 48:33 And on the south side's 4,500 measures, three gates: one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun;
Ezek 48:34 On the west side's 4,500 measures, three gates: one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali.
Ezek 48:35 The distance around the city shall be 18,000 [4 x 4,500] measures; and the name of the city from that day {and} ever after shall be, THE LORD IS THERE.
Dan 1:1 IN THE third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

Dan 1:2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with a part of the vessels of the house of God; and he carried them into the land of Shinar [Babylonia] to the house of his god and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god.
Dan 1:3 And the [Babylonian] king told Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring in some of the children of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility--
Dan 1:4 Youths without blemish, well-favored in appearance and skillful in all wisdom, discernment, {and} understanding, apt in learning knowledge, competent to stand {and} serve in the king's palace--and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.
Dan 1:5 And the king assigned for them a daily portion of his own rich {and} dainty food and of the wine which he drank. They were to be so educated {and} so nourished for three years that at the end of that time they might stand before the king.
Dan 1:6 Among these were of the children of Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.
Dan 1:7 The chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar [the king's attendant], Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego.
Dan 1:8 But Daniel determined in his heart that he would not defile himself by [eating his portion of] the king's rich {and} dainty food or by [drinking] the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might [be allowed] not to defile himself.
Dan 1:9 Now God made Daniel to find favor, compassion, {and} loving-kindness with the chief of the eunuchs.
Dan 1:10 And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, I fear, lest my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink, should see your faces worse looking {or} more sad than the other youths of your age. Then you would endanger my head with the king.
Dan 1:11 Then said Daniel to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,
Dan 1:12 Prove your servants, I beseech you, for ten days and let us be given a vegetable diet and water to drink.
Dan 1:13 Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat of the king's [rich] dainties be observed {and} compared by you, and deal with us your servants according to what you see.
Dan 1:14 So [the man] consented to them in this matter and proved them ten days.
Dan 1:15 And at the end of ten days it was seen that they were looking better and had taken on more flesh than all the youths who ate of the king's rich dainties.
Dan 1:16 So the steward took away their [rich] dainties and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables.
Dan 1:17 As for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all [kinds of] visions and dreams.
Dan 1:18 Now at the end of the time which the king had set for bringing [all the young men in], the chief of the eunuchs brought them before Nebuchadnezzar.
Dan 1:19 And the king conversed with them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they were assigned to stand before the king.
Dan 1:20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding concerning which the king asked them, he found them ten times better than all the [learned] magicians and enchanters who were in his whole realm.
Dan 1:21 And Daniel continued there even to the first year of King Cyrus [at the close of the seventy years' exile of Judah in Babylonia, which Jeremiah had foretold].
Dan 2:1 IN THE second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams by which his spirit was troubled {and} agitated and his sleep went from him.
Dan 2:2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, the enchanters {or} soothsayers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans [diviners], to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.
Dan 2:3 And the king said to them, I had a dream and my spirit is troubled to know the dream.
Dan 2:4 Then said the Chaldeans [diviners] to the king in Aramaic [the Syrian language], O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation.
Dan 2:5 The king answered the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me! And the decree goes forth from me {and} I say it with all emphasis: if you do not make known to me the dream with its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces and your houses shall be made a dunghill!
Dan 2:6 But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. So show me the dream and the interpretation of it.
Dan 2:7 They answered again, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation of it.
Dan 2:8 The king answered, I know with certainty that you are trying to gain time, because you see the thing is gone

from me {and} because you see that my word [against you] is sure:
Dan 2:9 If you will not make known to me the dream, there is but one sentence for you; for you have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me [hoping to delay your execution] until the time is changed. Therefore tell me the dream, and I will know that you can tell me the interpretation of it.
Dan 2:10 The Chaldeans [diviners] answered before the king and said, There is not a man on earth who can show the king this matter, for no king, lord, or ruler has [ever] asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or Chaldean.
Dan 2:11 A rare {and} weighty thing indeed the king requires! None except the gods can reveal it to the king, and their dwelling is not with [human] flesh.
Dan 2:12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed.
Dan 2:13 So the decree went forth that the wise men were to be killed, and [the officers] sought Daniel and his companions to be slain.
Dan 2:14 Then Daniel returned an answer which was full of prudence and wisdom to Arioch the captain {or} executioner of the king's guard, who had gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon.
Dan 2:15 He said to Arioch, the king's captain, Why is the decree so urgent {and} hasty from the king? Then Arioch explained the matter to Daniel.
Dan 2:16 And Daniel went in and desired of the king that he would set a date {and} give him time, and he would show the king the interpretation.
Dan 2:17 Then Daniel went to his house and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,
Dan 2:18 So that they would desire {and} request mercy of the God of heaven concerning this secret, that Daniel and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.
Dan 2:19 Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night, and Daniel blessed the God of heaven.
Dan 2:20 Daniel answered, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever! For wisdom and might are His!
Dan 2:21 He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding!
Dan 2:22 He reveals the deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him!
Dan 2:23 I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers, Who has given me wisdom and might and has made known to me now what we desired of You, for You have made known to us the solution to the king's problem.
Dan 2:24 Therefore Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and said thus to him: Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon! Bring me in before the king, and I will show to the king the interpretation.
Dan 2:25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said thus to him: I have found a man of the captives of Judah who will make known to the king the interpretation [of his dream].
Dan 2:26 The king said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen and the interpretation of it?
Dan 2:27 Daniel answered the king, The [mysterious] secret which the king has demanded neither the wise men, enchanters, magicians, nor astrologers can show the king,
Dan 2:28 But there is a God in heaven Who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what it is that shall be in the latter days (at the end of days). Your dream and the visions in your head upon your bed are these:
Dan 2:29 As for you, O king, as you were lying upon your bed thoughts came into your mind about what should come to pass hereafter, and He Who reveals secrets was making known to you what shall come to pass.
Dan 2:30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than anyone else living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king and that you may know the thoughts of your heart {and} mind.
Dan 2:31 You, O king, saw, and behold, [there was] a great image. This image which was mighty and of exceedingly great brightness stood before you, and the appearance of it was frightening {and} terrible.
Dan 2:32 As for this image, its head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze,
Dan 2:33 Its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay [the baked clay of the potter].
Dan 2:34 As you looked, a Stone was cut out without human hands, which smote the image on its feet of iron and [baked] clay [of the potter] and broke them to pieces.
Dan 2:35 Then the iron, the [baked] clay [of the potter], the bronze, the silver, and the gold were broken {and} crushed together and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors, and the wind carried them away so that not a trace

of them could be found. And the Stone that smote the image became a great mountain {or} rock and filled the whole earth.
Dan 2:36 This was the dream, and we will tell the interpretation of it to the king.
Dan 2:37 You, O king, are king of the [earthly] kings to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the might, and the glory.
Dan 2:38 And wherever the children of men dwell, and the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens--He has given them into your hand and has made you to rule over them all. You [king of Babylon] are the head of gold.
Dan 2:39 And after you shall arise another kingdom [the Medo-Persian], inferior to you, and still a third kingdom of bronze [Greece under Alexander the Great] which shall bear rule over all the earth.
Dan 2:40 And the fourth kingdom [Rome] shall be strong as iron, since iron breaks to pieces and subdues all things; and like iron which crushes, it shall break and crush all these.
Dan 2:41 And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of [baked] clay [of the potter] and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but there shall be in it some of the firmness {and} strength of iron, just as you saw the iron mixed with miry [earthen] clay.
Dan 2:42 And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of [baked] clay [of the potter], so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle {and} broken.
Dan 2:43 And as you saw the iron mixed with miry {and} earthen clay, so they shall mingle themselves in the seed of men [in marriage bonds]; but they will not hold together [for two such elements or ideologies can never harmonize], even as iron does not mingle itself with clay.
Dan 2:44 And in the days of these [final ten] kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its sovereignty be left to another people; but it shall break {and} crush and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand forever.
Dan 2:45 Just as you saw that the Stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter. The dream is certain and the interpretation of it is sure.
Dan 2:46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and paid homage to Daniel [as a great prophet of the highest God] and ordered that an offering and incense should be offered up to him [in honor of his God].
Dan 2:47 The king answered Daniel, Of a truth your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a Revealer of secret mysteries, seeing that you could reveal this secret mystery!
Dan 2:48 Then the king made Daniel great and gave him many great gifts, and he made him to rule over the whole province of Babylon and to be chief governor over all the wise men of Babylon.
Dan 2:49 And Daniel requested of the king and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel remained in the gate of the king [at the king's court].
Dan 3:1 NEBUCHADNEZZAR THE king [caused to be] made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits {or} ninety feet and its breadth six cubits {or} nine feet. He set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon.
Dan 3:2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the satraps, the deputies, the governors, the judges {and} chief stargazers, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs {and} lawyers, and all the chief officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image which King Nebuchadnezzar had [caused to be] set up.
Dan 3:3 Then the satraps, the deputies, the governors, the judges {and} chief stargazers, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs {and} lawyers, and all the chief officials of the provinces were gathered together for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.
Dan 3:4 Then the herald cried aloud, You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages,
Dan 3:5 That when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, dulcimer {or} bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up.
Dan 3:6 And whoever does not fall down and worship shall that very hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.
Dan 3:7 Therefore, when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, dulcimer {or} bagpipe, and every kind of music, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.
Dan 3:8 Therefore at that time certain men of Chaldean descent came near and brought [malicious] accusations against the Jews.
Dan 3:9 They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live forever!
Dan 3:10 You, O king, have made a decree that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, dulcimer {or} bagpipe, and every kind of music shall fall down and worship the golden image,

Dan 3:11 And that whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.
Dan 3:12 There are certain Jews whom you have appointed {and} set over the affairs of the province of Babylon--Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up.
Dan 3:13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; and these men were brought before the king.
Dan 3:14 [Then] Nebuchadnezzar said to them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image which I have set up?
Dan 3:15 Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, dulcimer {or} bagpipe, and every kind of music to fall down and worship the image which I have made, very good. But if you do not worship, you shall be cast at once into the midst of a burning fiery furnace, and who is that god who can deliver you out of my hands?
Dan 3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, it is not necessary for us to answer you on this point.
Dan 3:17 If our God Whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, He will deliver us out of your hand, O king.
Dan 3:18 But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up!
Dan 3:19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury and his facial expression was changed [to antagonism] against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Therefore he commanded that the furnace should be heated seven times hotter than it was usually heated.
Dan 3:20 And he commanded the strongest men in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.
Dan 3:21 Then these [three] men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics {or} undergarments, their turbans, and their other clothing, and they were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.
Dan 3:22 Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame {and} sparks from the fire killed those men who handled Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
Dan 3:23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the burning fiery furnace.
Dan 3:24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king [saw and] was astounded, and he jumped up and said to his counselors, Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered, True, O king.
Dan 3:25 He answered, Behold, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt! And the form of the fourth is like a son of the gods!
Dan 3:26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you servants of the Most High God, come out and come here. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the midst of the fire.
Dan 3:27 And the satraps, the deputies, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered around together and saw these men--that the fire had no power upon their bodies, nor was the hair of their head singed; neither were their garments scorched {or} changed in color {or} condition, nor had even the smell of smoke clung to them.
Dan 3:28 Then Nebuchadnezzar said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, Who has sent His angel and delivered His servants who believed in, trusted in, {and} relied on Him! And they set aside the king's command and yielded their bodies rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.
Dan 3:29 Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, and language that speaks anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be cut in pieces and their houses be made a dunghill, for there is no other God who can deliver in this way!
Dan 3:30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.
Dan 4:1 NEBUCHADNEZZAR THE king, to all people, nations, and languages that dwell on all the earth: May peace be multiplied to you!
Dan 4:2 It seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed toward me.
Dan 4:3 How great are His signs! And how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion is from generation to generation.
Dan 4:4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in my house and prospering in my palace.
Dan 4:5 I had a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts {and} imaginations and the visions of my head as I was lying upon my bed troubled {and} agitated me.
Dan 4:6 Therefore I made a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known to

me the interpretation of the dream.
Dan 4:7 Then the magicians, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers came in, and I told them the dream, but they could not make known to me the interpretation of it.
Dan 4:8 But at last Daniel came in before me--he who was named Belteshazzar, after the name of my god, and in whom is the Spirit of the Holy God--and I told the dream before him, saying,
Dan 4:9 O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the Spirit of the Holy God is in you and no secret mystery is a burden {or} troubles you, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen and the interpretation of it.
Dan 4:10 The visions of my head [as I lay] on my bed were these: I saw, and behold, [there was] a tree in the midst of the earth, and its height was great.
Dan 4:11 The tree grew and was strong and its height reached to the heavens, and the sight of it reached to the end of the whole earth.
Dan 4:12 Its leaves were fair and its fruit abundant, and in it was food for all. The living creatures of the field found shade under it, and the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches; and all flesh was fed from it.
Dan 4:13 I saw in the visions of my head [as I lay] on my bed, and behold, a watcher, a holy one, came down from heaven.
Dan 4:14 He cried aloud [with might] and said, Cut down the tree and cut off its branches; shake off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the living creatures flee from under it and the fowls from its branches.
Dan 4:15 Nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, in the midst of the tender grass of the field. Let him be wet with the dew of the heavens, and let him share the lot of the living creatures in the grass of the earth.
Dan 4:16 Let his nature {and} understanding be changed from a man's and let a beast's nature {and} understanding be given him, and let seven times [or years] pass over him.
Dan 4:17 This sentence is by the decree of the [heavenly] watchers and the decision is by the word of the holy ones, to the intent that the living may know that the Most High [God] rules the kingdom of mankind and gives it to whomever He will and sets over it the humblest {and} lowliest of men.
Dan 4:18 This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. And you, O Belteshazzar [Daniel], declare now its interpretation, since all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation; but you are able, for the Spirit of the Holy God is in you.
Dan 4:19 Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished {and} dismayed {and} stricken dumb for a while [concerned about the king's destiny], and his thoughts troubled, agitated, {and} alarmed him. The king said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream or its interpretation trouble {or} alarm you. Belteshazzar answered, My lord, may the dream be for those who hate you and its message for your enemies.
Dan 4:20 The tree that you saw, which grew [great] and was strong, whose height reached to the heavens and which was visible to all the earth,
Dan 4:21 Whose foliage was beautiful and its fruit abundant, on which was food for all, under which the living creatures of the field dwelt, and on whose branches the birds of the sky had their nests--
Dan 4:22 It is you, O king, who have grown and become strong; your greatness has increased and it reaches to the heavens, and your dominion to the ends of the earth.
Dan 4:23 And whereas the king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven and saying, Cut the tree down and destroy it, but leave the stump of its roots in the earth with a band of iron and bronze around it, in the tender grass of the field; and let him be wet with the dew of the heavens, and let his portion be with the living creatures of the field until seven times [or years] pass over him--
Dan 4:24 This is the interpretation, O king: It is the decree of the Most High [God] which has come upon my lord the king:
Dan 4:25 You shall be driven from among men and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field; you shall be made to eat grass as do the oxen and you shall be wet with the dew of the heavens; and seven times [or years] shall pass over you until you learn {and} know {and} recognize that the Most High [God] rules the kingdom of mankind and gives it to whomever He will.
Dan 4:26 And in that it was commanded to leave the stump of the roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be sure to you after you have learned {and} know that [the God of] heaven rules.
Dan 4:27 Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you; break off your sins {and} show the reality of your repentance by righteousness (right standing with God and moral and spiritual rectitude and rightness in every area and relation) {and} liberate yourself from your iniquities by showing mercy {and} loving-kindness to the poor {and} oppressed, that [if the king will repent] there may possibly be a continuance {and} lengthening of your peace {and}

tranquility {and} a healing of your error.
Dan 4:28 All this was fulfilled {and} came upon King Nebuchadnezzar.
Dan 4:29 At the end of twelve months he was walking in the royal palace of Babylon.
Dan 4:30 The king said, Is not this the great Babylon that I have built as the royal residence {and} seat of government by the might of my power and for the honor {and} glory of my majesty?
Dan 4:31 While the words were still in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you,
Dan 4:32 And you shall be driven from among men and your dwelling will be with the living creatures of the field. You will be made to eat grass like the oxen, and seven times [or years] shall pass over you until you have learned {and} know that the Most High [God] rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever He will.
Dan 4:33 That very hour the thing was [in process of] being fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven from among men and did eat grass like oxen [as Daniel had said he would], and his body was wet with the dew of the heavens until his hair grew like eagles' [feathers] and his nails [were] like birds' [claws].
Dan 4:34 And at the end of the days [seven years], I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up my eyes to heaven, and my understanding {and} the right use of my mind returned to me; and I blessed the Most High [God] and I praised and honored {and} glorified Him Who lives forever, Whose dominion is an everlasting dominion; and His kingdom endures from generation to generation.
Dan 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing. And He does according to His will in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth, and none can stay His hand or say to Him, What are You doing?
Dan 4:36 Now at the same time my reason {and} understanding returned to me; and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and splendor returned to me, and my counselors and my lords sought me out; I was reestablished in my kingdom, and still more greatness [than before] was added to me.
Dan 4:37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, Whose works are all faithful {and} right and Whose ways are just. And those who walk in pride He is able to abase {and} humble.
Dan 5:1 BELSHAZZAR THE king [descendant of Nebuchadnezzar] made a great feast for a thousand of his lords, and he drank his wine in the presence of the thousand.
Dan 5:2 Belshazzar, while he was tasting the wine, commanded that the gold and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple [out of the sacred area--the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies] which was in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them.
Dan 5:3 Then they brought in the gold {and} silver vessels which had been taken out of the temple, the house of God which was in Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them.
Dan 5:4 They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone.
Dan 5:5 Immediately {and} suddenly there appeared the fingers of a man's hand and wrote on the plaster of the wall opposite the candlestick [so exposed especially to the light] in the king's palace, and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.
Dan 5:6 Then the color {and} the [drunken] hilarious brightness of the king's face was changed, and his [terrifying] thoughts troubled {and} alarmed him; the joints {and} muscles of his hips {and} back gave way and his knees smote together.
Dan 5:7 The king cried aloud [mightily] to bring in the enchanters {or} soothsayers, the Chaldeans [diviners], and the astrologers. The king said to the wise men of Babylon, Whoever will read this writing and show me the interpretation of it will be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold put about his neck and will be the third ruler in the kingdom.
Dan 5:8 And all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or make known to the king the interpretation of it.
Dan 5:9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly perplexed {and} alarmed and the color faded from his face, and his lords were puzzled {and} astounded.
Dan 5:10 Now the queen [mother], overhearing the exciting words of the king and his lords, came into the banquet house. The queen [mother] said, O king, live forever! Do not be alarmed at your thoughts or let your cheerful expression {and} the color of your face be changed.
Dan 5:11 There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the Spirit of the holy God [or gods], and in the days of your father light and understanding and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him; and King Nebuchadnezzar, your father--the king, I say, your father--appointed him master of the magicians, enchanters {or} soothsayers, Chaldeans, and astrologers,
Dan 5:12 Because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, clarify riddles, and solve knotty problems were found in this same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he

will show the interpretation.
Dan 5:13 Then Daniel was brought in before the king. And the king said to Daniel, Are you that Daniel of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Judah?
Dan 5:14 I have heard of you, that the Spirit of the holy God [or gods] is in you and that light and understanding and superior wisdom are found in you.
Dan 5:15 Now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me that they might read this writing and make known to me the interpretation of it, but they could not show the interpretation of the matter.
Dan 5:16 But I have heard of you, that you can make interpretations and solve knotty problems. Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold put around your neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.
Dan 5:17 Then Daniel answered before the king, Let your gifts be for yourself and give your rewards to another. However, I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation.
Dan 5:18 O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom and greatness and glory and majesty;
Dan 5:19 And because of the greatness that He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whom he would he slew, and whom he would he kept alive; whom he would he set up, and whom he would he put down.
Dan 5:20 But when his heart was lifted up and his mind {and} spirit were hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne and his glory was taken from him;
Dan 5:21 He was driven from among men, and his heart {or} mind was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses. He was fed with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the heavens until he learned {and} knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men and that He appoints {and} sets over it whomever He will.
Dan 5:22 And you his son, O Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart {and} mind, though you knew all this [knew it and were defiant].
Dan 5:23 And you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven, and the vessels of His house have been brought before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them; and you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know; but the God in Whose hand your breath is and Whose are all your ways you have not honored {and} glorified [but have dishonored and disgraced].
Dan 5:24 Then was the part of the hand sent from the presence of [the Most High God], and this writing was inscribed.
Dan 5:25 And this is the inscription that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN--numbered, numbered, weighed, divisions.
Dan 5:26 This is the interpretation of the matter: MENE, God has numbered the days of your kingship and brought them to an end;
Dan 5:27 TEKEL, You are weighed in the balances and are found wanting;
Dan 5:28 PERES, Your kingdom {and} your kingship are divided and given to the Medes and Persians. [Foretold in Isa. 21:2, 5, 9.]
Dan 5:29 Then Belshazzar commanded, and Daniel was clothed with purple and a chain of gold put about his neck, and a proclamation was made concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.
Dan 5:30 During that night Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans was slain,
Dan 5:31 And Darius the Mede took the kingdom; he was about sixty-two years old.
Dan 6:1 IT PLEASED [King] Darius [successor to Belshazzar] to set over the kingdom 120 satraps who should be [in charge] throughout all the kingdom,
Dan 6:2 And over them three presidents--of whom Daniel was one--that these satraps might give account to them and that the king should have no loss {or} damage.
Dan 6:3 Then this Daniel was distinguished above the presidents and the satraps because an excellent spirit was in him, and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.
Dan 6:4 Then the presidents and satraps sought to find occasion [to bring accusation] against Daniel concerning the kingdom, but they could find no occasion or fault, for he was faithful, nor was there any error or fault found in him.
Dan 6:5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion [to bring accusation] against this Daniel except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.
Dan 6:6 Then these presidents and satraps came [tumultuously] together to the king and said to him, King Darius, live forever!

Dan 6:7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the deputies and the satraps, the counselors and the governors, have consulted {and} agreed that the king should establish a royal statute and make a firm decree that whoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, except of you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions.
Dan 6:8 Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the writing that it may not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be altered.
Dan 6:9 So King Darius signed the writing and the decree.
Dan 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house, and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he got down upon his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.
Dan 6:11 Then these men came thronging [by agreement] and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.
Dan 6:12 Then they came near and said before the king concerning his prohibitory decree, Have you not signed an edict that any man who shall make a petition to any god or man within thirty days, except of you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be changed {or} repealed.
Dan 6:13 Then they said before the king, That Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, does not regard {or} pay any attention to you, O king, or to the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.
Dan 6:14 Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed [over what he had done] and set his mind on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored until the sun went down to rescue him.
Dan 6:15 Then these same men came thronging [by agreement] to the king and said, Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no decree or statute which the king establishes may be changed {or} repealed.
Dan 6:16 Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, May your God, Whom you are serving continually, deliver you!
Dan 6:17 And a stone was brought and laid upon the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that there might be no change of purpose concerning Daniel.
Dan 6:18 Then the king went to his palace and passed the night fasting, neither were instruments of music or dancing girls brought before him; and his sleep fled from him.
Dan 6:19 Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions.
Dan 6:20 And when he came to the den and to Daniel, he cried out in a voice of anguish. The king said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is your God, Whom you serve continually, able to deliver you from the lions?
Dan 6:21 Then Daniel said to the king, O king, live forever!
Dan 6:22 My God has sent His angel and has shut the lions' mouths so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent {and} blameless before Him; and also before you, O king, [as you very well know] I have done no harm {or} wrong.
Dan 6:23 Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel should be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no hurt of any kind was found on him because he believed in (relied on, adhered to, and trusted in) his God.
Dan 6:24 And the king commanded, and those men who had accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions, they, their children, and their wives; and before they ever reached the bottom of the den, the lions had overpowered them and had broken their bones in pieces.
Dan 6:25 Then King Darius wrote to all peoples, nations, and languages [in his realm] that dwelt in all the earth: May peace be multiplied to you!
Dan 6:26 I make a decree that in all my royal dominion men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for He is the living God, enduring {and} steadfast forever, and His kingdom shall not be destroyed and His dominion shall be even to the end [of the world].
Dan 6:27 He is a Savior and Deliverer, and He works signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth--He Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.
Dan 6:28 So this [man] Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.
Dan 7:1 IN THE first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions in his head as he was lying upon his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the gist of the matter.
Dan 7:2 Daniel said, I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of the heavens [political and social agitations] were stirring up the great sea [the nations of the world].
Dan 7:3 And four great beasts came up out of the sea in succession, and different from one another.
Dan 7:4 The first [the Babylonian empire under Nebuchadnezzar] was like a lion and had eagle's wings. I looked till

the wings of it were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand upon two feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.
Dan 7:5 And behold another beast, a second one [the Medo-Persian empire], was like a bear, and it raised up itself on one side [or one dominion] and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, Arise, devour much flesh.
Dan 7:6 After this I looked, and behold, another [the Grecian empire of Alexander the Great], like a leopard which had four wings of a bird on its back. The beast had also four heads [Alexander's generals, his successors], and dominion was given to it.
Dan 7:7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast [the Roman empire]--terrible, powerful {and} dreadful, and exceedingly strong. And it had great iron teeth; it devoured and crushed and trampled what was left with its feet. And it was different from all the beasts that came before it, and it had ten horns [symbolizing ten kings].
Dan 7:8 I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots; and behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth speaking great things.
Dan 7:9 I kept looking until thrones were placed [for the assessors with the Judge], and the Ancient of Days [God, the eternal Father] took His seat, Whose garment was white as snow and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was like the fiery flame; its wheels were burning fire.
Dan 7:10 A stream of fire came forth from before Him; a thousand thousands ministered to Him and ten thousand times ten thousand rose up {and} stood before Him; the Judge was seated [the court was in session] and the books were opened.
Dan 7:11 I looked then because of the sound of the great words which the horn was speaking. I watched until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.
Dan 7:12 And as for the rest of the beasts, their power of dominion was taken away; yet their lives were prolonged [for the duration of their lives was fixed] for a season and a time.
Dan 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and behold, on the clouds of the heavens came One like a Son of man, and He came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him.
Dan 7:14 And there was given Him [the Messiah] dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and His kingdom is one which shall not be destroyed.
Dan 7:15 As for me, Daniel, my spirit was grieved {and} anxious within me, and the visions of my head alarmed {and} agitated me.
Dan 7:16 I came near to one of those who stood there and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things.
Dan 7:17 These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth.
Dan 7:18 But the saints of the Most High [God] shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.
Dan 7:19 Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast--which was different from all the others, exceedingly terrible {and} shocking, whose teeth were of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke {and} crushed, and trampled what was left with its feet--
Dan 7:20 And about the ten horns [representing kings] that were on its head, and the other horn which came up later and before which three of [the horns] fell, the horn which had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things and which looked greater than the others.
Dan 7:21 As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them
Dan 7:22 Until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High [God], and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.
Dan 7:23 Thus [the angel] said, The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms and shall devour the whole earth, tread it down, and break it in pieces {and} crush it.
Dan 7:24 And as for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise; and another shall arise after them, and he shall be different from the former ones, and he shall subdue {and} put down three kings.
Dan 7:25 And he shall speak words against the Most High [God] and shall wear out the saints of the Most High and think to change the time [of sacred feasts and holy days] and the law; and the saints shall be given into his hand for a time, two times, and half a time [three and one-half years].
Dan 7:26 But the judgment shall be set [by the court of the Most High], and they shall take away his dominion to consume it [gradually] and to destroy it [suddenly] in the end.

Dan 7:27 And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heavens shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions shall serve and obey Him.
Dan 7:28 Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my [waking] thoughts troubled and alarmed me much and my cheerfulness of countenance was changed in me; but I kept the matter [of the interpreting angel's information] in my heart {and} mind.
Dan 8:1 IN THE third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, Daniel, after the one that appeared to me at the first.
Dan 8:2 And I saw in the vision and it seemed that I was at Shushan the palace {or} fortress [in Susa, the capital of Persia], which is in the province of Elam, and I saw in the vision and I was by the river of Ulai.
Dan 8:3 And I lifted up my eyes and saw, and behold, there stood before the river a [single] ram which had two horns [representing two kings of Medo-Persia: Darius the Mede, then Cyrus]; and the two horns were high, but one [Persia] was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last.
Dan 8:4 I looked {and} saw the ram [Medo-Persia] pushing {and} charging westward and northward and southward; no beast could stand before him, neither could anyone rescue from his power, but he did according to his [own] will {and} pleasure and magnified himself.
Dan 8:5 As I was considering, behold, a he-goat [the king of Greece] came from the west across the face of the whole earth without touching the ground, and the goat had a conspicuous {and} remarkable horn between his eyes [symbolizing Alexander the Great].
Dan 8:6 And he came to the ram that had the two horns which I had seen standing on the bank of the river and ran at him in the heat of his power.
Dan 8:7 [In my vision] I saw him come close to the ram [Medo-Persia], and he was moved with anger against him and he [Alexander the Great] struck the ram and broke his two horns; and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but the goat threw him to the ground and trampled on him. And there was no one who could rescue the ram from his power.
Dan 8:8 And the he-goat [Alexander the Great] magnified himself exceedingly, and when he was [young and] strong, the great horn [he] was [suddenly] broken; and instead of [him] there came up four notable horns [to whom the kingdom was divided, one] toward [each of] the four winds of the heavens.
Dan 8:9 Out of littleness {and} small beginnings one of them came forth [Antiochus Epiphanes], a horn whose [impious presumption and pride] grew exceedingly great toward the south and toward the east and toward the ornament [the precious, blessed land of Israel].
Dan 8:10 And [in my vision this horn] grew great, even against the host of heaven [God's true people, the saints], and some of the host and of the stars [priests] it cast down to the ground and trampled on them,
Dan 8:11 Yes, [this horn] magnified itself, even [matching itself] against the Prince of the host [of heaven]; and from Him the continual [burnt offering] was taken away and the place of [God's] sanctuary was cast down {and} profaned.
Dan 8:12 And the host [the chosen people] was given [to the wicked horn] together with the continual burnt offering because of the transgression [of God's people--their abounding irreverence, ungodliness, and lack of piety]. And righteousness {and} truth were cast down to the ground, and it [the wicked horn] accomplished this [by divine permission] and prospered.
Dan 8:13 Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to the one that spoke, For how long is the vision concerning the continual offering, the transgression that makes desolate, and the giving over of both the sanctuary and the host [of the people] to be trampled underfoot?
Dan 8:14 And he said to him {and} to me, For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed {and} restored.
Dan 8:15 When I, even I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it; then behold, there stood before me one [Gabriel] with the appearance of a man.
Dan 8:16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the [river] Ulai which called and said, Gabriel, make this man [Daniel] understand the vision.
Dan 8:17 So he came near where I stood, and when he came, I was frightened and fell on my face. But he said to me, Understand, O son of man, for the [fulfillment of the] vision belongs to [events that shall occur in] the time of the end.
Dan 8:18 Now as he [Gabriel] was speaking with me, I fell stunned {and} in deep unconsciousness with my face to the ground; but he touched me and set me upright [where I had stood].
Dan 8:19 And he said, Behold, I will make you know what will be in the latter time of the indignation [of God upon the ungodly], for it has to do with the time of the end.

Dan 8:20 The ram you saw having two horns, they are the kings of Media and Persia.
Dan 8:21 And the shaggy {and} rough he-goat is the king of Greece, and the great horn between his eyes is the first king [who consolidated the whole realm, Alexander the Great].
Dan 8:22 And as for the horn which was shattered, in whose place four others arose, four kingdoms shall arise out of his nation but not having his [Alexander's] power.
Dan 8:23 And at the latter end of their kingdom, when the transgressors [the apostate Jews] have reached the fullness [of their wickedness, taxing the limits of God's mercy], a king of fierce countenance and understanding dark trickery {and} craftiness shall stand up.
Dan 8:24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and he shall corrupt {and} destroy astonishingly and shall prosper and do his own pleasure, and he shall corrupt {and} destroy the mighty men and the holy people (the people of the saints).
Dan 8:25 And through his policy he shall cause trickery to prosper in his hand; he shall magnify himself in his heart {and} mind, and in their security he will corrupt {and} destroy many. He shall also stand up against the Prince of princes, but he shall be broken and that by no [human] hand.
Dan 8:26 The vision of the evenings and the mornings which has been told you is true. But seal up the vision, for it has to do with {and} belongs to the [now] distant future.
Dan 8:27 And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick [for several] days. Afterward I rose up and did the king's business; and I wondered at the vision, but there was no one who understood it {or} could make it understood.
Dan 9:1 IN THE first year of Darius son of Ahasuerus, of the offspring of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans--
Dan 9:2 In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the books the number of years which, according to the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass by before the desolations [which had been] pronounced on Jerusalem should end; and it was seventy years.
Dan 9:3 And I set my face to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting and sackcloth and ashes;
Dan 9:4 And I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, Who keeps covenant, mercy, {and} loving-kindness with those who love Him and keep His commandments,
Dan 9:5 We have sinned and dealt perversely and done wickedly and have rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances.
Dan 9:6 Neither have we listened to {and} heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.
Dan 9:7 O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us confusion {and} shame of face, as at this day--to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, to those who are near and those who are far off, through all the countries to which You have driven them because of the [treacherous] trespass which they have committed against You.
Dan 9:8 O Lord, to us belong confusion {and} shame of face--to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers--because we have sinned against You.
Dan 9:9 To the Lord our God belong mercy {and} loving-kindness and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against Him;
Dan 9:10 And we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in His laws which He set before us through His servants the prophets.
Dan 9:11 Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, even turning aside that they might not obey Your voice. Therefore the curse has been poured out on us and the oath that is written in the Law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against Him.
Dan 9:12 And He has carried out intact His [threatening] words which He threatened against us and against our judges [the kings, princes, and rulers generally] who ruled us, and He has brought upon us a great evil; for under the whole heavens there has not been done before [anything so dreadful] as [He has caused to be] done against Jerusalem.
Dan 9:13 Just as it is written in the Law of Moses as to all this evil [that would surely come upon transgressors], so it has come upon us. Yet we have not earnestly begged for forgiveness {and} entreated the favor of the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and have understanding {and} become wise in Your truth.
Dan 9:14 Therefore the Lord has kept ready the calamity (evil) and has brought it upon us, for the Lord our God is [uncompromisingly] righteous {and} rigidly just in all His works which He does [keeping His word]; and we have not obeyed His voice.
Dan 9:15 And now, O Lord our God, Who brought Your people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and secured Yourself renown {and} a name as at this day, we have sinned, we have done wickedly!

Dan 9:16 O Lord, according to all Your rightness {and} justice, I beseech You, let Your anger and Your wrath be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain. Because of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people have become a reproach {and} a byword to all who are around about us.
Dan 9:17 Now therefore, O our God, listen to {and} heed the prayer of Your servant [Daniel] and his supplications, and for Your own sake cause Your face to shine upon Your sanctuary which is desolate.
Dan 9:18 O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and look at our desolations and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You for our own righteousness {and} justice, but for Your great mercy {and} loving-kindness.
Dan 9:19 O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, give heed and act! Do not delay, for Your own sake, O my God, because Your city and Your people are called by Your name.
Dan 9:20 While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy hill of my God--
Dan 9:21 Yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the former vision, being caused to fly swiftly, came near to me {and} touched me about the time of the evening sacrifice.
Dan 9:22 He instructed me {and} made me understand; he talked with me and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give you skill {and} wisdom and understanding.
Dan 9:23 At the beginning of your prayers, the word [giving an answer] went forth, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved. Therefore consider the matter and understand the vision.
Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks [of years, or 490 years] are decreed upon your people and upon your holy city [Jerusalem], to finish {and} put an end to transgression, to seal up {and} make full the measure of sin, to purge away {and} make expiation {and} reconciliation for sin, to bring in everlasting righteousness (permanent moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation) to seal up vision and prophecy {and} prophet, and to anoint a Holy of Holies.
Dan 9:25 Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem until [the coming of] the Anointed One, a Prince, shall be seven weeks [of years] and sixty-two weeks [of years]; it shall be built again with [city] square and moat, but in troublous times.
Dan 9:26 And after the sixty-two weeks [of years] shall the Anointed One be cut off {or} killed and shall have nothing [and no one] belonging to [and defending] Him. And the people of the [other] prince who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood; and even to the end there shall be war, and desolations are decreed.
Dan 9:27 And he shall enter into a strong {and} firm covenant with the many for one week [seven years]. And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and offering to cease [for the remaining three and one-half years]; and upon the wing {or} pinnacle of abominations [shall come] one who makes desolate, until the full determined end is poured out on the desolator.
Dan 10:1 IN THE third year of Cyrus king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, who was called Belteshazzar. And the word was true and it referred to great tribulation (conflict and wretchedness). And he understood the word and had understanding of the vision.
Dan 10:2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three whole weeks.
Dan 10:3 I ate no pleasant {or} desirable food, nor did any meat or wine come into my mouth; and I did not anoint myself at all for the full three weeks.
Dan 10:4 On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was on the bank of the great river Hiddekel [which is the Tigris],
Dan 10:5 I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with pure gold of Uphaz.
Dan 10:6 His body also was [a golden luster] like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and his feet like glowing burnished bronze, and the sound of his words was like the noise of a multitude [of people or the roaring of the sea].
Dan 10:7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision [of this heavenly being], for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them so that they fled to hide themselves.
Dan 10:8 So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me, for my fresh appearance was turned to pallor; I grew weak {and} faint [with fright].
Dan 10:9 Then I heard the sound of his words; and when I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in a deep sleep, with my face [sunk] to the ground.
Dan 10:10 And behold, a hand touched me, which set me [unsteadily] upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands.

Dan 10:11 And [the angel] said to me, O Daniel, you greatly beloved man, understand the words that I speak to you and stand upright, for to you I am now sent. And while he was saying this word to me, I stood up trembling.
Dan 10:12 Then he said to me, Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind {and} heart to understand and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come as a consequence of [and in response to] your words.
Dan 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me for twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief [of the celestial] princes, came to help me, for I remained there with the kings of Persia.
Dan 10:14 Now I have come to make you understand what is to befall your people in the latter days, for the vision is for [many] days yet to come.
Dan 10:15 When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and was dumb.
Dan 10:16 And behold, one in the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke. I said to him who stood before me, O my lord, by reason of the vision sorrows {and} pains have come upon me, and I retain no strength.
Dan 10:17 For how can my lord's servant [who is so feeble] talk with this my lord? For now no strength remains in me, nor is there any breath left in me.
Dan 10:18 Then there touched me again one whose appearance was like that of a man, and he strengthened me.
Dan 10:19 And he said, O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you! Be strong, yes, be strong. And when he had spoken to me, I was strengthened and said, Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.
Dan 10:20 Then he said, Do you know why I have come to you? And now I will return to fight with the [hostile] prince of Persia; and when I have gone, behold, the [hostile] prince of Greece will come.
Dan 10:21 But I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth {or} the Book of Truth. There is no one who holds with me {and} strengthens himself against these [hostile spirit forces] except Michael, your prince [national guardian angel].
Dan 11:1 ALSO I [the angel], in the first year of Darius the Mede, even I, stood up to confirm and to strengthen him [Michael, the angelic prince].
Dan 11:2 And now I will show you the truth. Behold, there shall arise three more kings in Persia, and a fourth shall be far richer than they all. And when he has become strong through his riches he shall stir up {and} stake all against the realm of Greece.
Dan 11:3 Then a mighty [warlike, threatening] king shall arise who shall rule with great dominion and do according to his [own] will.
Dan 11:4 And as soon as he has fully arisen, his [Alexander the Great's] kingdom shall be broken [by his death] and divided toward the four winds [the east, west, north, and south] of the heavens, but not to his posterity, nor according to the [Grecian] dominion which he ruled, for his kingdom shall be torn out {and} uprooted and go to others [to his four generals] to the exclusion of these.
Dan 11:5 Then the king of the South (Egypt) shall be strong, but one of his princes shall be stronger than he is and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion.
Dan 11:6 At the end of some years they [the king of the North, Syria, and the king of the South, Egypt] shall make an alliance; the daughter of the king of the South shall come to the king of the North to make [a just and peaceful marriage] agreement; but she shall not retain the power of her might, neither shall he and his might endure. She shall be handed over with her attendants, her child, and him who strengthened her in those times.
Dan 11:7 But out of a branch of the [same ancestral] roots as hers shall one [her brother] stand up in his place {or} office, who shall come against the [Syrian] army and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the North and shall deal against them and shall prevail.
Dan 11:8 And also he shall carry off to Egypt their [Syria's] gods with their molten images and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold, and he shall refrain for some years from [waging war against] the king of the North.
Dan 11:9 And he [the king of Syria] shall come into the kingdom of the king of the South but shall return to his own land.
Dan 11:10 But his sons shall be stirred up {and} shall prepare for war and shall assemble a multitude of great forces, which shall come on and overflow and pass through and again shall make war even to the fortress [of the king of the South].
Dan 11:11 And the king of the South (Egypt) shall be moved with anger and shall come forth and fight with the king of the North (Syria); and he [the Syrian king] shall set forth a great multitude, but the multitude shall be given into his [the Egyptian king's] hand.
Dan 11:12 When the multitude is taken {and} carried away, the heart {and} mind [of the Egyptian king] shall be

exalted, and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail.
Dan 11:13 For the king of the North shall raise a multitude greater than [he had] before, and after some years shall certainly return, coming with a great army and much substance {and} equipment.
Dan 11:14 In those times many shall rise up against the king of the South (Egypt); also the men of violence among your own people shall lift themselves up in order to fulfill the visions [of Dan. 8 and 9], but they shall fail {and} fall.
Dan 11:15 Then the king of the North shall come and cast up siege works and take a well-fortified city, and the forces of the South shall not stand, or even his chosen troops, for there shall be no strength to stand [against the Syrian king].
Dan 11:16 But he [Antiochus the Great] who comes against him [from Syria] shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him; he shall stand in the glorious land [of Israel], and in his hand shall be destruction {and} all the land shall be in his power.
Dan 11:17 He [Antiochus the Great] shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and with him upright conditions {and} terms of peace, and he shall perform them [by making an agreement with the king of the South]. He shall give him [his] daughter to corrupt {and} destroy it [his league with Egypt] {and} the kingdom, but it shall not succeed or be to his advantage.
Dan 11:18 After this he shall turn his attention to the islands {and} coastlands and shall take over many of them. But a prince {or} commander shall teach him [Antiochus the Great] to put an end to the insults offered by him; in fact he shall turn his insolence {and} reproaches back upon him.
Dan 11:19 Then he shall turn his face back toward the fortresses of his own land [of Syria], but he shall stumble and fall and not be found.
Dan 11:20 Then shall stand up in his place {or} office one who shall send an exactor of tribute to pass through the glory of the kingdom, but within a few days he shall be destroyed, [yet] neither in anger nor in battle.
Dan 11:21 And in his place {or} office [in Syria] shall arise a contemptuous {and} contemptible person, to whom royal majesty {and} honor of the kingdom have not been given. But he shall come in without warning in time of security and shall obtain the kingdom by flatteries, intrigues, {and} cunning hypocritical conduct.
Dan 11:22 Before him the overwhelming forces of invading armies shall be broken {and} utterly swept away; yes, and a prince of the covenant [with those who were at peace with him] also [shall be broken and swept away].
Dan 11:23 And from the time that an alliance is made with him he shall work deceitfully, and he shall come up unexpectedly and shall become strong with a small people.
Dan 11:24 Without warning {and} stealthily he shall come into the most productive places of a province {or} among the richest men of a province [of Egypt], and he shall do that which his fathers have not done nor his fathers' fathers; he shall distribute among them plunder, spoil, and goods. He shall devise plans against strongholds--but only for a time [the period decreed by God].
Dan 11:25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the South [Egypt] with a great army; and the king of the South shall wage war with an exceedingly great and mighty army, but he shall not stand, for schemes shall be devised against [the king of the South].
Dan 11:26 Yes, those who eat of his rich {and} dainty food shall break {and} destroy him, and his army shall drift {or} turn away to flee, and many shall fall down slain.
Dan 11:27 And as for both of these kings, their hearts {and} minds shall be set on doing mischief; they shall speak lies over the same table, but it will not succeed, for the end is yet to be at the time appointed.
Dan 11:28 Then shall [the vile conqueror from the North] return into his land with much booty; and his heart {and} purpose shall be set against [God's] holy covenant [with His people], and he shall accomplish [his malicious intention] and return to his own land [Syria].
Dan 11:29 At the time appointed [God's own time] he shall return and come into the South, but it shall not be successful as were the former invasions [of Egypt].
Dan 11:30 For the ships of Kittim [or Cyprus, in Roman hands] shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved {and} discouraged and turn back [to Palestine] and carry out his rage {and} indignation against the holy covenant {and} God's people, and he shall do his own pleasure; he shall even turn back and make common cause with those [Jews] who abandon the holy covenant [with God].
Dan 11:31 And armed forces of his shall appear [in the holy land] and they shall pollute the sanctuary, the [spiritual] stronghold, and shall take away the continual [daily burnt offering]; and they shall set up [in the sanctuary] the abomination that astonishes {and} makes desolate [probably an altar to a pagan god].
Dan 11:32 And such as violate the covenant he shall pervert {and} seduce with flatteries, but the people who know their God shall prove themselves strong {and} shall stand firm and do exploits [for God].
Dan 11:33 And they who are wise {and} understanding among the people shall instruct many {and} make them

understand, though some [of them and their followers] shall fall by the sword and flame, by captivity and plunder, for many days.
Dan 11:34 Now when they fall, they shall receive a little help. Many shall join themselves to them with flatteries {and} hypocrisies.
Dan 11:35 And some of those who are wise, prudent, {and} understanding shall be weakened {and} fall, [thus, then, the insincere among the people will lose courage and become deserters. It will be a test] to refine, to purify, and to make those among [God's people] white, even to the time of the end, because it is yet for the time [God] appointed.
Dan 11:36 And the king shall do according to his will; he shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished, for that which is determined [by God] shall be done.
Dan 11:37 He shall not regard the gods of his fathers or Him [to Whom] women desire [to give birth--the Messiah] or any other god, for he shall magnify himself above all.
Dan 11:38 But in their place he shall honor the god of fortresses; a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honor with gold and silver, with precious stones, and with pleasant {and} expensive things.
Dan 11:39 And he shall deal with the strongest fortresses by the help of a foreign god. Those who acknowledge him he shall magnify with glory {and} honor, and he shall cause them to rule over many and shall divide the land for a price.
Dan 11:40 And at the time of the end the king of the South shall push at {and} attack him, and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots and horsemen and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries and shall overflow and pass through.
Dan 11:41 He shall enter into the Glorious Land [Palestine] and many shall be overthrown, but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom, Moab, and the main [core] of the people of Ammon.
Dan 11:42 He shall stretch out his hand also against the [other] countries, but the land of Egypt shall not be among the escaped ones.
Dan 11:43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver and over all the precious things of Egypt, and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall accompany him [compelled to follow his steps].
Dan 11:44 But rumors from the east and from the north shall alarm {and} hasten him. And he shall go forth with great fury to destroy and utterly to sweep away many.
Dan 11:45 And he shall pitch his palatial tents between the seas and the glorious holy Mount [Zion]; yet he shall come to his end with none to help him.
Dan 12:1 AND AT that time [of the end] Michael shall arise, the great [angelic] prince who defends {and} has charge of your [Daniel's] people. And there shall be a time of trouble, straitness, {and} distress such as never was since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the Book [of God's plan for His own].
Dan 12:2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake: some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt {and} abhorrence.
Dan 12:3 And the teachers {and} those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness (to uprightness and right standing with God) [shall give forth light] like the stars forever and ever.
Dan 12:4 But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the Book until the time of the end. [Then] many shall run to and fro {and} search anxiously [through the Book], and knowledge [of God's purposes as revealed by His prophets] shall be increased {and} become great.
Dan 12:5 Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, there stood two others, the one on the brink of the river on this side and the other on the brink of the river on that side.
Dan 12:6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?
Dan 12:7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right and his left hand toward the heavens and swore by Him Who lives forever that it shall be for a time, times, and a half a time [or three and one-half years]; and when they have made an end of shattering {and} crushing the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.
Dan 12:8 And I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, O my lord, what shall be the issue {and} final end of these things?
Dan 12:9 And he [the angel] said, Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed till the time of the end.
Dan 12:10 Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be tried, smelted, {and} refined, but the

wicked shall do wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but the teachers {and} those who are wise shall understand.
Dan 12:11 And from the time that the continual burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290 days.
Dan 12:12 Blessed, happy, fortunate, spiritually prosperous, {and} to be envied is he who waits expectantly {and} earnestly [who endures without wavering beyond the period of tribulation] and comes to the 1,335 days!
Dan 12:13 But you [Daniel, who was now over ninety years of age], go your way until the end; for you shall rest and shall stand [fast] in your allotted place at the end of the days.
Hos 1:1 THE WORD of the Lord that came to Hosea son of Beeri in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam son of Joash king of Israel.
Hos 1:2 When the Lord first spoke with {and} through Hosea, the Lord said to him, Go, take to yourself a wife of harlotry and have children of [her] harlotry, for the land commits great whoredom by departing from the Lord.
Hos 1:3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, and she became pregnant and bore him a son.
Hos 1:4 And the Lord said to him, Call his name Jezreel {or} God-sows, for yet a little while and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel {and} visit the punishment for it upon the house of Jehu, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.
Hos 1:5 And on that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel.
Hos 1:6 And [Gomer] conceived again and bore a daughter. And the Lord said to Hosea, Call her name Lo-Ruhamah {or} Not-pitied, for I will no more have love, pity, {and} mercy on the house of Israel, that I should in any way pardon them.
Hos 1:7 But I will have love, pity, {and} mercy on the house of Judah and will deliver them by the Lord their God and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by equipment of war, nor by horses, nor by horsemen.
Hos 1:8 Now when [Gomer] had weaned Lo-Ruhamah [Not-pitied], she became pregnant [again] and bore a son.
Hos 1:9 And the Lord said, Call his name Lo-Ammi [Not-my-people], for you are not My people and I am not your God.
Hos 1:10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered; and instead of it being said to them, You are not My people, it shall be said to them, Sons of the Living God!
Hos 1:11 Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together and appoint themselves one head, and they shall go up out of the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel [for the spiritually reborn Israel, a divine offspring, the people whom the Lord has blessed.]
Hos 2:1 [HOSEA], SAY to your brethren, Ammi [or You-are-my-people], and to your sisters, Ruhamah [or You-have-been-pitied-and-have-obtained-mercy].
Hos 2:2 Plead with your mother [your nation]; plead, for she is not My wife and I am not her Husband; [plead] that she put away her [marks of] harlotry from her face and her adulteries from between her breasts,
Hos 2:3 Lest I strip her naked and make her as in the day she was born, and make her as a wilderness and set her like a parched land and slay her with thirst.
Hos 2:4 Yes, for her children I will have no love {nor} pity {nor} mercy, for they are the children of harlotry.
Hos 2:5 For their mother has played the harlot; she who conceived them has done shamefully, for she said, I will go after my lovers that give me my food and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my refreshing drinks.
Hos 2:6 Therefore, behold, I [the Lord God] will hedge up her way [even yours, O Israel] with thorns; and I will build a wall against her that she shall not find her paths.
Hos 2:7 And she shall follow after her lovers but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them [inquiring for and requiring them], but shall not find them. Then shall she say, Let me go and return to my first husband, for then was it better with me than now.
Hos 2:8 For she has not noticed, understood, {or} realized that it was I [the Lord God] Who gave her the grain and the new wine and the fresh oil, and Who lavished upon her silver and gold which they used for Baal {and} made into his image.
Hos 2:9 Therefore will I return {and} take back My grain in the time for it and My new wine in the season for it, and will pluck away {and} recover My wool and My flax which were to cover her [Israel's] nakedness.
Hos 2:10 And now will I uncover her lewdness {and} her shame in the sight of her lovers, and no one shall rescue her out of My hand.
Hos 2:11 I will also cause to cease all her mirth, her feastmaking, her New Moons, her Sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts {and} appointed festive assemblies.

Hos 2:12 And I will lay waste {and} destroy her vines and her fig trees of which she has said, These are my reward {or} loose woman's hire that my lovers have given me; and I will make [her plantations] an inaccessible forest, and the wild beasts of the open country shall eat them.
Hos 2:13 And I will visit [punishment] upon her for the feast days of the Baals, when she burned incense to them and decked herself with her earrings {and} nose rings and her jewelry and went after her lovers and forgot Me, says the Lord.
Hos 2:14 Therefore, behold, I will allure her [Israel] and bring her into the wilderness, and I will speak tenderly {and} to her heart.
Hos 2:15 There I will give her her vineyards and make the Valley of Achor [troubling] to be for her a door of hope {and} expectation. And she shall sing there {and} respond as in the days of her youth and as at the time when she came up out of the land of Egypt.
Hos 2:16 And it shall be in that day, says the Lord, that you will call Me Ishi [my Husband], and you shall no more call Me Baali [my Baal].
Hos 2:17 For I will take away the names of Baalim [the Baals] out of her mouth, and they shall no more be mentioned {or} seriously remembered by their name.
Hos 2:18 And in that day will I make a covenant for Israel with the living creatures of the open country and with the birds of the heavens and with the creeping things of the ground. And I will break the bow and the sword and [abolish battle equipment and] conflict out of the land and will make you lie down safely.
Hos 2:19 And I will betroth you to Me forever; yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy.
Hos 2:20 I will even betroth you to Me in stability {and} in faithfulness, and you shall know (recognize, be acquainted with, appreciate, give heed to, and cherish) the Lord.
Hos 2:21 And in that day I will respond, says the Lord; I will respond to the heavens [which ask for rain to pour on the earth], and they shall respond to the earth [which begs for the rain it needs],
Hos 2:22 And the earth shall respond to the grain and the wine and the oil [which beseech it to bring them forth], and these shall respond to Jezreel [restored Israel, who prays for a supply of them].
Hos 2:23 And I will sow her for Myself anew in the land, and I will have love, pity, {and} mercy for her who had not obtained love, pity, {and} mercy; and I will say to those who were not My people, You are My people, and they shall say, You are my God!
Hos 3:1 THEN SAID the Lord to me, Go again, love [the same] woman [Gomer] who is beloved of a paramour and is an adulteress, even as the Lord loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins [used in the sacrificial feasts in idol worship].
Hos 3:2 So I bought her for fifteen pieces of silver and a homer and a half of barley [the price of a slave].
Hos 3:3 And I said to her, You shall be [betrothed] to me for many days; you shall not play the harlot and you shall not belong to another man. So will I also be to you [until you have proved your loyalty to me and our marital relations may be resumed].
Hos 3:4 For the children of Israel shall dwell {and} sit deprived many days, without king or prince, without sacrifice or [idolatrous] pillar, and without ephod [a garment worn by priests when seeking divine counsel] or teraphim (household gods).
Hos 3:5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return and seek the Lord their God, [inquiring of and requiring Him] and [from the line of] David, their King [of kings]; and they shall come in [anxious] fear to the Lord and to His goodness {and} His good things in the latter days.
Hos 4:1 HEAR THE word of the Lord, you children of Israel, for the Lord has a controversy (a pleading contention) with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no faithfulness, love, pity {and} mercy, or knowledge of God [from personal experience with Him] in the land.
Hos 4:2 There is nothing but [false] swearing and breaking faith and killing and stealing and committing adultery; they break out [into violence], one [deed of] bloodshed following close on another.
Hos 4:3 Therefore shall the land [continually] mourn, and all who dwell in it shall languish, together with the wild beasts of the open country and the birds of the heavens; yes, the fishes of the sea also shall [perish because of the drought] be collected {and} taken away.
Hos 4:4 Yet let no man strive, neither let any man reprove [another--do not waste your time in mutual recriminations], for with you is My contention, O priest.
Hos 4:5 And you shall stumble in the daytime, and the [false] prophet also shall stumble with you in the night; and I will destroy your mother [the priestly nation].

Hos 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you [the priestly nation] have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you that you shall be no priest to Me; seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.
Hos 4:7 The more they increased {and} multiplied [in prosperity and power], the more they sinned against Me; I will change their glory into shame.
Hos 4:8 They feed on the sin of My people and set their heart on their iniquity.
Hos 4:9 And it shall be: Like people, like priest; I will punish them for their ways and repay them for their doings.
Hos 4:10 For they shall eat and not have enough; they shall play the harlot and beget no increase, because they have forsaken the Lord for harlotry;
Hos 4:11 Harlotry and wine and new wine take away the heart {and} the mind {and} the spiritual understanding.
Hos 4:12 My people [habitually] ask counsel of their [senseless] wood [idols], and their staff [of wood] gives them oracles {and} instructs them. For the spirit of harlotry has led them astray and they have played the harlot, withdrawing themselves from subjection to their God.
Hos 4:13 They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains, and they burn incense upon the hills and under oaks, poplars, and terebinths, because there the shade is good. Therefore your daughters play the harlot and your sons' wives commit adultery.
Hos 4:14 I will not punish your daughters when they play the harlot nor your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery, for [the fathers and husbands] themselves go aside in order to be alone with women who prostitute themselves for gain, and they sacrifice at the altar with dedicated harlots [who surrender their chastity in honor of the goddess]. Therefore the people without understanding shall stumble {and} fall {and} come to ruin.
Hos 4:15 Though you, Israel, play the harlot {and} worship idols, let not Judah offend {and} become guilty; come not to Gilgal, neither go up to Beth-aven [contemptuous reference to Bethel, then noted for idolatry], nor swear [in idolatrous service, saying], As the Lord lives.
Hos 4:16 For Israel has behaved stubbornly, like a stubborn heifer. How then should he expect to be fed {and} treated by the Lord like a lamb in a large pasture?
Hos 4:17 Ephraim is joined [fast] to idols, [so] let him alone [to take the consequences].
Hos 4:18 Their drinking carousal over, they go habitually to play the harlot; [Ephraim's] rulers [continue to] love shame more than her glory [which is the Lord, Israel's God].
Hos 4:19 The resistless wind [of God's wrath] has bound up [Israel] in its wings {or} skirts, and [in captivity] they {and} their altars shall be put to shame because of their sacrifices [to calves, to sun, moon, and stars, and to heathen gods].
Hos 5:1 HEAR THIS, O you priests! And listen, O house of Israel! And give ear, O house of the king! For the judgment pronounced pertains to you {and} is meant for you, because you have been a snare at Mizpah and a net spread upon Tabor [military strongholds on either side of the Jordan River].
Hos 5:2 The revolters are deeply sunk in corruption {and} slaughter, but I [the Lord God] am a rebuke {and} a chastisement for them all.
Hos 5:3 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from Me; for now, O Ephraim, you have played the harlot {and} have worshiped idols; Israel is defiled.
Hos 5:4 Their doings will not permit them to return to their God, for the spirit of harlotry is within them and they know not the Lord [they do not recognize, appreciate, give heed to, or cherish the Lord].
Hos 5:5 But the pride {and} self-reliance of Israel testifies before his [own] face. Therefore shall [all] Israel, and [especially] Ephraim [the northern ten tribes], totter {and} fall in their iniquity {and} guilt, and Judah shall stumble {and} fall with them.
Hos 5:6 They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the Lord [inquiring for and requiring Him], but they will not find Him; He has withdrawn Himself from them.
Hos 5:7 They have dealt faithlessly {and} treacherously with the Lord [their espoused Husband], for they have borne alien children. Now shall a [single] New Moon (one month) devour them with their fields.
Hos 5:8 Blow the horn in Gibeah and the trumpet in Ramah [both lofty hills on Benjamin's northern border]. Sound the alarm at Beth-aven: [the enemy is] behind you {and} after you, O Benjamin [be on your guard]!
Hos 5:9 Ephraim shall become a desolation in the day of rebuke {and} punishment. Among the tribes of Israel I declare what shall surely be.
Hos 5:10 The princes of Judah are like those who remove the landmark [the barrier between right and wrong]; I will pour out My wrath upon them like water.
Hos 5:11 Ephraim is oppressed; he is broken {and} crushed by [divine] judgment, because he was content to walk

after idols (images) {and} man's [evil] command ({vanities and filth}).
Hos 5:12 Therefore I am like a moth to Ephraim and like dry rot to the house of Judah [in My judgment against them].
Hos 5:13 When Ephraim saw his sickness and Judah saw his wound, then Ephraim went to Assyria and sent to [Assyria's] great King Jareb [for help]. Yet he cannot heal you nor will he cure you of your wound [received in divine judgment].
Hos 5:14 For I will be to Ephraim like a lion, and like a young lion to the house of Judah. I, even I, will rend and go on [rending]; I will carry off and there will be no one to deliver.
Hos 5:15 I will return to My place [on high] until they acknowledge their offense {and} feel their guilt and seek My face; in their affliction {and} distress they will seek, inquire for, {and} require Me earnestly, saying,
Hos 6:1 COME AND let us return to the Lord, for He has torn so that He may heal us; He has stricken so that He may bind us up.
Hos 6:2 After two days He will revive us (quicken us, give us life); on the third day He will raise us up that we may live before Him.
Hos 6:3 Yes, let us know (recognize, be acquainted with, and understand) Him; let us be zealous to know the Lord [to appreciate, give heed to, and cherish Him]. His going forth is prepared {and} certain as the dawn, and He will come to us as the [heavy] rain, as the latter rain that waters the earth.
Hos 6:4 O Ephraim, what shall I do with you? [says the Lord] O Judah, what shall I do with you? For your [wavering] love {and} kindness are like the night mist {or} like the dew that goes early away.
Hos 6:5 Therefore have I hewn down {and} smitten them by means of the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth; My judgments [pronounced upon them by you prophets] are like the light that goes forth.
Hos 6:6 For I desire {and} delight in dutiful steadfast love {and} goodness, not sacrifice, and the knowledge of {and} acquaintance with God more than burnt offerings.
Hos 6:7 But they, like [less-privileged] men {and} like Adam, have transgressed the covenant; there have they dealt faithlessly {and} treacherously with Me.
Hos 6:8 Gilead is a city of evildoers; it is tracked with bloody [footprints].
Hos 6:9 And as troops of robbers lie in wait for a man, so the company of priests murder on the road toward Shechem; yes, they commit villainy {and} outrages.
Hos 6:10 I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel! There harlotry {and} idolatry are found in Ephraim; Israel is defiled.
Hos 6:11 Also, O Judah, there is a harvest [of divine judgment] appointed for you; when I would return My people from their captivity [in which they are slaves to the misery brought on by their own sins],
Hos 7:1 WHEN I would heal Israel, then Ephraim's guilt is uncovered, and the wickedness of Samaria; how they practice falsehood, and the thief enters and the troop of bandits ravage {and} raid without.
Hos 7:2 But they do not consider {and} say to their minds {and} hearts that I [earnestly] remember all their wickedness. Now their own doings surround and entangle them; they are before My face.
Hos 7:3 They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.
Hos 7:4 They are all [idolatrous] adulterers; their passion smolders like heat of an oven when the baker ceases to stir the fire from the kneading of the dough until it is leavened.
Hos 7:5 On the [special] day of our king the princes made themselves {and} him sick with the heat of wine; [the king] stretched out his hand with scoffers {and} lawless men.
Hos 7:6 For they have made ready their heart, {and} their mind burns [with intrigue] like an oven while they lie in wait. Their anger smolders all night; in the morning it blazes forth as a flaming fire.
Hos 7:7 They are all hot as an oven and devour their judges; all their kings are fallen; there is none among them who calls to Me.
Hos 7:8 Ephraim mixes himself among the peoples [courting the favor of first one country, then another]; Ephraim is a cake not turned.
Hos 7:9 Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knows it not; yes, gray hairs are sprinkled here and there upon him, and he does not know it.
Hos 7:10 And the pride of Israel testifies against him {and} to his face. But they do not return to the Lord their God, nor seek {nor} inquire of {nor} require Him in spite of all this.
Hos 7:11 Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart {or} understanding; they call to Egypt; they go to Assyria.
Hos 7:12 As they go, I will spread My net over them; I will bring them down like birds of the heavens. I will chastise them according to the announcement [or prediction made] to their congregation [in the Scriptures].
Hos 7:13 Woe to them, for they have wandered from Me! Destruction to them, because they have rebelled {and}

trespassed against Me! Though I would redeem them, yet they have spoken lies against Me.
Hos 7:14 They do not cry to Me from their heart, but they wail upon their beds; they gash {and} distress {and} assemble themselves [in mourning] for grain and new wine; they rebel against Me.
Hos 7:15 Although I have chastened them {and} trained and strengthened their arms, yet they think {and} devise evil against Me.
Hos 7:16 They turn back, shift, {or} change, but not upwards [to the Most High]. They are like a deceitful bow; their princes shall fall by the sword for the insolence {and} rage of their tongue. This shall be [cause for] their derision {and} scorning in the land of Egypt.
Hos 8:1 SET THE trumpet to your lips! [The enemy] comes as a [great] vulture against the house of the Lord, because they have broken My covenant and transgressed against My law.
Hos 8:2 Then they will cry to Me, My God, we [of Israel] know You!
Hos 8:3 Israel has rejected the good [with loathing]; the enemy shall pursue him.
Hos 8:4 They set up kings, but not from Me [therefore without My blessing]; they have made princes or removed them [without consulting Me; therefore], I knew {and} recognized [them] not. With their silver and their gold they made idols for themselves, that they [the silver and the gold] may be destroyed.
Hos 8:5 Your calf [idol], O Samaria, is loathsome {and} I have spurned it. My wrath burns against them. How long will it be before they attain purity?
Hos 8:6 For this [calf] too is from Israel; a craftsman made it; therefore it is not God. The calf of Samaria shall be broken to shivers {and} go up in flames.
Hos 8:7 For they sow the wind and they shall reap the whirlwind. The standing grain has no heads; it shall yield no meal; if it were to yield, strangers {and} aliens would eat it up.
Hos 8:8 Israel is [as if] swallowed up. Already they have become among the nations as a vessel [of cheap, coarse pottery] that is useless.
Hos 8:9 For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass taking her own way by herself; Ephraim has hired lovers.
Hos 8:10 Yes, though with presents they hire [allies] among the nations, now will I gather them up, and in a little while they will sorrow {and} begin to diminish [their gifts] because of the burden (tribute) imposed by the king of princes [the king of Assyria].
Hos 8:11 For Ephraim has multiplied altars for sinning; yes, to him altars are intended for sinning.
Hos 8:12 I wrote for him the ten thousand things of My law, but they are counted as a strange thing [as something which does not concern him].
Hos 8:13 My sacrificial gifts they sacrifice [as a mere form]; yes, they sacrifice flesh and eat it, but the Lord does not accept them. Now He will [earnestly] remember their guilt {and} iniquity and will punish their sins. They shall return to [another] Egypt [Assyria].
Hos 8:14 For Israel has forgotten his Maker and built palaces {and} idol temples, and Judah has multiplied fortified cities; but I will send a fire upon his cities and it shall devour his palaces {and} fortified buildings.
Hos 9:1 REJOICE NOT, O Israel, with exultation as do the peoples, for you have played the harlot, forsaking your God. You have loved [a harlot's] hire upon every threshing floor [ascribing the harvest to the Baals instead of to God].
Hos 9:2 The threshing floor and the winevat shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail them.
Hos 9:3 They shall not remain in the Lord's land, but Ephraim shall return to [another] Egypt and they shall eat unclean food in Assyria.
Hos 9:4 They shall not pour out wine offerings to the Lord, neither shall they be pleasing to Him. Their sacrifices shall be to them as the bread of mourners; all who eat of them shall be defiled, for their bread shall be [only] for their appetite; it shall not come into the house of the Lord [to be offered first to Him].
Hos 9:5 What will you do on the day of the appointed solemn assembly {or} festival and on the day of the feast of the Lord [when you are in exile]?
Hos 9:6 For behold, they are gone away from devastation {and} destruction; Egypt shall gather them in; Memphis shall bury them. Their precious things of silver shall be in the possession of nettles; thorns shall be [growing] in their tents.
Hos 9:7 The days of visitation {and} punishment have come; the days of recompense have come; Israel shall know it. The prophet is [considered] a crazed fool and the man who is inspired is [treated as if] mad {or} a fanatic, because of the abundance of your iniquity and because the enmity, hostility, {and} persecution are great.
Hos 9:8 Ephraim was [intended to be] a watchman with my God [and a prophet to the surrounding nations]; but he, that prophet, has become a fowler's snare in all his ways. There is enmity, hostility, {and} persecution in the house of his God.

Hos 9:9 They have deeply corrupted themselves as in the days of Gibeah. The Lord will [earnestly] remember their iniquity; He will punish their sins.
Hos 9:10 I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the first ripe fruit on the fig tree in its first season, but they went to Baal-peor and consecrated themselves to that shameful thing [Baal], and they became detestable {and} loathsome like that which they loved.
Hos 9:11 As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird; there shall be no birth, no being with child, and [because of their impurity] no becoming pregnant.
Hos 9:12 Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them so that not a man shall be left; yes, woe also to them when I look away {and} depart from them!
Hos 9:13 Ephraim, as I have seen with Tyre, is planted in a pleasant place, but Ephraim shall bring out his children to the slayer.
Hos 9:14 Give them [their due], O Lord! [But] what will You give? Give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.
Hos 9:15 All their wickedness [says the Lord] is focused in Gilgal, for there I hated them; for the wickedness of their [idolatrous] doings I will drive them out of My house [the Holy Land]; I will love them no more; all their princes are rebels.
Hos 9:16 Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit. Yes, though they bring forth, yet will I slay even their beloved children.
Hos 9:17 My God will cast them away because they did not listen to {and} obey Him, and they shall be wanderers {and} fugitives among the nations.
Hos 10:1 ISRAEL IS a luxuriant vine that puts forth its [material] fruit. According to the abundance of his fruit he has multiplied his altars [to idols]; according to the goodness {and} prosperity of their land they have made goodly pillars {or} obelisks [to false gods].
Hos 10:2 Their heart is divided {and} deceitful; now shall they be found guilty {and} suffer punishment. The Lord will smite {and} break down [the horns of] their altars; He will destroy their [idolatrous] pillars.
Hos 10:3 Surely now they shall say, We have no [actual] king because we fear not the Lord; and as for the king, what can he do for us?
Hos 10:4 They have spoken mere words of the lips, swearing falsely in making covenants; therefore judgment springs up like hemlock [or other poisonous plants] in the furrows of the field.
Hos 10:5 The inhabitants of Samaria shall be in terror for the calf [idol] of Beth-aven [the house of idolatry, contemptuously meaning Bethel], for its people shall mourn over it and its [idolatrous] priests who rejoiced over it [shall tremble] for the glory of [their calf god], because it is departed from it.
Hos 10:6 [The golden calf] shall also be carried into Assyria as a tribute-gift to the fighting King Jareb; Ephraim shall be put to shame and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel [to set up calf worship and detach Israel from Judah].
Hos 10:7 As for Samaria, her king {and} her whole monarchy are cut off like twigs {or} foam upon the water.
Hos 10:8 The high places also of Aven [once Beth(el), house of God, now (Beth-)aven, house of idolatry], the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed; the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their [idol] altars, and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us! And to the hills, Fall on us!
Hos 10:9 O Israel, you have [willfully] sinned from the days of Gibeah [when you all but wiped out the tribe of Benjamin]! There [Israel] stood [then, only] that the battle against the sons of unrighteousness might not overtake {and} turn against them at Gibeah [but now the kingdom of the ten tribes and the name of Ephraim shall be utterly blotted out].
Hos 10:10 When I please I will chastise them, and hostile peoples shall be gathered against them when I shall bind {and} yoke them for their two transgressions [revolt from the Lord their God and the worship of idols].
Hos 10:11 Ephraim indeed is a heifer broken in {and} loving to tread out the grain, but I have [heretofore] spared the beauty of her fair neck. I will now set a rider upon Ephraim {and} make him to draw; Judah shall plow and Jacob shall break his clods.
Hos 10:12 Sow for yourselves according to righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God); reap according to mercy {and} loving-kindness. Break up your uncultivated ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, to inquire for {and} of Him, {and} to require His favor, till He comes and teaches you righteousness {and} rains His righteous gift of salvation upon you.
Hos 10:13 You have plowed {and} plotted wickedness, you have reaped the [willful] injustice [of oppressors], you have eaten the fruit of lies. Because you have trusted in your [own] way {and} your chariots, in the multitude of your mighty men,
Hos 10:14 Therefore shall a tumult arise against your people and all your fortresses shall be wasted {and} destroyed,

as Shalmaneser wasted {and} destroyed Beth-arbel on the day of battle; the mother was dashed in pieces with her children.
Hos 10:15 So shall it be done to you at [idolatrous] Bethel because of your great wickedness; at daybreak shall the king of Israel be utterly cut off.
Hos 11:1 WHEN ISRAEL was a child, then I loved him and called My son out of Egypt.
Hos 11:2 The more [the prophets] called to them, the more they went from them; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning incense to the graven images.
Hos 11:3 Yet I taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by their arms {or} taking them up in My arms, but they did not know that I healed them.
Hos 11:4 I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love, and I was to them as one who lifts up {and} eases the yoke over their cheeks, and I bent down to them {and} gently laid food before them.
Hos 11:5 They shall not [literally] return into [another bondage in] the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be their king because they refused to return to Me.
Hos 11:6 And the sword shall rage against {and} fall upon their cities and shall consume the bars of their gates and shall make an end [of their defenses], because of their own counsels {and} devices.
Hos 11:7 My people are bent on backsliding from Me; though [the prophets] call them to Him Who is on high, none at all will exalt Him {or} lift himself up [to come to Him].
Hos 11:8 How can I give you up, O Ephraim! How can I surrender you {and} cast you off, O Israel! How can I make you as Admah {or} how can I treat you as Zeboiim [both destroyed with Sodom]! My heart recoils within Me; My compassions are kindled together.
Hos 11:9 I will not execute the fierceness of My anger; I will not bring back Ephraim to nothing {or} again destroy him. For I am God and not man, the Holy One in the midst of you, and I will not come in wrath {or} enter into the city.
Hos 11:10 They shall walk after the Lord, Who will roar like a lion; He Himself will roar and [His] sons shall come trembling {and} eagerly from the west.
Hos 11:11 They shall come trembling {but} hurriedly like a bird out of Egypt and like a dove out of the land of Assyria, and I will cause them to dwell in their houses, says the Lord.
Hos 11:12 Ephraim surrounds Me with lies and the house of Israel with deceit, and Judah is not yet steadfast with God, with the faithful Holy One.
Hos 12:1 EPHRAIM HERDS {and} feeds on the wind and pursues the [parching] east wind; every day he increases lies and violence, and a covenant is made with Assyria and oil is carried to Egypt.
Hos 12:2 The Lord has also a controversy (a pleading contention) with Judah, and will punish Jacob by visiting upon him according to his ways; according to his doings will He recompense him.
Hos 12:3 He took his brother by the heel in [their mother's] womb, and in the strength [of his manhood] he contended {and} had power with God.
Hos 12:4 Yes, he had power over the Angel [of the Lord] and prevailed; he wept and sought His favor. He met Him in Bethel, and there [God] spoke with [him and through him with] us--
Hos 12:5 Even the Lord the God of hosts, the name of Him [Who spoke with Jacob] is the Lord.
Hos 12:6 Therefore return to your God! Hold fast to love {and} mercy, to righteousness {and} justice, and wait [expectantly] for your God continually!
Hos 12:7 Canaan [Israel--whose ideals have sunk to those of Canaan] is a trader; the balances of deceit are in his hand; he loves to oppress {and} defraud.
Hos 12:8 Ephraim has said, Ah, but I have become rich; I have gained for myself wealth. All my profits shall bring on me no iniquity that would be sin. [But all his profits will never offset nor suffice to expiate the guilt which he has incurred.]
Hos 12:9 But I [Who] am the Lord your God from [when you became a nation in] the land of Egypt will yet make you to dwell in tents, as in the days of the appointed {and} solemn Feast [of Tabernacles].
Hos 12:10 I have also spoken to [you by] the prophets, and I have multiplied visions [for you] and [have appealed to you] through parables acted out by the prophets.
Hos 12:11 If Gilead is given over to idolatry, they shall come to nought {and} be mere waste; if they [insult God by] sacrificing bullocks in Gilgal [on heathen altars], their altars shall be like heaps in the furrows of the fields.
Hos 12:12 Jacob fled into the open country of Aram {or} Padan-aram, and [there] Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he herded sheep.
Hos 12:13 And by a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was [Israel] preserved.

Hos 12:14 Ephraim has provoked most bitter anger; therefore shall his blood [guilt] be left upon him, and his disgrace {and} reproach shall his Lord return upon him.
Hos 13:1 WHEN EPHRAIM spoke with trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended {and} became guilty in Baal worship, he died [spiritually, and then outward ruin came also, sealing Israel's doom as a nation].
Hos 13:2 And now they sin more and more and have made for themselves molten images of their silver, even idols according to their own understanding [as it pleased them], all of them the work of the craftsmen. To these [very works of their hands] they speak {or} pray who sacrifice to them; they kiss {and} show homage to the calves [as if they were alive]!
Hos 13:3 Therefore they shall be like the morning mist or like the dew that passes early away, like the chaff that swirls with the whirlwind from the threshing floor and as the smoke out of the chimney {or} through the window.
Hos 13:4 Yet I am the Lord your God from [the time you became a nation in] the land of Egypt, and you shall know {or} recognize no God but Me, for there is no Savior besides Me.
Hos 13:5 I knew (recognized, understood, and had regard for) you in the wilderness, in the land of great drought.
Hos 13:6 According to their pasture, so were they filled [when they fed, they grew full], and their heart was lifted up; therefore have they forgotten Me.
Hos 13:7 Therefore I have become to them like a lion; like a leopard I will lurk by the way [to Assyria] {and} watch them.
Hos 13:8 I will meet them like a bear that is robbed of her cubs, and I will rend the covering of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lioness, as a wild beast would tear them.
Hos 13:9 It is your destruction, O Israel, that you have been against Me, for in Me is your help.
Hos 13:10 Where now is your king that he may save you in all your cities? And your judges of whom you said, Give me a king and princes?
Hos 13:11 I have given you a king in My anger, and I have taken him away in My wrath.
Hos 13:12 The iniquity of Ephraim [not fully punished yet] is bound up [as in a bag]; his sin is laid up in store [for judgment and destruction].
Hos 13:13 The pains of a woman in childbirth are coming on for him [to be born]; but he is an unwise son, for now when it is time [to be born], he comes not to the place where [unborn] children break forth [he needs new birth but makes no effort to acquire it].
Hos 13:14 Should I ransom them from the power of Sheol (the place of the dead)? Should I redeem them from death? O death, where are your plagues? O Sheol, where is your destruction? Relenting {and} compassion are hidden from My eyes.
Hos 13:15 For though among his brethren [his fellow tribes] he may be fruitful, an east wind [Assyria] will come, the breath of the Lord rising from the desert; and Ephraim's spring shall become dry and his fountain be dried up. [Assyria] shall plunder his treasury of every precious vessel.
Hos 13:16 Samaria shall bear her guilt {and} become desolate, for she rebelled against her God; they shall fall by the sword, their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their pregnant women shall be ripped up.
Hos 14:1 O ISRAEL, return to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled {and} fallen, [visited by calamity] due to your iniquity.
Hos 14:2 Take with you words and return to the Lord. Say to Him, Take away all {our} iniquity; accept what is good {and} receive us graciously; so will we render [our thanks] as bullocks [to be sacrificed] {and} pay the confession of our lips.
Hos 14:3 Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses, neither will we say any more to the work of our hands [idols], You are our gods. For in You [O Lord] the fatherless find love, pity, {and} mercy.
Hos 14:4 I will heal their faithlessness; I will love them freely, for My anger is turned away from [Israel].
Hos 14:5 I will be like the dew {and} the night mist to Israel; he shall grow {and} blossom like the lily and cast forth his roots like [the sturdy evergreens of] Lebanon.
Hos 14:6 His suckers {and} shoots shall spread, and his beauty shall be like the olive tree and his fragrance like [the cedars and aromatic shrubs of] Lebanon.
Hos 14:7 They that dwell under his shade shall return; they shall revive like the grain and blossom like the vine; the scent of it shall be like the wine of Lebanon.
Hos 14:8 Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have answered [him] and will regard {and} watch over him; I am like a green fir {or} cypress tree; with Me is the fruit found [which is to nourish you].
Hos 14:9 Who is wise, that he may understand these things? Prudent, that he may know them? For the ways of the Lord are right and the [uncompromisingly] just shall walk in them, but transgressors shall stumble {and} fall in them.

Joel 1:1 THE WORD of the Lord that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.
Joel 1:2 Hear this, you aged men, and give ear, all you inhabitants of the land! Has such a thing as this occurred in your days or even in the days of your fathers?
Joel 1:3 Tell your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.
Joel 1:4 What the crawling locust left, the swarming locust has eaten; and what the swarming locust left, the hopping locust has eaten; and what the hopping locust left, the stripping locust has eaten.
Joel 1:5 Awake, you drunkards, and weep; wail, all you drinkers of wine, because of the [fresh] sweet juice [of the grape], for it is cut off {and} removed from your mouth.
Joel 1:6 For a [heathen and hostile] nation [of locusts, illustrative of a human foe] has invaded My land, mighty and without number; its teeth are the teeth of a lion, and it has the jaw teeth of a lioness.
Joel 1:7 It has laid waste My vine [symbol of God's people] and barked {and} broken My fig tree; it has made them completely bare and thrown them down; their branches are made white.
Joel 1:8 Lament like a virgin [bride] girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth [who has died].
Joel 1:9 The meal {or} cereal offering and the drink offering are cut off from the house of the Lord; the priests, the Lord's ministers, mourn.
Joel 1:10 The field is laid waste, the ground mourns; for the grain is destroyed, the new juice [of the grape] is dried up, the oil fails.
Joel 1:11 Be ashamed, O you tillers of the soil; wail, O you vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley, because the harvest of the field has perished.
Joel 1:12 The vine is dried up and the fig tree fails; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple {or} quince tree, even all the trees of the field are withered, so that joy has withered {and} fled away from the sons of men.
Joel 1:13 Gird yourselves and lament, you priests; wail, you ministers of the altar; come, lie all night in sackcloth, you ministers of my [Joel's] God, for the cereal {or} meal offering and the drink offering are withheld from the house of your God.
Joel 1:14 Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land in the house of the Lord, your God, and cry to the Lord [in penitent pleadings].
Joel 1:15 Alas for the day! For the day of [the judgment of] the Lord is at hand, and as a destructive tempest from the Almighty will it come.
Joel 1:16 Is not the food cut off before our eyes, joy and gladness from the house of our God?
Joel 1:17 The seed [grain] rots {and} shrivels under the clods, the garners are desolate {and} empty, the barns are in ruins because the grain has failed.
Joel 1:18 How the beasts groan! The herds of cattle are perplexed {and} huddle together because they have no pasture; even the flocks of sheep suffer punishment (are forsaken and made wretched).
Joel 1:19 O Lord, to You will I cry, for the fire has devoured the pastures {and} folds of the plain {and} the wilderness, and flame has burned all the trees of the field.
Joel 1:20 Even the wild beasts of the field pant {and} cry to You, for the water brooks are dried up and fire has consumed the pastures {and} folds of the wilderness {and} the plain.
Joel 2:1 BLOW THE trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on My holy Mount [Zion]. Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of [the judgment of] the Lord is coming; it is close at hand--
Joel 2:2 A day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and of thick mists {and} darkness, like the morning dawn spread upon the mountains; so there comes a [heathen, hostile] people numerous and mighty, the like of which has never been before and shall not be again even to the years of many generations.
Joel 2:3 A fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns; the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yes, and none has escaped [the ravages of the devouring hordes].
Joel 2:4 Their appearance is like the appearance of horses, and like war horses {and} horsemen, so do they run.
Joel 2:5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of the mountains they leap--like the noise of a flame of fire devouring the stubble, like a mighty people set in battle array.
Joel 2:6 Before them the peoples are in anguish; all faces become pale.
Joel 2:7 They run like mighty men; they climb the wall like men of war. They march each one [straight ahead] on his ways, and they do not break their ranks.
Joel 2:8 Neither does one thrust upon another; they walk every one in his path. And they burst through {and} upon the weapons, yet they are not wounded {and} do not change their course.
Joel 2:9 They leap upon the city; they run upon the wall; they climb up on {and} into the houses; they enter in at the windows like a thief.

Joel 2:10 The earth quakes before them; the heavens tremble. The sun and the moon are darkened and the stars withdraw their shining.
Joel 2:11 And the Lord utters His voice before His army, for His host is very great, and [they are] strong {and} powerful who execute [God's] word. For the day of the Lord is great and very terrible, and who can endure it?
Joel 2:12 Therefore also now, says the Lord, turn {and} keep on coming to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning [until every hindrance is removed and the broken fellowship is restored].
Joel 2:13 Rend your hearts and not your garments and return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in loving-kindness; and He revokes His sentence of evil [when His conditions are met].
Joel 2:14 Who knows but what He will turn, revoke your sentence [of evil], and leave a blessing behind Him [giving you the means with which to serve Him], even a cereal {or} meal offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God?
Joel 2:15 Blow the trumpet in Zion; set apart a fast [a day of restraint and humility]; call a solemn assembly.
Joel 2:16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation; assemble the elderly people, gather the children and the nursing infants; let the bridegroom [who is legally exempt from attending] go forth from his chamber and the bride out of her closet. [None is exempt from the humiliation.]
Joel 2:17 Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar; and let them say, Have pity {and} spare Your people, O Lord, and give not Your heritage to reproach, that the [heathen] nations should rule over them {or} use a byword against them. Why should they say among the peoples, Where is their God?
Joel 2:18 Then was the Lord jealous for His land and had pity on His people.
Joel 2:19 Yes, the Lord answered and said to His people, Behold, I am sending you grain and juice [of the grape] and oil, and you shall be satisfied with them; and I will no more make you a reproach among the [heathen] nations.
Joel 2:20 But I will remove far off from you the northern [destroyer's] army and will drive it into a land barren and desolate, with its front toward the eastern [Dead] Sea and with its rear toward the western [Mediterranean] Sea. And its stench shall come up [like that of a decaying mass of locusts, a symbol and forecast of the fate of the northern army in the final day of the Lord], and its foul odor shall come up, because He has done great things [the Lord will have destroyed the invaders]!
Joel 2:21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things!
Joel 2:22 Be not afraid, you wild beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness have sprung up {and} are green; the tree bears its fruit, and the fig tree and the vine yield their [full] strength.
Joel 2:23 Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord, your God; for He gives you the former {or} early rain in just measure {and} in righteousness, and He causes to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain, as before.
Joel 2:24 And the [threshing] floors shall be full of grain and the vats shall overflow with juice [of the grape] and oil.
Joel 2:25 And I will restore {or} replace for you the years that the locust has eaten--the hopping locust, the stripping locust, and the crawling locust, My great army which I sent among you.
Joel 2:26 And you shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord, your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you. And My people shall never be put to shame.
Joel 2:27 And you shall know, understand, {and} realize that I am in the midst of Israel and that I the Lord am your God and there is none else. My people shall never be put to shame.
Joel 2:28 And afterward I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.
Joel 2:29 Even upon the menservants and upon the maidservants in those days will I pour out My Spirit.
Joel 2:30 And I will show signs {and} wonders in the heavens, and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.
Joel 2:31 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes.
Joel 2:32 And whoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered {and} saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the remnant [of survivors] shall be those whom the Lord calls.
Joel 3:1 FOR BEHOLD, in those days and at that time when I shall reverse the captivity {and} restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,
Joel 3:2 I will gather all nations and will bring them down into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, and there will I deal with {and} execute judgment upon them for [their treatment of] My people and of My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations and [because] they have divided My land.
Joel 3:3 And they have cast lots for My people, and have given a boy for a harlot and have sold a girl for juice [of the

grape] and have drunk it.
Joel 3:4 Yes, and what are you to Me, O Tyre and Sidon and all the [five small] divisions of Philistia? Will you pay Me back for something? Even if you pay Me back, swiftly and speedily I will return your deed [of retaliation] upon your own head,
Joel 3:5 Because you have taken My silver and My gold and have carried into your temples {and} palaces My precious treasures,
Joel 3:6 And have sold the children of Judah and the children of Jerusalem to the sons of the Grecians, that you may remove them far from their border.
Joel 3:7 Behold, I will stir them up out of the place to which you have sold them and will return your deed [of retaliation] upon your own head.
Joel 3:8 I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they will sell them to the Sabeans, to a nation far off, for the Lord has spoken it.
Joel 3:9 Proclaim this among the nations: Prepare war! Stir up the mighty men! Let all the men of war draw near, let them come up.
Joel 3:10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, I am strong [a warrior]!
Joel 3:11 Hasten and come, all you nations round about, and assemble yourselves; there You, O Lord, will bring down Your mighty ones (Your warriors).
Joel 3:12 Let the nations bestir themselves and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there will I sit to judge all the nations round about.
Joel 3:13 Put in the sickle, for the [vintage] harvest is ripe; come, get down {and} tread the grapes, for the winepress is full; the vats overflow, for the wickedness [of the peoples] is great.
Joel 3:14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.
Joel 3:15 The sun and the moon are darkened and the stars withdraw their shining.
Joel 3:16 The Lord will thunder {and} roar from Zion and utter His voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth shall shake; but the Lord will be a refuge for His people and a stronghold to the children of Israel.
Joel 3:17 So shall you know, understand, {and} realize that I am the Lord your God, dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain. Then shall Jerusalem be holy, and strangers {and} foreigners [not born into the family of God] shall no more pass through it.
Joel 3:18 And in that day, the mountains shall drip with fresh juice [of the grape] and the hills shall flow with milk; and all the brooks {and} riverbeds of Judah shall flow with water, and a fountain shall come forth from the house of the Lord and shall water the Valley of Shittim.
Joel 3:19 Egypt shall be a desolation and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness for their violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.
Joel 3:20 But Judah shall remain {and} be inhabited forever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.
Joel 3:21 And I will cleanse {and} hold as innocent their blood {and} avenge it, blood which I have not cleansed, held innocent, {and} avenged, for the Lord dwells in Zion.
Amos 1:1 THE WORDS of Amos, who was among the herdsmen {and} sheep masters of Tekoa, which he saw [in divine revelation] concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.
Amos 1:2 And he said, The Lord roars out of Zion and utters His voice from Jerusalem; then the pastures of the shepherds mourn and the top of [Mount] Carmel dries up.
Amos 1:3 Thus says the Lord: For three transgressions of Damascus [the capital of Syria] and for four [for multiplied delinquencies], I will not reverse the punishment of it {or} revoke My word concerning it, because they have threshed Gilead [east of the Jordan River] with iron sledges.
Amos 1:4 So I will send a fire [of war, conquest, and destruction] upon the house of Hazael [who killed and succeeded King Ben-hadad] which shall devour the palaces {and} strongholds of Ben-hadad.
Amos 1:5 I will break also the bar [of the gate] of Damascus and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven {or} On, and him who holds the scepter from Beth-eden; and the people of Syria [conquered by the Assyrians] shall go into exile to Kir, says the Lord.
Amos 1:6 Thus says the Lord: For three transgressions of Gaza [a city in Philistia] and for four [for multiplied delinquencies], I will not reverse the punishment of it {or} revoke My word concerning it, because [as slave traders] they carried away captive the whole [Jewish] population [of defenseless Judean border villages, of which none was spared, none left behind] and delivered them up to Edom [for the slave trade].

Amos 1:7 So I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza which shall devour its strongholds.
Amos 1:8 And I will cut off the inhabitants from Ashdod and him who holds the scepter from Ashkelon, and I will turn My hand against Ekron; and the rest of the Philistines [in Gath and the towns dependent on these four Philistine cities] shall perish, says the Lord God.
Amos 1:9 Thus says the Lord: For three transgressions of Tyre and for four [for multiplied delinquencies], I will not reverse the punishment of it {or} revoke My word concerning it, because they [as middlemen] delivered up a whole [Jewish] population to Edom and did not [seriously] remember their brotherly covenant.
Amos 1:10 So I will send a fire on the wall of Tyre which shall devour its strongholds.
Amos 1:11 Thus says the Lord: For three transgressions of Edom [descendants of Esau] and for four [for multiplied delinquencies], I will not reverse the punishment of it {or} revoke My word concerning it, because he pursued his brother Jacob (Israel) with the sword, corrupting his compassions {and} casting off all pity, and his anger tore perpetually and his wrath he kept {and} heeded forever.
Amos 1:12 So I will send a fire upon Teman which shall devour the strongholds of Bozrah [in Edom].
Amos 1:13 Thus says the Lord: For three transgressions of the children of Ammon [descendants of Lot] and for four [for multiplied delinquencies], I will not reverse the punishment of it {or} revoke My word concerning it, because [the Ammonites] have ripped up women with child in Gilead, that they might enlarge their border.
Amos 1:14 So I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah [in Ammon] and it shall devour the strongholds of it, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind;
Amos 1:15 And their king shall go into exile, he and his princes together, says the Lord.
Amos 2:1 THUS SAYS the Lord: For three transgressions of Moab [descendants of Lot] and for four [for multiplied delinquencies], I will not reverse the punishment of it {or} revoke My word concerning it, because he burned the bones of the king of Edom [Esau's descendant] into lime.
Amos 2:2 So I will send a fire upon Moab and it shall devour the strongholds of Kerioth, and Moab shall die amid uproar, shouting, and the sound of the trumpet.
Amos 2:3 And I will cut off the ruler from its midst and will slay all its princes with him, says the Lord.
Amos 2:4 Thus says the Lord: For three transgressions of Judah and for four [for multiplied delinquencies], I will not reverse the punishment of it {or} revoke My word concerning it, because they have despised {and} rejected the law of the Lord and have not kept His commandments, but their lies, after which their fathers have walked, caused them to err {and} go astray.
Amos 2:5 So I will send a fire upon Judah and it shall devour the strongholds of Jerusalem.
Amos 2:6 Thus says the Lord: For three transgressions of Israel and for four [for multiplied delinquencies], I will not reverse the punishment of it {or} revoke My word concerning it, because they have sold the [strictly] just {and} uncompromisingly righteous for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals;
Amos 2:7 They pant after [the sight of] the poor [reduced to such misery that they will be throwing] dust of the earth on their heads [in token of their grief]; they defraud {and} turn aside the humble [who are too meek to defend themselves]; and a man and his father will have sexual relations with the same maiden, so that My holy name is profaned.
Amos 2:8 And they lay themselves down beside every [pagan] altar upon clothes they have taken in pledge [for indebtedness], and in the house of their God [in daring contempt of Him] they frivolously drink the wine which has been exacted from those [unjustly] fined.
Amos 2:9 Yet I destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above and his roots from beneath.
Amos 2:10 Also I brought you up out of the land of Egypt and led you forty years through the wilderness to possess the land of the Amorite.
Amos 2:11 And I raised up some of your sons for prophets and some of your young men for dedicated ones [Nazirites]. Is this not true, O you children of Israel? says the Lord.
Amos 2:12 But you gave the dedicated ones [the Nazirites] wine to drink and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophesy not.
Amos 2:13 Behold, I am pressed under you {and} I will press you down in your place as a cart presses that is full of sheaves.
Amos 2:14 And flight shall be lost to the swift {and} refuge shall fail him; the strong shall not retain {and} confirm his strength, neither shall the mighty deliver himself.
Amos 2:15 Neither shall he stand who handles the bow, and he who is swift of foot shall not deliver himself; neither shall he who rides the horse deliver his life.

Amos 2:16 And he who is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked on that day, says the Lord.
Amos 3:1 HEAR THIS word that the Lord has spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt:
Amos 3:2 You only have I known (chosen, sympathized with, and loved) of all the families of the earth; therefore I will visit upon you all your wickedness {and} punish you for all your iniquities.
Amos 3:3 Do two walk together except they make an appointment {and} have agreed?
Amos 3:4 Will a lion roar in the forest when he has no prey? Will a young lion cry out of his den if he has taken nothing?
Amos 3:5 Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth where there is no trap for him? Does a trap spring up from the ground when nothing at all has sprung it?
Amos 3:6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city and the people not be alarmed {and} afraid? Shall misfortune {or} evil occur [as punishment] and the Lord has not caused it?
Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord God will do nothing without revealing His secret to His servants the prophets.
Amos 3:8 The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken; who can but prophesy?
Amos 3:9 Publish to the strongholds in Ashdod [Philistia] and to the strongholds in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold what great tumults (confusion and disorder) are in her and what oppressions are in the midst of her.
Amos 3:10 For they know not how to do right, says the Lord, they who store up violence and robbery in their strongholds.
Amos 3:11 Therefore thus says the Lord God: An adversary shall surround the land, and he shall bring down your defenses from you and your strongholds shall be plundered.
Amos 3:12 Thus says the Lord: As the shepherd rescues out of the mouth of the lion two legs or a piece of an ear [of a sheep], so shall the children of Israel who dwell in Samaria be rescued with the corner of a couch and [part of] the damask covering of a bed.
Amos 3:13 Hear and bear witness in the house of Jacob, says the Lord God, the God of hosts,
Amos 3:14 That in the day when I visit Israel's transgressions upon him I will also visit [with punishment] the altars of Bethel [with its golden calf], and the horns of the altar shall be cut off and fall to the ground.
Amos 3:15 And I will smite the winter house with the summer house, and the houses of ivory shall perish and the many {and} great houses shall come to an end, says the Lord.
Amos 4:1 HEAR THIS word, you cows [women] of Bashan who are in the mountain of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to their husbands, Bring and let us drink!
Amos 4:2 The Lord God has sworn by His holiness that behold, the days shall come upon you when they shall take you away with hooks and the last of you with fishhooks.
Amos 4:3 And you shall go out through the breaches [made in the city's wall], every [woman] straight before her, and you shall be cast forth into Harmon [an unknown place of exile], says the Lord.
Amos 4:4 Come to Bethel [where the golden calf is] and transgress; at Gilgal [another idol worship center] multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning and your tithes every three days.
Amos 4:5 And offer [by burning] a sacrifice of thanksgiving of that which is leavened, and proclaim and publish freewill offerings, for this you like to do, O children of Israel! says the Lord God.
Amos 4:6 I also gave you cleanness of teeth in all your cities and want of bread in all your places; yet you did not return to Me, says the Lord.
Amos 4:7 And also I withheld the rain from you when there were yet three months to the harvest. I caused it to rain upon one city and caused it not to rain upon another city; one piece of ground was rained upon, and the piece upon which it did not rain withered.
Amos 4:8 So [the people of] two or three cities wandered {and} staggered into one city to drink water, but they were not satisfied; yet you did not return to Me, says the Lord.
Amos 4:9 I smote you with blight [from the poisonous east wind] and with mildew; I laid waste the multitude of your gardens and your vineyards; your fig trees and your olive trees the palmerworm [a form of locust] devoured; yet you did not return to Me, says the Lord.
Amos 4:10 I have sent among you the pestilence [which I made] epidemic in Egypt; your young men I slew with the sword and I took into exile your horses, and I made the stench of your camp come up into your nostrils; yet you did not return to Me, says the Lord.
Amos 4:11 I have overthrown some among you as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were as a brand plucked out of the burning; yet you did not return to Me, says the Lord.

Amos 4:12 Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel; and because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel!
Amos 4:13 For behold, He Who forms the mountains and creates the wind and declares to man what is his thought, Who makes the morning darkness and treads on the heights of the earth--the Lord, the God of hosts, is His name!
Amos 5:1 HEAR THIS word which I take up concerning you in lamentation, O house of Israel:
Amos 5:2 The Virgin of Israel has fallen; she shall no more rise; she lies cast down {and} forsaken on her land; there is no one to raise her up.
Amos 5:3 For thus says the Lord God: The city that went forth a thousand shall have a hundred left, and that which went forth a hundred shall have ten left to the house of Israel.
Amos 5:4 For thus says the Lord to the house of Israel: Seek Me [inquire for and of Me and require Me as you require food] and you shall live!
Amos 5:5 But seek not [the golden calf at] Bethel nor enter into [idolatrous] Gilgal, and pass not over to [the idols of] Beersheba; for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity {and} exile, and Bethel [house of God] shall become Beth-aven [house of vanity, emptiness, falsity, and futility] and come to nothing.
Amos 5:6 Seek the Lord [inquire for and of Him and require Him] and you shall live, lest He rush down like fire upon the house of Joseph [representing the ten tribes] and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Bethel [the center of their idol hopes].
Amos 5:7 You who turn justice into [the bitterness of] wormwood and cast righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God) down to the ground,
Amos 5:8 Seek Him Who made the [cluster of stars called] Pleiades and [the constellation] Orion, Who turns the shadow of death {or} deep darkness into the morning and darkens the day into night, Who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the face of the earth--the Lord is His name--
Amos 5:9 Who causes sudden destruction to flash forth upon the strong so that destruction comes upon the fortress.
Amos 5:10 They hate him who reproves in the [city] gate [holding him as an abomination and rejecting his rebuke], and they abhor him who speaks uprightly.
Amos 5:11 Therefore because you tread upon the poor and take from him exactions of wheat, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.
Amos 5:12 For I know how manifold are your transgressions and how mighty are your sins--you who afflict the [uncompromisingly] righteous, who take a bribe, and who turn aside the needy in the [court of the city] gate from their right.
Amos 5:13 Therefore he who is prudent will keep silence in such a time, for it is an evil time.
Amos 5:14 Seek (inquire for and require) good and not evil that you may live, and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said.
Amos 5:15 Hate the evil and love the good and establish justice in the [court of the city's] gate. It may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph [the northern kingdom].
Amos 5:16 Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: There shall be wailing in all the broad ways, and in all the streets they shall say, Alas! Alas! And they shall call the farmers to mourning and such as are skilled in lamentation to wailing.
Amos 5:17 And in all vineyards there shall be wailing, for I will pass through the midst of you, says the Lord.
Amos 5:18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness and not light;
Amos 5:19 It is as if a man fled from a lion and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned with his hand against the wall and a serpent bit him.
Amos 5:20 Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, not light? Even very dark with no brightness in it?
Amos 5:21 I hate, I despise your feasts, and I will not smell a savor {or} take delight in your solemn assemblies.
Amos 5:22 Though you offer Me your burnt offerings and your cereal offerings, I will not accept them, neither will I look upon the peace {or} thank offerings of your fatted beasts.
Amos 5:23 Take away from Me the noise of your songs, for I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
Amos 5:24 But let justice run down like waters and righteousness as a mighty {and} ever-flowing stream.
Amos 5:25 Did you bring to Me sacrifices and cereal offerings during those forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?
Amos 5:26 [No] but [instead of bringing Me the appointed sacrifices] you carried about the tent of your king Sakkuth and Kaiwan [names for the gods of the planet Saturn], your images of your star-god which you made for yourselves [and you will do so again].

Amos 5:27 Therefore I will cause you to go into exile beyond Damascus, says the Lord, whose name is the God of hosts.
Amos 6:1 WOE TO those who are at ease in Zion and to those on the mountain of Samaria who are careless {and} feel secure, the notable men of the chief [because chosen by God] of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes!
Amos 6:2 Pass over to Calneh and see, and from there go to Hamath the great [city, north of Damascus]; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are they better than these [your] kingdoms? Or are their boundaries greater than your boundaries,
Amos 6:3 O you who put far away the evil day [of punishment], yet cause the sitting of violence [upon you] to come near?
Amos 6:4 Woe to those who lie upon beds of ivory and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock and the calves out of the midst of the stall,
Amos 6:5 Who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and invent for themselves instruments of music like David's,
Amos 6:6 Who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved {and} sick at heart over the affliction {and} ruin of Joseph (Israel)!
Amos 6:7 Therefore now shall they go captive with the first who go into exile, and the revelry {and} banqueting of those who stretch themselves shall be ended.
Amos 6:8 The Lord God has sworn by Himself--the Lord, the God of hosts, says: I abhor, reject, {and} despise the pride {and} false, futile glory of Jacob (Israel), and I hate his palaces {and} strongholds; and I will deliver up the city [idol-worshiping Samaria] with all that is in it.
Amos 6:9 And it shall come to pass that if there remain ten men in one house, they shall die [by the pestilence that comes with war].
Amos 6:10 And then a man's uncle {or} kinsman, he who is to make a burning to cremate {and} dispose [of his pestilence-infected body], comes in to bring the bones out of the house, and he shall say to another still alive in the farthest parts of the house, Is there anyone else with you? and he shall say, No. Then shall the newcomer say, Hush! Hold your [cursing] tongue! We dare not so mention the name of the Lord [lest we invoke more punishment].
Amos 6:11 For behold, the Lord commands and He will smite the great house into ruins and the little house into fragments.
Amos 6:12 Do horses run upon rocks? Do men plow the ocean with oxen? But you have turned justice into [the poison of] gall and the fruit of righteousness into [the bitterness of] wormwood--
Amos 6:13 You who rejoice in Lo-debar [a thing of nought], who say, Have we not by our own strength taken Karnaim {or} horns [of resistance] for ourselves?
Amos 6:14 For behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, says the Lord, the God of hosts; and they shall afflict {and} oppress you [to the entire limits of Israel] from the entrance of Hamath to the brook of the Arabah.
Amos 7:1 THUS THE Lord God showed me [Amos], and behold, He formed locusts in the beginning of the shooting up of the second crop, and behold, it was the second crop after the king's mowings.
Amos 7:2 And when [the locusts] had finished eating the plants of the land, then I said, O Lord God, forgive, I pray You. How can Jacob stand? For he is so small!
Amos 7:3 The Lord relented {and} revoked this sentence: It shall not take place, said the Lord [and He was eased and comforted concerning it].
Amos 7:4 Thus the Lord God showed me, and behold, the Lord God called for punishment with fire, and it devoured the great deep and would have eaten up the land.
Amos 7:5 Then said I, O Lord God, cease, I pray You! How can Jacob stand? He is so little!
Amos 7:6 The Lord relented {and} revoked this sentence: This also shall not be, said the Lord [and He was eased and comforted concerning it].
Amos 7:7 Thus He showed me, and behold, the Lord stood upon a wall with a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand.
Amos 7:8 And the Lord said to me, Amos, what do you see? And I said, A plumb line. Then said the Lord, Behold, I am setting a plumb line as a standard in the midst of My people Israel. I will not pass by {and} spare them any more [the door of mercy is shut].
Amos 7:9 And the [idolatrous] high places of Isaac (Israel) shall be desolate and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise with the sword against the house of King Jeroboam [who set up the golden calf shrines].
Amos 7:10 Then Amaziah the priest of [the golden calf shrine at] Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words.

Amos 7:11 For thus Amos has said, Jeroboam shall die by the sword and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of his land.
Amos 7:12 Also Amaziah said to Amos, O you seer, go! Flee back to the land of Judah [your own country], and eat your bread and live out your profession as a prophet there [as I perform my duties here].
Amos 7:13 But do not prophesy any more at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary and a seat of his kingdom.
Amos 7:14 Then Amos said to Amaziah, I was no prophet [by profession]! Neither was I a prophet's son; [but I had my occupation] I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees and a gatherer of sycamore figs.
Amos 7:15 And the Lord took me as I followed the flock and the Lord said to me, Go, prophesy to My people Israel.
Amos 7:16 Now therefore listen to the word of the Lord: You say, Do not prophesy against Israel and drop no statements not complimentary to the house of Isaac.
Amos 7:17 Therefore thus says the Lord: Your wife shall be a harlot in the city and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be divided up by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean {and} defiled land, and Israel shall surely go forth out of his land into exile.
Amos 8:1 THUS THE Lord God showed to me, and behold, a basket of [ripe and therefore soon to perish] summer fruit.
Amos 8:2 And He said, Amos, what do you see? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the Lord to me, The end has come upon My people Israel; I will not pass by {and} spare them any more.
Amos 8:3 And the songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day, says the Lord God. The dead bodies shall be many; in every place they shall be cast forth in silence.
Amos 8:4 Hear this, O you who would swallow up {and} trample down the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail {and} come to an end,
Amos 8:5 Saying, When will the New Moon festival be past that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath that we may offer wheat for sale, making the ephah [measure] small and the shekel [measure] great and falsifying the scales by deceit,
Amos 8:6 That we may buy [into slavery] the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals; yes, and sell the refuse of the wheat [as if it were good grade]?
Amos 8:7 The Lord has sworn by [Himself Who is] the Glory {and} Pride of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their [rebellious] deeds.
Amos 8:8 Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who dwells in it? Yes, it shall rise like the river [Nile], all of it, and it shall be tossed about and sink back again to normal level, as does the Nile of Egypt.
Amos 8:9 And in that day, says the Lord God, I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the broad daylight.
Amos 8:10 And I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation, and I will cause sackcloth to be put upon all loins and baldness [for mourning] shall come on every head; and I will make that time as the mourning for an only son, and the end of it as a bitter day.
Amos 8:11 Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but [a famine] for hearing the words of the Lord.
Amos 8:12 And [the people] shall wander from sea to sea and from the north even to the east; they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord [inquiring for and requiring it as one requires food], but shall not find it.
Amos 8:13 In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.
Amos 8:14 Those who swear by Ashimah {or} the sin of Samaria and say, By the life of your god [the golden calf], O Dan! and [swear], By the life of the way of [idolatrous] Beersheba, they shall fall and rise no more.
Amos 9:1 I SAW the Lord standing at the altar, and He said, Smite the tops of the pillars until the thresholds tremble, and shatter them on the heads of all of the people; and the remainder of them I will slay with the sword. He who flees of them shall not get away, and he who escapes of them shall not be delivered.
Amos 9:2 Though they dig into Sheol (Hades, the dark abode of the gathered dead), from there shall My hand take them; though they climb up to heaven [the abode of light], from there will I bring them down;
Amos 9:3 And though they hide themselves on the top of [Mount] Carmel, from there I will search out and take them; and though they [try to] hide from My sight at the bottom of the sea, there I will command the serpent and it shall bite them.
Amos 9:4 And though they go into captivity before their enemies, there will I command the sword and it shall slay them, and I will set My eyes upon them for evil and not for good.
Amos 9:5 The Lord God of hosts, it is He Who touches the earth and it melts, and all who dwell in it mourn; it shall rise like the [river] Nile, all of it, and it shall sink again like the Nile of Egypt.

Amos 9:6 It is He Who builds His upper chambers in the heavens and Who founds His vault over the earth, Who calls to the waters of the sea and pours them out on the face of the earth--The Lord is His name.
Amos 9:7 You [O degenerate children of Israel] are no more to Me than these [despised] Cushites, says the Lord. I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt, but have I not [also] brought the Philistines out of Caphtor and the Syrians from Kir?
Amos 9:8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord God are upon the sinful kingdom [of Israel's ten tribes] and I will destroy it from the surface of the ground, except that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, says the Lord.
Amos 9:9 For behold, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations {and} cause it to move to and fro as grain is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least kernel fall upon the earth {and} be lost [from My sight].
Amos 9:10 All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, who say, The evil shall not overtake or meet [and assail] us.
Amos 9:11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David, the fallen hut {or} booth, and close up its breaches; and I will raise up its ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old,
Amos 9:12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom and of all the nations that are called by My name, says the Lord Who does this.
Amos 9:13 Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine and all the hills shall melt [that is, everything heretofore barren and unfruitful shall overflow with spiritual blessing].
Amos 9:14 And I will bring back the exiles of My people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards and drink the wine from them; they shall also make gardens and eat the fruit of them.
Amos 9:15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be torn up out of their land which I gave them, says the Lord your God.
Obad 1:1 THE VISION of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord God concerning Edom: We have heard tidings from the Lord, and an ambassador is sent forth among the nations [saying], Arise, and let us rise up against [Edom] for battle!
Obad 1:2 Behold, I will make you small among the nations [Edom]; you shall be despised exceedingly.
Obad 1:3 The pride of your heart has deceived you, you dweller in the refuges of the rock [Petra, Edom's capital], whose habitation is high, who says in his heart, Who can bring me down to the ground?
Obad 1:4 Though you mount on high as the eagle and though you set your nest among the stars, I will bring you down from there, says the Lord.
Obad 1:5 If thieves came to you, if robbers by night--how you are brought to nothing!--would they not steal only enough for themselves? If grape gatherers came to you, would they not leave some grapes for gleaning? [But this ravaging was done by God, not men.]
Obad 1:6 How are the things of Esau [Edom] searched out! How are his hidden treasures sought out!
Obad 1:7 All the men of your confederacy (your allies) have brought you on your way, even to the border; the men who were at peace with you have deceived you and prevailed against you; they who eat your bread have laid a snare under you. There is no understanding [in Edom, or] of it.
Obad 1:8 Will not I in that day, says the Lord, destroy the wise men out of Edom and [men of] understanding out of Mount Esau [Idumea, a mountainous region]?
Obad 1:9 And your mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that everyone from Mount Esau will be cut off by slaughter.
Obad 1:10 For the violence you did against your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off forever.
Obad 1:11 On the day that you stood aloof [from your brother Jacob]--on the day that strangers took captive his forces {and} carried off his wealth, and foreigners entered into his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem--you were even as one of them.
Obad 1:12 But you should not have gloated over your brother's day, the day when his misfortune came {and} he was made a stranger; you should not have rejoiced over the sons of Judah in the day of their ruin; you should not have spoken arrogantly in the day of their distress.
Obad 1:13 You should not have entered the gate of My people in the day of their calamity {and} ruin; yes, you should not have looked [with delight] on their misery in the day of their calamity {and} ruin, and not have reached after their army {and} their possessions in the day of their calamity {and} ruin.
Obad 1:14 And you should not have stood at the crossway to cut off those of Judah who escaped, neither should you have delivered up those [of Judah] who remained in the day of distress.
Obad 1:15 For the day of the Lord is near upon all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you; your

dealings will return upon your own head.
Obad 1:16 For as you [Edom] have drunk upon the mountain of My holiness [desecrating it in the wild revelry of the destroyers], so shall all the nations drink continually [in turn, of My wrath]; yes, they shall drink, talk foolishly, {and} swallow down [the full measure of punishment] and they shall be [destroyed] as though they had not been.
Obad 1:17 But on Mount Zion [in Jerusalem] there shall be deliverance [for those who escape], and it shall be holy; and the house of Jacob shall possess its [own former] possessions.
Obad 1:18 The house of Jacob shall be a fire and the house of Joseph a flame, but the house of Esau shall be stubble; they shall kindle {and} burn them and consume them, and there shall be no survivor of the house of Esau, for the Lord has spoken it.
Obad 1:19 They of the South (the Negeb) shall possess Mount Esau, and they of the lowland the land of the Philistines; they shall possess the land of Ephraim and the fields of Samaria, and Benjamin shall possess Gilead [across the Jordan River].
Obad 1:20 And the exiles of this host of the children of Israel who are among the Canaanites shall possess [Phoenicia] as far as Zarephath, and the exiles of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad shall possess the cities of the South (the Negeb).
Obad 1:21 And deliverers shall go up on Mount Zion to rule {and} judge Mount Esau, and the kingdom {and} the kingship shall be the Lord's.
Jon 1:1 NOW THE word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying,
Jon 1:2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim against it, for their wickedness has come up before Me.
Jon 1:3 But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from being in the presence of the Lord [as His prophet] and went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish [the most remote of the Phoenician trading places then known]. So he paid the appointed fare and went down into the ship to go with them to Tarshish from being in the presence of the Lord [as His servant and minister].
Jon 1:4 But the Lord sent out a great wind upon the sea, and there was a violent tempest on the sea so that the ship was about to be broken.
Jon 1:5 Then the mariners were afraid, and each man cried to his god; and they cast the goods that were in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep.
Jon 1:6 So the captain came and said to him, What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call upon your God! Perhaps your God will give a thought to us so that we shall not perish.
Jon 1:7 And they each said to one another, Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us. So they cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah.
Jon 1:8 Then they said to him, Tell us, we pray you, on whose account has this evil come upon us? What is your occupation? Where did you come from? And what is your country and nationality?
Jon 1:9 And he said to them, I am a Hebrew, and I [reverently] fear {and} worship the Lord, the God of heaven, Who made the sea and the dry land.
Jon 1:10 Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, What is this that you have done? For the men knew that he fled from being in the presence of the Lord [as His prophet and servant], because he had told them.
Jon 1:11 Then they said to him, What shall we do to you, that the sea may subside {and} be calm for us? For the sea became more and more [violently] tempestuous.
Jon 1:12 And [Jonah] said to them, Take me up and cast me into the sea; so shall the sea become calm for you, for I know that it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you.
Jon 1:13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship to the land, but they could not, for the sea became more and more violent against them.
Jon 1:14 Therefore they cried to the Lord, We beseech You, O Lord, we beseech You, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood; for You, O Lord, have done as it pleased You.
Jon 1:15 So they took up Jonah and cast him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.
Jon 1:16 Then the men [reverently and worshipfully] feared the Lord exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.
Jon 1:17 Now the Lord had prepared {and} appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.
Jon 2:1 THEN JONAH prayed to the Lord his God from the fish's belly,
Jon 2:2 And said, I cried out of my distress to the Lord, and He heard me; out of the belly of Sheol cried I, and You heard my voice.
Jon 2:3 For You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the floods surrounded me; all Your waves and

Your billows passed over me.
Jon 2:4 Then I said, I have been cast out of Your presence {and} Your sight; yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.
Jon 2:5 The waters compassed me about, even to [the extinction of] life; the abyss surrounded me, the seaweed was wrapped about my head.
Jon 2:6 I went down to the bottoms {and} the very roots of the mountains; the earth with its bars closed behind me forever. Yet You have brought up my life from the pit {and} corruption, O Lord my God.
Jon 2:7 When my soul fainted upon me [crushing me], I earnestly {and} seriously remembered the Lord; and my prayer came to You, into Your holy temple.
Jon 2:8 Those who pay regard to false, useless, {and} worthless idols forsake their own [Source of] mercy {and} loving-kindness.
Jon 2:9 But as for me, I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that which I have vowed. Salvation {and} deliverance belong to the Lord!
Jon 2:10 And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.
Jon 3:1 AND THE word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying,
Jon 3:2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach {and} cry out to it the preaching that I tell you.
Jon 3:3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city of three days' journey [sixty miles in circumference].
Jon 3:4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown!
Jon 3:5 So the people of Nineveh believed in God and proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth [in penitent mourning], from the greatest of them even to the least of them.
Jon 3:6 For word came to the king of Nineveh [of all that had happened to Jonah, and his terrifying message from God], and he arose from his throne and he laid his robe aside, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.
Jon 3:7 And he made proclamation and published through Nineveh, By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed nor drink water.
Jon 3:8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth and let them cry mightily to God. Yes, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.
Jon 3:9 Who can tell, God may turn and revoke His sentence against us [when we have met His terms], and turn away from His fierce anger so that we perish not.
Jon 3:10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God revoked His [sentence of] evil that He had said that He would do to them and He did not do it [for He was comforted and eased concerning them].
Jon 4:1 BUT IT displeased Jonah exceedingly and he was very angry.
Jon 4:2 And he prayed to the Lord and said, I pray You, O Lord, is not this just what I said when I was still in my country? That is why I fled to Tarshish, for I knew that You are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness, and [when sinners turn to You and meet Your conditions] You revoke the [sentence of] evil against them.
Jon 4:3 Therefore now, O Lord, I beseech You, take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.
Jon 4:4 Then said the Lord, Do you do well to be angry?
Jon 4:5 So Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city, and he made a booth there for himself. He sat there under it in the shade till he might see what would become of the city.
Jon 4:6 And the Lord God prepared a gourd and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to deliver him from his evil situation. So Jonah was exceedingly glad [to have the protection] of the gourd.
Jon 4:7 But God prepared a cutworm when the morning dawned the next day, and it smote the gourd so that it withered.
Jon 4:8 And when the sun arose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah so that he fainted and wished in himself to die and said, It is better for me to die than to live.
Jon 4:9 And God said to Jonah, Do you do well to be angry for the loss of the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die!
Jon 4:10 Then said the Lord, You have had pity on the gourd, for which you have not labored nor made it grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night.
Jon 4:11 And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons not [yet old enough to] know their right hand from their left, and also many cattle [not accountable for sin]?
Mic 1:1 THE WORD of the Lord that came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings

of Judah, which he saw [through divine revelation] concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.
Mic 1:2 Hear, all you people; listen closely, O earth and all that is in it, and let the Lord God be witness among you {and} against you, the Lord from His holy temple.
Mic 1:3 For behold, the Lord comes forth out of His place and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth.
Mic 1:4 And the mountains shall melt under Him and the valleys shall be cleft like wax before the fire, like waters poured down a steep place.
Mic 1:5 All this is because of the transgression of Jacob and the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not [the idol worship of] Samaria? And what are the high places [of idolatry] in Judah? Are they not Jerusalem?
Mic 1:6 Therefore I [the Lord] will make Samaria a heap in the open country, a place for planting vineyards; and I will pour down into the ravine her stones and lay bare her foundations.
Mic 1:7 And all her carved images shall be broken in pieces, and all her hires [all that man would gain from desertion of God] shall be burned with fire, and all her idols will be laid waste; for from the hire of [one] harlot she gathered them, and to the hire of [another] harlot they shall return.
Mic 1:8 Therefore I [Micah] will lament and wail; I will go stripped and [virtually] naked; I will make a wailing like the jackals and a lamentation like the ostriches.
Mic 1:9 For [Samaria's] wounds are incurable and they come even to Judah; He [the Lord] has reached to the gate of my people, to Jerusalem.
Mic 1:10 In Gath [a city in Philistia] announce it not; {in} {Acco} weep not at all, [betraying your grief to foreigners; but among your own people] in Beth-le-aphrah [house of dust] roll yourself in the dust.
Mic 1:11 Pass on your way [into exile], dwellers of Shaphir, in shameful nakedness. The dwellers of Zaanan dare not come forth; the wailing of Beth-ezel takes away from you the place on which it stands.
Mic 1:12 For the inhabitant of Maroth [bitterness] writhes in pain [at its losses] and waits anxiously for good, because evil comes down from the Lord to the gate of Jerusalem.
Mic 1:13 Bind the chariot to the swift steed, O lady inhabitant of Lachish; you were the beginning of sin to the Daughter of Zion, for the transgressions of Israel were found in you.
Mic 1:14 Therefore you must give parting gifts to Moresheth-gath [Micah's home town]; the houses of Achzib [place of deceit] shall be a deception to the kings of Israel.
Mic 1:15 Yet will I bring a conqueror upon you, O lady inhabitant of Mareshah, who shall possess you; the glory {and} nobility of Israel shall come to Adullam [to hide in the caves, as did David].
Mic 1:16 Make yourself bald in mourning and cut off your hair for the children of your delight; enlarge your baldness as the eagle, for [your children] shall be carried from you into exile.
Mic 2:1 WOE TO those who devise iniquity and work out evil upon their beds! When the morning is light, they perform {and} practice it because it is in their power.
Mic 2:2 They covet fields and seize them, and houses and take them away; they oppress {and} crush a man and his house, a man and his inheritance.
Mic 2:3 Therefore thus says the Lord: Behold, against this family I am planning a disaster from which you cannot remove your necks, nor will you be able to walk erect; for it will be an evil time.
Mic 2:4 In that day shall they take up a [taunting] parable against you and wail with a doleful {and} bitter lamentation and say, We are utterly ruined {and} laid waste! [God] changes the portion of my people. How He removes it from me! He divides our fields [to the rebellious, our captors].
Mic 2:5 Therefore you shall have no one to cast a line by lot upon a plot [of ground] in the assembly of the Lord.
Mic 2:6 Do not preach, say the prophesying false prophets; one should not babble {and} harp on such things; disgrace will not overtake us [the reviling has no end].
Mic 2:7 O house of Jacob, shall it be said, Is the Spirit of the Lord restricted, impatient, {and} shortened? Or are these [prophesied plagues] His doings? Do not My words do good to him who walks uprightly?
Mic 2:8 But lately (yesterday) My people have stood up as an enemy [and have made Me their antagonist]. Off from the garment you strip the cloak of those who pass by in secure confidence of safety {and} are averse to war.
Mic 2:9 The women of My people you cast out from their pleasant houses; from their young children you take away My glory forever.
Mic 2:10 Arise and depart, for this is not the rest [which was promised to the righteous in Canaan], because of uncleanness that works destruction, even a sharp {and} grievous destruction.
Mic 2:11 If a man walking in a spirit [of vanity] and in falsehood should lie and say, I will prophesy to you of wine

and strong drink, O Israel, he would even be the acceptable prophet of this people!
Mic 2:12 I will surely gather all of you, O Jacob; I will surely collect the remnant of Israel. I will bring them [Israel] together like sheep in a fold, like a flock in the midst of their pasture. They [the fold and the pasture] shall swarm with men {and} hum with much noise.
Mic 2:13 The Breaker [the Messiah] will go up before them. They will break through, pass in through the gate and go out through it, and their King will pass on before them, the Lord at their head.
Mic 3:1 AND I [Micah] said, Hear, I pray you, you heads of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel! Is it not for you to know justice?--
Mic 3:2 You who hate the good and love the evil, who pluck {and} steal the skin from off [My people] and their flesh from off their bones;
Mic 3:3 Yes, you who eat the flesh of my people and strip their skin from off them, who break their bones and chop them in pieces as for the pot, like meat in a big kettle.
Mic 3:4 Then will they cry to the Lord, but He will not answer them; He will even hide His face from them at that time, because they have made their deeds evil.
Mic 3:5 Thus says the Lord: Concerning the false prophets who make My people err, when they have anything good to bite with their teeth they cry, Peace; and whoever gives them nothing to chew, against him they declare a sanctified war.
Mic 3:6 Therefore it shall be night to you, so that you shall have no vision; yes, it shall be dark to you without divination. And the sun shall go down over the false prophets, and the day shall be black over them.
Mic 3:7 And the seers shall be put to shame and the diviners shall blush {and} be confounded; yes, they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God.
Mic 3:8 But truly I [Micah] am full of power, of the Spirit of the Lord, and of justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.
Mic 3:9 Hear this, I pray you, you heads of the house of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel, who abhor {and} reject justice and pervert all equity,
Mic 3:10 Who build up Zion with blood and Jerusalem with iniquity.
Mic 3:11 Its heads judge for reward {and} a bribe and its priests teach for hire and its prophets divine for money; yet they lean on the Lord and say, Is not the Lord among us? No evil can come upon us.
Mic 3:12 Therefore shall Zion on your account be plowed like a field, Jerusalem shall become heaps [of ruins], and the mountain of the house [of the Lord] like a densely wooded height.
Mic 4:1 BUT IN the latter days it shall come to pass that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains; and it shall be exalted above the hills, and peoples shall flow to it.
Mic 4:2 And many nations shall come and say, Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways, and we may walk in His paths. For the law shall go forth out of Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
Mic 4:3 And He shall judge between many peoples and shall decide for strong nations afar off, and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
Mic 4:4 But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken it.
Mic 4:5 For all the peoples [now] walk every man in the name of his god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.
Mic 4:6 In that day, says the Lord, I will assemble the lame, and I will gather those who have been driven away and those whom I have afflicted.
Mic 4:7 And I will make the lame a remnant, and those who were cast off a strong nation; and the Lord shall reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and forever.
Mic 4:8 And you, O tower of the flock, the hill {and} stronghold of the Daughter of Zion, unto you the former dominion shall come, the kingdom of the Daughter of Jerusalem.
Mic 4:9 Now why do you cry aloud? Is there no king among you? Has your counselor perished, that pains have taken you like a woman in labor?
Mic 4:10 Writhe in pain and labor to bring forth, O Daughter of Zion, like a woman in childbirth; for now you shall go forth out of the city and you shall live in the open country. You shall go to Babylon; there you shall be rescued. There the Lord shall redeem you from the hand of your enemies.
Mic 4:11 Now many nations are assembled against you, saying, Let her be profaned and let our eyes gaze upon Zion.

Mic 4:12 But they know not the thoughts of the Lord, neither do they understand His plan, for He shall gather them as the sheaves to the threshing floor.
Mic 4:13 Arise and thresh, O Daughter of Zion! For I will make your horn iron and I will make your hoofs bronze; you shall beat in pieces many peoples, and I will devote their gain to the Lord and their treasure to the Lord of all the earth.
Mic 5:1 NOW GATHER yourself in troops, O daughter of troops; a state of siege has been placed against us. They shall smite the ruler of Israel with a rod (a scepter) on the cheek.
Mic 5:2 But you, Bethlehem Ephratah, you are little to be among the clans of Judah; [yet] out of you shall One come forth for Me Who is to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth have been from of old, from ancient days (eternity).
Mic 5:3 Therefore shall He give them up until the time that she who travails has brought forth; then what is left of His brethren shall return to the children of Israel.
Mic 5:4 And He shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God; and they shall dwell [secure], for then shall He be great [even] to the ends of the earth.
Mic 5:5 And this [One] shall be our peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads upon our soil {and} in our palaces, then will we raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes among men.
Mic 5:6 And they shall rule {and} waste the land of Assyria with the sword and the land of Nimrod within her [Assyria's own] gates. Thus shall He [the Messiah] deliver us from the Assyrian [representing the opposing powers] when he comes into our land and when he treads on our borders.
Mic 5:7 Then the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples like dew from the Lord, like showers upon the grass which [come suddenly and] tarry not for man nor wait for the sons of men.
Mic 5:8 And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations in the midst of many peoples like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion [suddenly appearing] among the flocks of sheep which, when it goes through, treads down and tears in pieces, and there is no deliverer.
Mic 5:9 Your hand will be lifted up above your adversaries, and all your enemies shall be cut off.
Mic 5:10 And in that day, says the Lord, I will cut off your horses [on which you depend] from among you and will destroy your chariots.
Mic 5:11 And I will cut off the cities of your land and throw down all your strongholds.
Mic 5:12 And I will cut off witchcrafts {and} sorceries from your hand, and you shall have no more soothsayers.
Mic 5:13 Your carved images also I will cut off and your statues {or} pillars out of your midst, and you shall no more worship the work of your hands.
Mic 5:14 And I will root out your Asherim [symbols of the goddess Asherah] and I will destroy your cities [the seats of false worship].
Mic 5:15 And in anger and wrath I will execute vengeance upon the nations which would not obey [vengeance such as they have not heard of before].
Mic 6:1 HEAR NOW what the Lord says: Arise, contend {and} plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.
Mic 6:2 Hear, O mountains, the Lord's controversy, and you strong {and} enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a controversy (a pleading contention) with His people, and He will [pleadingly] contend with Israel.
Mic 6:3 O My people, what have I done to you? And in what have I wearied you? Testify against Me [answer Me]!
Mic 6:4 For I brought you up out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house where you were bond servants, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
Mic 6:5 O My people, [earnestly] remember now what Balak king of Moab devised and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him; [remember what the Lord did for you] from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous {and} saving acts of the Lord.
Mic 6:6 With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
Mic 6:7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
Mic 6:8 He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, and to love kindness {and} mercy, and to humble yourself {and} walk humbly with your God?
Mic 6:9 The voice of the Lord calls to the city [Jerusalem]--and it is sound wisdom to hear {and} fear Your name--Hear (heed) the rod and Him Who has appointed it.
Mic 6:10 Are there not still treasures gained by wickedness in the house of the wicked, and a scant measure [a false measure for grain] that is abominable {and} accursed?

Mic 6:11 Can I be pure [Myself, and acquit the man] with wicked scales and with a bag of deceitful weights?
Mic 6:12 For [the city's] rich men are full of violence; her inhabitants have spoken lies and their tongues are deceitful in their mouths.
Mic 6:13 Therefore I have also smitten you with a deadly wound {and} made you sick, laying you desolate, waste, {and} deserted because of your sins.
Mic 6:14 You shall eat but not be satisfied, and your emptiness {and} hunger shall remain in you; you shall carry away [goods and those you love] but fail to save them, and those you do deliver I will give to the sword.
Mic 6:15 You shall sow but not reap; you shall tread olives but not anoint yourselves with oil, and [you shall extract juice from] the grapes but not drink the wine.
Mic 6:16 For the statutes of [idolatrous] Omri you have kept, and all the works of the house of [wicked] Ahab, and you walk in their counsels. Therefore I will make you a desolation {and} an astonishment and your [city's] inhabitants a hissing, and you shall bear the reproach {and} scorn of My people.
Mic 7:1 WOE IS me! For I am as when the summer fruits have been gathered, as when the vintage grapes have been gleaned and there is no cluster to eat, no first-ripe fig for which my appetite craves.
Mic 7:2 The godly man has perished from the earth, and there is none upright among men. They all lie in wait for blood; each hunts his brother with a net.
Mic 7:3 Both their hands are put forth {and} are upon what is evil to do it diligently; the prince and the judge ask for a bribe, and the great man utters his evil desire. Thus they twist between them [the course of justice].
Mic 7:4 The best of them is like a brier; the most upright {or} the straightest is like a thorn hedge. The day of your watchmen, even of [God's] judgment {and} your punishment, has come; now shall be their perplexity {and} confusion.
Mic 7:5 Trust not in a neighbor; put no confidence in a friend. Keep the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your bosom.
Mic 7:6 For the son dishonors the father, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law--a man's enemies are the men (members) of his own house.
Mic 7:7 But as for me, I will look to the Lord {and} confident in Him I will keep watch; I will wait with hope {and} expectancy for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.
Mic 7:8 Rejoice not against me, O my enemy! When I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light to me.
Mic 7:9 I will bear the indignation of the Lord because I have sinned against Him, until He pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold His righteous deliverance.
Mic 7:10 Then my enemy will see it, and shame will cover her who said to me, Where is the Lord your God? My eyes will see my desire upon her; now she will be trodden down as the mire of the streets.
Mic 7:11 In the day that your walls are to be built [a day for building], in that day shall the boundary [of Israel] be far extended {and} the decree [against her] be far removed.
Mic 7:12 In that day they will come to you from Assyria and from the cities of Matzor [Egypt] and from Egypt even to the river [Euphrates], from sea to sea and from mountain to mountain.
Mic 7:13 Yet shall the earth be desolate because of those who dwell in it, for the fruit of their doings.
Mic 7:14 Rule {and} feed Your people with Your rod {and} scepter, the flock of Your inheritance who dwell alone in a forest in the midst of Carmel [a garden land]; they shall feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.
Mic 7:15 As in the days of your coming forth from the land of Egypt, I will show them marvelous things.
Mic 7:16 The nations shall see [God's deliverance] and be ashamed of all their might [which cannot be compared to His]. They shall lay their hands upon their mouths in consternation; their ears shall be deaf.
Mic 7:17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent; like crawling things of the earth they shall come trembling out of their strongholds {and} close places. They shall turn {and} come with fear {and} dread to the Lord our God and shall be afraid {and} stand in awe because of You [O Lord].
Mic 7:18 Who is a God like You, Who forgives iniquity and passes over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retains not His anger forever, because He delights in mercy {and} loving-kindness.
Mic 7:19 He will again have compassion on us; He will subdue {and} tread underfoot our iniquities. You will cast all {our} sins into the depths of the sea.
Mic 7:20 You will show Your faithfulness {and} perform the sure promise to Jacob and loving-kindness {and} mercy to Abraham, as You have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.
Nah 1:1 THE BURDEN {or} oracle (the thing to be lifted up) concerning Nineveh [the capital of Assyria]. The book of the vision of Nahum of Elkosh.

Nah 1:2 The Lord is a jealous God and avenging; the Lord avenges and He is full of wrath. The Lord takes vengeance on His adversaries and reserves wrath for His enemies.
Nah 1:3 The Lord is slow to anger and great in power and will by no means clear the guilty. The Lord has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet.
Nah 1:4 He rebukes {and} threatens the sea and makes it dry, and dries up all the rivers. Bashan [on the east] and Mount Carmel [on the west] wither, and [in the north] the blossom of Lebanon fades.
Nah 1:5 The mountains tremble {and} quake before Him and the hills melt away, and the earth is upheaved at His presence--yes, the world and all that dwell in it.
Nah 1:6 Who can stand before His indignation? And who can stand up {and} endure the fierceness of His anger? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken asunder by Him.
Nah 1:7 The Lord is good, a Strength {and} Stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows (recognizes, has knowledge of, and understands) those who take refuge {and} trust in Him.
Nah 1:8 But with an overrunning flood He will make a full end of [Nineveh's very] site and pursue His enemies into darkness.
Nah 1:9 What do you devise {and} [how mad is your attempt to] plot against the Lord? He will make a full end [of Nineveh]; affliction [which My people shall suffer from Assyria] shall not rise up the second time.
Nah 1:10 For [the Ninevites] are as bundles of thorn branches [for fuel], and even while drowned in their drunken [carousing] they shall be consumed like stubble fully dry [in the day of the Lord's wrath].
Nah 1:11 There is one gone forth out of you [O Nineveh] who plots evil against the Lord, a villainous counselor [the king of Assyria, who counsels for wickedness and worthlessness].
Nah 1:12 Thus says the Lord: Though they be in full strength and likewise many, even so shall [the Assyrians] be cut down when [their evil counselor] shall pass away. Though I have afflicted you [Jerusalem], I will not cause you to be afflicted [for your past sins] any more.
Nah 1:13 For now will I break his yoke from off you and will burst your bonds asunder.
Nah 1:14 And the Lord has given a commandment concerning you [evil Assyrian counselor], that no more of your name shall be born {nor} shall your name be perpetuated. Out of the house of your gods I will cut off the graven and molten images; I will make [their temple] your tomb, for you are vile {and} despised.
Nah 1:15 Behold! upon the mountains the feet of him who brings good tidings [telling of the Assyrian's death], who publishes peace! Celebrate your feasts, O Judah; perform your vows. For the wicked counselor [the king of Assyria] shall no more come against you {or} pass through your land; he is utterly cut off. [Then the prophet Nahum sarcastically addresses his message to Nineveh:]
Nah 2:1 HE WHO dashes in pieces [that is, the king of Medo-Babylon] is come up before your face [Nineveh]. Keep the fortress {and} ramparts manned, watch the road, gird your loins, collect {and} fortify all your strength {and} power mightily.
Nah 2:2 For the Lord restores the excellency of Jacob as the excellency of [ancient] Israel, for plunderers have plundered them {and} emptied them out and [outrageously] destroyed their vine branches.
Nah 2:3 The shields of the mighty men [of Media and Babylon] are [dyed] red; the valiant men are [clothed] in dyed scarlet. The chariots blaze with fire of steel on the day of his preparation [for battle], and the officers' horses prance like a cypress forest [reeling in the wind].
Nah 2:4 The chariots rage in confusion in the streets; they run to and fro [in wild terror] in the broad ways. They flash with steel [making them appear like torches]; they rush [in various directions] like forked lightnings.
Nah 2:5 [The Assyrian leader] remembers {and} summons his bravest men; they stumble in their march. They hasten to the city's wall, and their movable defense shelter is prepared {and} set up.
Nah 2:6 The gates {or} dams of the rivers [surrounding and guarding Nineveh] are opened and the [imperial] palace [of sun-dried brick] is dissolved [by the torrents] {and} is in dismay.
Nah 2:7 It is decreed. She [Nineveh] is stripped and removed, and her maids are lamenting {and} moaning like doves [softly for fear], beating upon their breasts [and hearts].
Nah 2:8 And Nineveh, like a standing pool are her waters and [her inhabitants] are fleeing away! Stand! Stand [firm! a few cry], but no one looks back {or} causes them to return.
Nah 2:9 Take the spoil of silver; take the spoil of gold! For there is no end of the treasure, the glory {and} wealth of all the precious furnishings.
Nah 2:10 Emptiness! Desolation! Utter waste! Hearts faint and knees smite together, and anguish is in all loins, and the faces of all grow pale!
Nah 2:11 Where is the den of the lions which was the feeding place of the young lions, where the lion and the lioness

walked, and the lion's whelp, and none made them afraid?
Nah 2:12 The lion tore in pieces enough for his whelps and strangled [prey] for his lionesses; he filled his caves with prey and his dens with what he had seized {and} carried off.
Nah 2:13 Behold, I am against you [Nineveh], says the Lord of hosts, and I will burn {your} chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour your young lions. And I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your messengers shall no more be heard.
Nah 3:1 WOE TO the bloody city! It is full of lies and booty and [there is] no end to the plunder!
Nah 3:2 The cracking of the whip, the noise of the rattling of wheels, and prancing horses and chariots rumbling {and} bounding,
Nah 3:3 Horsemen mounting {and} charging, the flashing sword, the gleaming spear, a multitude of slain and a great number of corpses, no end of corpses! [The horsemen] stumble over the corpses!
Nah 3:4 All because of the multitude of the harlotries [of Nineveh], the well-favored harlot, the mistress of deadly charms who betrays {and} sells nations through her whoredoms [idolatry] and peoples through her enchantments.
Nah 3:5 Behold, I am against you, says the Lord of hosts, and I will lift up your skirts over your face, and I will let the nations look on your nakedness [O Nineveh] and the kingdoms on your shame.
Nah 3:6 I will cast abominable things at you {and} make you filthy, treat you with contempt, and make you a gazingstock.
Nah 3:7 And all who look on you will shrink {and} flee from you and say, Nineveh is laid waste; who will pity {and} bemoan her? Where [then] shall I seek comforters for you?
Nah 3:8 Are you better than No-amon [Thebes, capital of Upper Egypt], that dwelt by the rivers {or} canals, that had the waters round about her, whose rampart was a sea [the Nile] and water her wall?
Nah 3:9 Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, and that without limit. Put and the Libyans were {her} helpers.
Nah 3:10 Yet she was carried away; she went into captivity. Her young children also were dashed in pieces at all the street corners; lots were cast [by the Assyrian officers] for her nobles, and all her great men were bound with chains.
Nah 3:11 You will be drunk [Nineveh, with the cup of God's wrath]; you will be dazed. You will seek {and} require a refuge because of the enemy.
Nah 3:12 All your fortresses are fig trees with early figs; if they are shaken they will fall into the mouth of the eater.
Nah 3:13 Behold, your troops in the midst of you are [as weak and helpless as] women; the gates of your land are set wide open to your enemies [without effort]; fire consumes your bars.
Nah 3:14 Draw for yourself the water [necessary] for a [long continued] siege, make strong your fortresses! Go down into the clay pits and trample the mortar; make ready the brickkiln [to burn bricks for the bulwarks]!
Nah 3:15 [But] there [in the very midst of these preparations] will the fire devour you; the sword will cut you off; it will destroy you as the locusts [destroy]. Multiply yourselves like the licking locusts; make yourselves many like the swarming locusts!
Nah 3:16 You increased your merchants more than the [visible] stars of the heavens. The swarming locust spreads itself {and} destroys, and then flies away.
Nah 3:17 Your princes are like the grasshoppers and your marshals like the swarms of locusts which encamp in the hedges on a cold day--but when the sun rises, they fly away, and no one knows where they are.
Nah 3:18 Your shepherds are asleep, O king of Assyria; your nobles are lying still [in death]. Your people are scattered on the mountains and there is no one to gather them.
Nah 3:19 There is no healing of your hurt; your wound is grievous. All who hear the news about you clap their hands over [what has happened to] you. For upon whom has not your [unceasing] evil come continually?
Hab 1:1 THE BURDEN {or} oracle (the thing to be lifted up) which Habakkuk the prophet saw.
Hab 1:2 O Lord, how long shall I cry for help and You will not hear? Or cry out to You of violence and You will not save?
Hab 1:3 Why do You show me iniquity {and} wrong, and Yourself look upon {or} cause me to see perverseness {and} trouble? For destruction and violence are before me; and there is strife, and contention arises.
Hab 1:4 Therefore the law is slackened and justice {and} a righteous sentence never go forth, for the [hostility of the] wicked surrounds the [uncompromisingly] righteous; therefore justice goes forth perverted.
Hab 1:5 Look around [you, Habakkuk, replied the Lord] among the nations and see! And be astonished! Astounded! For I am putting into effect a work in your days [such] that you would not believe it if it were told you.
Hab 1:6 For behold, I am rousing up the Chaldeans, that bitter and impetuous nation who march through the breadth of the earth to take possession of dwelling places that do not belong to them.
Hab 1:7 [The Chaldeans] are terrible and dreadful; their justice and dignity proceed [only] from themselves.

Hab 1:8 Their horses also are swifter than leopards and are fiercer than the evening wolves, and their horsemen spread themselves {and} press on proudly; yes, their horsemen come from afar; they fly like an eagle that hastens to devour.
Hab 1:9 They all come for violence; their faces turn eagerly forward, and they gather prisoners together like sand.
Hab 1:10 They scoff at kings, and rulers are a derision to them; they ridicule every stronghold, for they heap up dust [for earth mounds] and take it.
Hab 1:11 Then they sweep by like a wind and pass on, and they load themselves with guilt, [as do all men] whose own power is their god.
Hab 1:12 Are not You from everlasting, O Lord my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O Lord, You have appointed [the Chaldean] to execute [Your] judgment, and You, O Rock, have established him for chastisement {and} correction.
Hab 1:13 You are of purer eyes than to behold evil and can not look [inactively] upon injustice. Why then do You look upon the plunderer? Why are you silent when the wicked one destroys him who is more righteous than [the Chaldean oppressor] is?
Hab 1:14 Why do You make men like the fish of the sea, like reptiles {and} creeping things that have no ruler [and are defenseless against their foes]?
Hab 1:15 [The Chaldean] brings all of them up with his hook; he catches and drags them out with his net, he gathers them in his dragnet; so he rejoices and is in high spirits.
Hab 1:16 Therefore he sacrifices [offerings] to his net and burns incense to his dragnet, because from them he lives luxuriously and his food is plentiful {and} rich.
Hab 1:17 Shall he therefore continue to empty his net and mercilessly go on slaying the nations forever?
Hab 2:1 [OH, I know, I have been rash to talk out plainly this way to God!] I will [in my thinking] stand upon my post of observation and station myself on the tower {or} fortress, and will watch to see what He will say within me and what answer I will make [as His mouthpiece] to the perplexities of my complaint against Him.
Hab 2:2 And the Lord answered me and said, Write the vision and engrave it so plainly upon tablets that everyone who passes may [be able to] read [it easily and quickly] as he hastens by.
Hab 2:3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time and it hastens to the end [fulfillment]; it will not deceive {or} disappoint. Though it tarry, wait [earnestly] for it, because it will surely come; it will not be behindhand on its appointed day.
Hab 2:4 Look at the proud; his soul is not straight {or} right within him, but the [rigidly] just {and} the [uncompromisingly] righteous man shall live by his faith {and} in his faithfulness.
Hab 2:5 Moreover, wine {and} {wealth} are treacherous; the proud man [the Chaldean invader] is restless {and} cannot stay at home. His appetite is large like that of Sheol and [his greed] is like death and cannot be satisfied; he gathers to himself all nations and collects all people as if he owned them.
Hab 2:6 Shall not all these [victims of his greed] take up a taunt against him and in scoffing derision of him say, Woe to him who piles up that which is not his! [How long will he possess it?] And [woe to him] who loads himself with promissory notes for usury!
Hab 2:7 Shall [your debtors] not rise up suddenly who shall bite you, exacting usury of you, and those awake who will vex you [toss you to and fro and make you tremble violently]? Then you will be booty for them.
Hab 2:8 Because you [king of Babylon] have plundered many nations, all who are left of the people shall plunder you--because of men's blood and for the violence done to the earth, to the city and all the people who live in each city.
Hab 2:9 Woe to him who obtains wicked gain for his house, [who thinks by so doing] to set his nest on high that he may be preserved from calamity {and} delivered from the power of evil!
Hab 2:10 You have devised shame to your house by cutting off {and} putting an end to many peoples, and you have sinned against {and} forfeited your own life.
Hab 2:11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall [built in sin, to accuse you], and the beam out of the woodwork will answer it [agreeing with its charge against you].
Hab 2:12 Woe to him who builds a town with blood and establishes a city by iniquity!
Hab 2:13 Behold, is it not by appointment of the Lord of hosts that the nations toil only to satisfy the fire [that will consume their work], and the peoples weary themselves only for emptiness, falsity, {and} futility?
Hab 2:14 But [the time is coming when] the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
Hab 2:15 Woe to him who gives his neighbors drink, who pours out your bottle to them {and} adds to it your poisonous {and} blighting wrath and also makes them drunk, that you may look on their stripped condition {and} pour out foul shame [on their glory]!

Hab 2:16 You [yourself] will be filled with shame {and} contempt instead of glory. Drink also and be like an uncircumcised [heathen]! The cup [of wrath] in the Lord's right hand will come around to you [O destroyer], and foul shame shall be upon your own glory!
Hab 2:17 For the violence done to Lebanon will cover {and} overwhelm you; the destruction of the animals [which the violence frightened away] will terrify you on account of men's blood and the violence done to the land, to the city and all its inhabitants.
Hab 2:18 What profit is the graven image when its maker has formed it? It is only a molten image and a teacher of lies. For the maker trusts in his own creations [as his gods] when he makes dumb idols.
Hab 2:19 Woe to him who says to the wooden image, Awake! and to the dumb stone, Arise, teach! [Yet, it cannot, for] behold, it is laid over with gold and silver and there is no breath at all inside it!
Hab 2:20 But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth hush {and} keep silence before Him.
Hab 3:1 A PRAYER of Habakkuk the prophet, set to wild, enthusiastic, {and} triumphal music.
Hab 3:2 O Lord, I have heard the report of You and was afraid. O Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make [Yourself] known! In wrath [earnestly] remember love, pity, {and} mercy.
Hab 3:3 God [approaching from Sinai] came from Teman [which represents Edom] and the Holy One from Mount Paran [in the Sinai region]. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]! His glory covered the heavens and the earth was full of His praise.
Hab 3:4 And His brightness was like the sunlight; rays streamed from His hand, and there [in the sunlike splendor] was the hiding place of His power.
Hab 3:5 Before Him went the pestilence [as in Egypt], and burning plague followed His feet [as in Sennacherib's army].
Hab 3:6 He stood and measured the earth; He looked and shook the nations, and the eternal mountains were scattered and the perpetual hills bowed low. His ways are everlasting {and} His goings are of old.
Hab 3:7 I [Habakkuk, in vision] saw the tents of Cushan [probably Ethiopia] in affliction; the [tent] curtains of the land of Midian trembled.
Hab 3:8 Were You displeased with the rivers, O Lord? Or was Your anger against the rivers [You divided]? Was Your wrath against the [Red] Sea, that You rode [before] upon Your horses and Your chariots of victory {and} deliverance?
Hab 3:9 Your bow was made quite bare; sworn to the tribes [of Israel] by Your sure word were the rods of chastisement, scourges, {and} calamities. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]! With rivers You cleaved the earth [bringing forth waters in dry places].
Hab 3:10 The mountains saw You; they trembled {and} writhed [as if in pain]. The overflowing of the water passed by [as at the deluge]; the deep uttered its voice and lifted its hands on high.
Hab 3:11 The sun and moon stood back [as before Joshua] in their habitation at the light of Your arrows as they sped, at the flash of Your glittering spear.
Hab 3:12 You marched through the land in indignation; You trampled {and} threshed the nations in anger.
Hab 3:13 You went forth {and} have come for the salvation of Your people, for the deliverance {and} victory of Your anointed [people Israel]; You smote the head of the house of the wicked, laying bare the foundation even to the neck. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
Hab 3:14 You pierced with his own arrows the head of [the enemy's] hordes; they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me [the people], rejoicing as if to devour the poor [Israel] secretly.
Hab 3:15 You have trodden the sea with Your horses, [beside] the heap of great {and} surging waters.
Hab 3:16 I heard and my [whole inner self] trembled; my lips quivered at the sound. Rottenness enters into my bones and under me [down to my feet]; I tremble. I will wait quietly for the day of trouble and distress when there shall come up against [my] people him who is about to invade {and} oppress them.
Hab 3:17 Though the fig tree does not blossom and there is no fruit on the vines, [though] the product of the olive fails and the fields yield no food, though the flock is cut off from the fold and there are no cattle in the stalls,
Hab 3:18 Yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the [victorious] God of my salvation!
Hab 3:19 The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, {and} my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] {and} make [spiritual] progress upon my high places [of trouble, suffering, or responsibility]! For the Chief Musician; with my stringed instruments.
Zeph 1:1 THE WORD of the Lord which came to Zephaniah son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah king of Judah and son of Amon.
Zeph 1:2 By taking away I will make an end {and} I will utterly consume {and} sweep away all things from the face of the earth, says the Lord.

Zeph 1:3 I will consume {and} sweep away man and beast; I will consume {and} sweep away the birds of the air and the fish of the sea. I will overthrow the stumbling blocks (the idols) with the wicked [worshipers], and I will cut off mankind from the face of the earth, says the Lord.
Zeph 1:4 I will also stretch out My hand over Judah and over all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place and the name of the idol priests with the [false] priests,
Zeph 1:5 And those who worship the starry host of the heavens upon their housetops and those who [pretend to] worship the Lord and swear by {and} to Him and yet swear by {and} to [the heathen god Molech or] Malcam [their idol king],
Zeph 1:6 And those who have drawn back from following the Lord and those who have not sought the Lord nor inquired for, inquired of, {and} required the Lord [as their first necessity].
Zeph 1:7 [Hush!] Be silent before the Lord God, for the day [of the vengeance] of the Lord is near; for the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, and He has set apart [for His use] those who have accepted His invitation.
Zeph 1:8 And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice, I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who are clothed in [lavish] foreign apparel [instead of the Jewish dress, with its reminders to obey God's commandments].
Zeph 1:9 In the same day also will I punish all those who leap swiftly on {or} over the threshold [upon entering houses to steal], who fill their master's house with violence and deceit {and} fraud.
Zeph 1:10 And in that day, says the Lord, there shall be heard the voice of crying from the Fish Gate [in the wall of Jerusalem] and a wailing from the Second Quarter {or} Lower City and a great crashing {and} sound of destruction from the hills.
Zeph 1:11 Wail, you inhabitants of the Mortar [those located in the hollow part of the city]! For all the merchant people, like the people of Canaan, will be silent [entirely destroyed]; all those who weighed out silver {and} were loaded with it will be cut off.
Zeph 1:12 And at that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish the men who [like old wine] are thickening {and} settling on their lees, who say in their hearts, The Lord will not do good, nor will He do evil.
Zeph 1:13 And their wealth shall become plunder and their houses a desolation. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink the wine from them.
Zeph 1:14 The great day of the Lord is near--near and hastening fast. Hark! the voice of the day of the Lord! The mighty man [unable to fight or to flee] will cry then bitterly.
Zeph 1:15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,
Zeph 1:16 A day of the blast of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the high towers {and} battlements.
Zeph 1:17 And I will bring distress upon men, so that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord; their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung.
Zeph 1:18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's indignation {and} wrath. But the whole earth shall be consumed in the fire of His jealous wrath, for a full, yes, a sudden, end will He make of all the inhabitants of the earth.
Zeph 2:1 COLLECT YOUR thoughts, yes, unbend yourselves [in submission and see if there is no sense of shame and no consciousness of sin left in you], O shameless nation [not desirous or desired]!
Zeph 2:2 [The time for repentance is speeding by like chaff whirled before the wind!] Therefore consider, before God's decree brings forth [the curse upon you], before the time [to repent] is gone like the drifting chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord comes upon you--yes, before the day of the wrath of the Lord comes upon you!
Zeph 2:3 Seek the Lord [inquire for Him, inquire of Him, and require Him as the foremost necessity of your life], all you humble of the land who have acted in compliance with His revealed will {and} have kept His commandments; seek righteousness, seek humility [inquire for them, require them as vital]. It may be you will be hidden in the day of the Lord's anger.
Zeph 2:4 For [hear the fate of the Philistines:] Gaza shall be forsaken and Ashkelon shall become a desolation; the people of Ashdod shall be driven out at noonday and Ekron shall be uprooted.
Zeph 2:5 Woe to the inhabitants of the seacoast, the nation of the Cherethites [in Philistia]! The word of the Lord is against you, O Canaan, land of the Philistines; I will destroy you until no inhabitant is left.
Zeph 2:6 And the seacoast shall be pastures, with [deserted] dwelling places {and} caves for shepherds and folds for flocks.
Zeph 2:7 The seacoast shall belong to the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall pasture their flocks upon it; in the houses of [deserted Philistine] Ashkelon shall they of Judah lie down in the evening. For the Lord their [Judah's] God

shall visit them [for their relief] and restore them from their captivity.
Zeph 2:8 I have heard the taunts of Moab and the revilings of the Ammonites by which they have reproached My people, and magnified themselves {and} made boasts against their territory.
Zeph 2:9 Therefore, as I live, says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Moab shall become like Sodom and the Ammonites like Gomorrah, a land possessed by nettles {and} wild vetches and salt pits, and a perpetual desolation. The remnant of My people shall make a prey of them and what is left of My nation shall possess them.
Zeph 2:10 This shall they have for their pride, because they have taunted and boasted against the people of the Lord of hosts.
Zeph 2:11 The Lord will be terrible to them, for He will make lean {and} famish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship Him, every one from his place, even all the isles {and} coastlands of the nations.
Zeph 2:12 You Ethiopians also, you shall be slain by My sword.
Zeph 2:13 And [the Lord] will stretch out His hand against the north and destroy Assyria and will make Nineveh a desolation, dry as the desert.
Zeph 2:14 Herds shall lie down in the midst of [Nineveh], all the [wild] beasts of the nations {and} of every kind; both the pelican and the hedgehog shall lodge on the upper part of her [fallen] pillars; the voice [of the nesting bird] shall sing in the windows; desolation {and} drought shall be on the thresholds, for her cedar paneling will He lay bare.
Zeph 2:15 This is the joyous {and} exultant city that dwelt carelessly [feeling so secure], that said in her heart, I am and there is none beside me. What a desolation she has become, a lair for [wild] beasts! Everyone who passes by her shall hiss and wave his hand [indicating his gratification].
Zeph 3:1 WOE TO her that is rebellious and polluted, the oppressing city [Jerusalem]!
Zeph 3:2 She did not listen to {and} heed the voice [of God]; she accepted no correction {or} instruction; she trusted not in the Lord [nor leaned on or was confident in Him, but was confident in her own wealth]; she drew not near to her God [but to the god of Baal or Molech].
Zeph 3:3 Her officials in the midst of her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones on the morrow, for nothing is left by morning.
Zeph 3:4 Her prophets are light [lacking truth, gravity, and steadiness] and men of treachery; her priests have profaned the sanctuary; [defrauding God and man by pretending their own word is God's word] they have done violence to the law.
Zeph 3:5 The Lord in the midst of her is [uncompromisingly] righteous; He will not do iniquity. Every morning He brings His justice to light; He fails not, but the unjust [person] knows no shame.
Zeph 3:6 I [the Lord] have cut off nations; their battlements {and} corner towers are desolate {and} in ruins. I laid their streets waste so that none passes over them; their cities are destroyed so that there is no man, there is no inhabitant.
Zeph 3:7 I said, Only let her [reverently and worshipfully] fear Me, receive correction and instruction, and [Jerusalem's] dwelling shall not be cut off. However, I have punished her [according to all that I have appointed concerning her in the way of punishment], but all the more they are eager to make all their doings corrupt {and} infamous.
Zeph 3:8 Therefore [earnestly] wait for Me, says the Lord, [waiting] for the day when I rise up to the attack [as a witness, accuser, or judge, and a testimony]. For My decision {and} determination {and} right it is to gather the nations together, to assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them My indignation, even all [the heat of] My fierce anger; for [in that day] all the earth shall be consumed with the fire of My zeal {and} jealousy.
Zeph 3:9 For then [changing their impure language] I will give to the people a clear {and} pure speech from pure lips, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one unanimous consent {and} one united shoulder [bearing the yoke of the Lord].
Zeph 3:10 From beyond the rivers of Cush {or} Ethiopia those who pray to Me, the daughter of My dispersed people, will bring {and} present My offering.
Zeph 3:11 In that day you [the congregation of Israel] shall not be put to shame for all your deeds by which you have rebelled {and} transgressed against Me, for then I will take away out of your midst those who exult in your majesty {and} pride; and you shall no more be haughty [and carry yourselves arrogantly on or] because of My holy mountain.
Zeph 3:12 For I will leave in the midst of you a people afflicted and poor, and they shall trust, seek refuge, {and} be confident in the name of the Lord.
Zeph 3:13 What is left of Israel shall not do iniquity or speak lies, neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth, for they shall feed and lie down and none shall make them afraid.
Zeph 3:14 Sing, O Daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice, be in high spirits {and} glory with all your heart, O

Daughter of Jerusalem [in that day].
Zeph 3:15 [For then it will be that] the Lord has taken away the judgments against you; He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, even the Lord [Himself], is in the midst of you; [and after He has come to you] you shall not experience {or} fear evil any more.
Zeph 3:16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear not, O Zion. Let not your hands sink down {or} be slow {and} listless.
Zeph 3:17 The Lord your God is in the midst of you, a Mighty One, a Savior [Who saves]! He will rejoice over you with joy; He will rest [in silent satisfaction] {and} in His love He will be silent {and} make no mention [of past sins, or even recall them]; He will exult over you with singing.
Zeph 3:18 I will gather those belonging to you [those Israelites in captivity] who yearn {and} grieve for the solemn assembly [and the festivals], on whom [their exile and inability to attend services at Jerusalem have brought derision and] the reproach of it is a burden.
Zeph 3:19 Behold, at that time I will deal with all those who afflict you; I will save the limping [ones] and gather the outcasts and will make them a praise and a name in every land of their shame.
Zeph 3:20 At that time I will bring you in; yes, at that time I will gather you, for I will make you a name and a praise among all the nations of the earth when I reverse your captivity before your eyes, says the Lord.
Hag 1:1 IN THE second year of Darius king [of Persia], in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by means of Haggai the prophet [in Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity] to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying,
Hag 1:2 Thus says the Lord of hosts: These people say, The time is not yet come that the Lord's house should be rebuilt [although Cyrus had ordered it done eighteen years before].
Hag 1:3 Then came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying,
Hag 1:4 Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house [of the Lord] lies in ruins?
Hag 1:5 Now therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways {and} set your mind on what has come to you.
Hag 1:6 You have sown much, but you have reaped little; you eat, but you do not have enough; you drink, but you do not have your fill; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and he who earns wages has earned them to put them in a bag with holes in it.
Hag 1:7 Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways (your previous and present conduct) {and} how you have fared.
Hag 1:8 Go up to the hill country and bring lumber and rebuild [My] house, and I will take pleasure in it and I will be glorified, says the Lord [by accepting it as done for My glory and by displaying My glory in it].
Hag 1:9 You looked for much [harvest], and behold, it came to little; and even when you brought that home, I blew it away. Why? says the Lord of hosts. Because of My house, which lies waste while you yourselves run each man to his own house [eager to build and adorn it].
Hag 1:10 Therefore the heavens above you [for your sake] withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its produce.
Hag 1:11 And I have called for a drought upon the land and the hill country, upon the grain, the fresh wine, the oil, upon what the ground brings forth, upon men and cattle, and upon all the [wearisome] toil of [men's] hands.
Hag 1:12 Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people [who had returned from captivity], listened to {and} obeyed the voice of the Lord their God [not vaguely or partly, but completely, according to] the words of Haggai the prophet, since the Lord their God had sent him, and the people [reverently] feared {and} [worshipfully] turned to the Lord.
Hag 1:13 Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, spoke the Lord's message to the people saying, I am with you, says the Lord.
Hag 1:14 And the Lord aroused the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people, so that they came and labored on the house of the Lord of hosts, their God,
Hag 1:15 On the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month.
Hag 2:1 IN THE seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, in the second year of Darius king [of Persia], came the word of the Lord by the prophet Haggai, saying,
Hag 2:2 Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remainder of the people, saying,
Hag 2:3 Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? And how do you see it now? Is not this in your sight as nothing in comparison to that?
Hag 2:4 Yet now be strong, alert, {and} courageous, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; be strong, alert, {and} courageous,

O Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, alert, {and} courageous, all you people of the land, says the Lord, and work! For I am with you, says the Lord of hosts.
Hag 2:5 According to the promise that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit stands {and} abides in the midst of you; fear not.
Hag 2:6 For thus says the Lord of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake {and} make tremble the [starry] heavens, the earth, the sea, and the dry land;
Hag 2:7 And I will shake all nations and the desire {and} the precious things of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts.
Hag 2:8 The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine, says the Lord of hosts.
Hag 2:9 The latter glory of this house [with its successor, to which Jesus came] shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place will I give peace {and} prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.
Hag 2:10 On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying,
Hag 2:11 Thus says the Lord of hosts: Ask now the priests to decide this question of law:
Hag 2:12 If one carries in the skirt of his garment flesh that is holy [because it has been offered in sacrifice to God], and with his skirt {or} the flaps of his garment he touches bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any kind of food, does what he touches become holy [dedicated to God's service exclusively]? And the priests answered, No! [Holiness is not infectious.]
Hag 2:13 Then said Haggai, If one who is [ceremonially] unclean because he has come in contact with a dead body should touch any of these articles of food, shall it be [ceremonially] unclean? And the priests answered, It shall be unclean. [Unholiness is infectious.]
Hag 2:14 Then answered Haggai, So is this people and so is this nation before Me, says the Lord; and so is every work of their hands, and what they offer there [on the altar] is unclean [because they who offer it are themselves unclean].
Hag 2:15 And now, I pray you, consider what will happen from this day onward. Since the time before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the Lord, how have you fared?
Hag 2:16 Through all that time [the harvests have not fulfilled expectations, for] when one has gone expecting to find a heap [of sheaves] of twenty measures, there were but ten; when he has gone to the wine vat to draw out fifty bucketfuls from the press, there were only twenty.
Hag 2:17 I smote you with blight and with mildew and with hail in all [the products of] the labors of your hands; yet you returned not {nor} were converted to Me, says the Lord.
Hag 2:18 Consider, I pray you, from this day onward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, even from the day that the foundation of the Lord's temple was [re]laid, consider this:
Hag 2:19 Is the harvested grain any longer in the barn? As to the grapevine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree--they have not yet borne. From this day on I will bless you.
Hag 2:20 And again the word of the Lord came to Haggai on the twenty-fourth {day} of the month, saying,
Hag 2:21 Speak to Zerubbabel [the representative of the Davidic monarchy and covenant and in direct line of the ancestry of Jesus Christ] governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth;
Hag 2:22 And I will [in the distant future] overthrow the throne of kingdoms and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the [ungodly] nations, and I will overthrow the chariots and those who ride in them, and the horses and their riders shall go down, every one by the sword of his brother.
Hag 2:23 In that day, says the Lord of hosts, will I take you, O Zerubbabel, My servant, the son of Shealtiel, says the Lord, and will make you [through the Messiah, your descendant] {My} signet ring; for I have chosen you [as the one with whom to renew My covenant to David's line], says the Lord of hosts.
Zech 1:1 IN THE eighth month, in the second year [of the reign] of Darius, came the word of the Lord to Zechariah son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, the prophet, saying,
Zech 1:2 The Lord was very angry with your fathers.
Zech 1:3 Therefore say to them [the Jews of this day], Thus says the Lord of hosts: Return to Me, says the Lord of hosts, and I will return to you; it is the utterance of the Lord of hosts.
Zech 1:4 Be not as your fathers to whom the former prophets cried, Thus says the Lord of hosts: Return now from your evil ways and your evil doings; but they would not hear or listen to Me, says the Lord.
Zech 1:5 Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever?
Zech 1:6 But My words and My statutes, which I commanded My servants the prophets, did they not overtake {and} take hold of your fathers? So they repented and said, As the Lord of hosts planned {and} purposed to do to us, according to our ways and according to our doings, so has He dealt with us.

Zech 1:7 Upon the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month of Shebat, in the second year of the reign of Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, the prophet. Zechariah said,
Zech 1:8 I saw in the night [vision] and behold, a Man riding upon a red horse, and He stood among the myrtle trees that were in a low valley {or} bottom, and behind Him there were horses, red, bay {or} flame-colored, and white.
Zech 1:9 Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel who talked with me said, I will show you what these are.
Zech 1:10 And the Man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the Lord has sent to walk to and fro through the earth {and} patrol it.
Zech 1:11 And the men on the horses answered the Angel of the Lord Who stood among the myrtle trees and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth [patrolling it] and behold, all the earth sits at rest [in peaceful security].
Zech 1:12 Then the Angel of the Lord said, O Lord of hosts, how long will You not have mercy {and} lovingkindness for Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, against which You have had indignation these seventy years [of the Babylonian captivity]?
Zech 1:13 And the Lord answered the angel who talked with me with gracious and comforting words.
Zech 1:14 So the angel who talked with me said to me, Cry out, Thus says the Lord of hosts: I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.
Zech 1:15 And I am very angry with the nations that are at ease; for while I was but a little displeased, they helped forward the affliction {and} disaster.
Zech 1:16 Therefore thus says the Lord: I have returned to Jerusalem with compassion (lovingkindness and mercy). My house shall be built in it, says the Lord of hosts, and a measuring line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem [with a view to rebuilding its walls].
Zech 1:17 Cry yet again, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts: My cities shall yet again overflow with prosperity, and the Lord shall yet comfort Zion and shall yet choose Jerusalem.
Zech 1:18 Then I lifted up my eyes and saw, and behold, four horns [symbols of strength].
Zech 1:19 And I said to the angel who talked with me, What are these? And he answered me, These are the horns {or} powers which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.
Zech 1:20 Then the Lord showed me four smiths {or} workmen [one for each enemy horn, to beat it down].
Zech 1:21 Then said I, What are these [horns and smiths] coming to do? And he said, These are the horns {or} powers that scattered Judah so that no man lifted up his head. But these smiths {or} workmen have come to terrorize them {and} cause them to be panic-stricken, to cast out the horns {or} powers of the nations who lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it.
Zech 2:1 AND I lifted up my eyes and saw, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand.
Zech 2:2 Then said I, Where are you going? And he said to me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is its breadth and what is its length.
Zech 2:3 And behold, the angel who talked with me went forth and another angel went out to meet him,
Zech 2:4 And he said to the second angel, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited {and} dwell as villages without walls, because of the multitude of people and livestock in it.
Zech 2:5 For I, says the Lord, will be to her a wall of fire round about, and I will be the glory in the midst of her.
Zech 2:6 Ho! ho! [Hear and] flee from the land of the north, says the Lord, and from the four winds of the heavens, for to them have I scattered you, says the Lord.
Zech 2:7 Ho! Escape to Zion, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon!
Zech 2:8 For thus said the Lord of hosts, after [His] glory had sent me [His messenger] to the nations who plundered you--for he who touches you touches the apple {or} pupil of His eye:
Zech 2:9 Behold, I will swing my hand over them and they shall become plunder for those who served them. Then you shall know (recognize and understand) that the Lord of hosts has sent me [His messenger].
Zech 2:10 Sing and rejoice, O Daughter of Zion; for behold, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of you, says the Lord.
Zech 2:11 And many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day and shall be My people. And I will dwell in the midst of you, and you shall know (recognize and understand) that the Lord of hosts has sent me [His messenger] to you.
Zech 2:12 And the Lord shall inherit Judah as His portion in the holy land and shall again choose Jerusalem.
Zech 2:13 Be still, all flesh, before the Lord, for He is aroused {and} risen from His holy habitation.
Zech 3:1 THEN [the guiding angel] showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at Joshua's right hand to be his adversary {and} to accuse him.

Zech 3:2 And the Lord said to Satan, The Lord rebuke you, O Satan! Even the Lord, Who [now and habitually] chooses Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this [returned captive Joshua] a brand plucked out of the fire?
Zech 3:3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments and was standing before the Angel [of the Lord].
Zech 3:4 And He spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And He said to [Joshua], Behold, I have caused your iniquity to pass from you, and I will clothe you with rich apparel.
Zech 3:5 And I [Zechariah] said, Let them put a clean turban on his head. So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with [rich] garments. And the Angel of the Lord stood by.
Zech 3:6 And the Angel of the Lord [solemnly and earnestly] protested {and} affirmed to Joshua, saying,
Zech 3:7 Thus says the Lord of hosts: If you will walk in My ways and keep My charge, then also you shall rule My house and have charge of My courts, and I will give you access [to My presence] {and} places to walk among these who stand here.
Zech 3:8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your colleagues who [usually] sit before you--for they are men who are a sign {or} omen [types of what is to come]--for behold, I will bring forth My servant the Branch.
Zech 3:9 For behold, upon the stone which I have set before Joshua, upon that one stone are seven eyes {or} facets [the all-embracing providence of God and the sevenfold radiations of the Spirit of God]. Behold, I will carve upon it its inscription, says the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity {and} guilt of this land in a single day.
Zech 3:10 In that day, says the Lord of hosts, you shall invite each man his neighbor under his own vine and his own fig tree.
Zech 4:1 AND THE angel who talked with me came again and awakened me, like a man who is wakened out of his sleep.
Zech 4:2 And said to me, What do you see? I said, I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with its bowl [for oil] on the top of it and its seven lamps on it, and [there are] seven pipes to each of the seven lamps which are upon the top of it.
Zech 4:3 And there are two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl and the other upon the left side of it [feeding it continuously with oil].
Zech 4:4 So I asked the angel who talked with me, What are these, my lord?
Zech 4:5 Then the angel who talked with me answered me, Do you not know what these are? And I said, No, my lord.
Zech 4:6 Then he said to me, This [addition of the bowl to the candlestick, causing it to yield a ceaseless supply of oil from the olive trees] is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit [of Whom the oil is a symbol], says the Lord of hosts.
Zech 4:7 For who are you, O great mountain [of human obstacles]? Before Zerubbabel [who with Joshua had led the return of the exiles from Babylon and was undertaking the rebuilding of the temple, before him] you shall become a plain [a mere molehill]! And he shall bring forth the finishing gable stone [of the new temple] with loud shoutings of the people, crying, Grace, grace to it!
Zech 4:8 Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Zech 4:9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundations of this house; his hands shall also finish it. Then you shall know (recognize and understand) that the Lord of hosts has sent me [His messenger] to you.
Zech 4:10 Who [with reason] despises the day of small things? For these seven shall rejoice when they see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel. [These seven] are the eyes of the Lord which run to and fro throughout the whole earth.
Zech 4:11 Then I said to him [the angel who talked with me], What are these two olive trees on the right side of the lampstand and on the left side of it?
Zech 4:12 And a second time I said to him, What are these two olive branches which are beside the two golden tubes {or} spouts by which the golden oil is emptied out?
Zech 4:13 And he answered me, Do you not know what these are? And I said, No, my lord.
Zech 4:14 Then said he, These are the two sons of oil [Joshua the high priest and Zerubbabel the prince of Judah, the two anointed ones] who stand before the Lord of the whole earth [as His anointed instruments].
Zech 5:1 AGAIN I lifted up my eyes and behold, I saw a scroll flying {or} floating in the air!
Zech 5:2 And the angel said to me, What do you see? And I answered, I see a flying scroll; its length is twenty cubits {or} thirty feet and its breadth is ten cubits {or} fifteen feet.
Zech 5:3 Then he said to me, This is the curse that goes out over the face of the whole land; for everyone who steals shall be cut off from henceforth according to it [the curse written on this subject on the scroll], and everyone who swears falsely shall be cut off from henceforth according to it.
Zech 5:4 I will bring [the curse] forth, says the Lord of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief and into the

house of him who swears falsely by My name; and it shall abide in the midst of his house and shall consume it, both its timber and its stones.
Zech 5:5 Then the angel who talked with me came forward and said to me, Lift up now your eyes and see what this is that goes forth.
Zech 5:6 And I said, What is it? [What does it symbolize?] And he said, This that goes forth is an ephah[-sized vessel for separate grains all collected together]. This, he continued, is the symbol of the sinners mentioned above {and} is the resemblance of their iniquity throughout the whole land.
Zech 5:7 And behold, a round, flat weight of lead was lifted and there sat a woman in the midst of the ephah[-sized vessel].
Zech 5:8 And he said, This is lawlessness (wickedness)! And he thrust her back into the ephah[-sized vessel] and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth of it!
Zech 5:9 Then lifted I up my eyes and looked, and behold, there were two women coming forward! The wind was in their wings, for they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the ephah[-sized vessel] between the earth and the heavens.
Zech 5:10 Then said I to the angel who talked with me, Where are they taking the ephah[-sized vessel]?
Zech 5:11 And he said to me, To the land of Shinar [Babylonia] to build it a house, and when it is finished, to set up the ephah[-sized vessel--the symbol of such sinners and their guilt] there upon its own base.
Zech 6:1 AND AGAIN I lifted up my eyes and saw, and behold, four chariots came out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of firm, immovable bronze.
Zech 6:2 The first chariot had red {or} bay horses, the second chariot had black horses,
Zech 6:3 The third chariot had white horses, and the fourth chariot had dappled, active, {and} strong horses.
Zech 6:4 Then I said to the angel who talked with me, What are these, my lord?
Zech 6:5 And the angel answered me, These are the four winds {or} spirits of the heavens, which go forth from presenting themselves before the Lord of all the earth.
Zech 6:6 The chariot with the black horses is going forth into the north country, and the white ones are going forth after them [because there are two northern powers to overcome], and the dappled ones are going forth toward the south country.
Zech 6:7 And [the chariots with] the strong [horses] went forth and sought to go that they might patrol the earth. And [the Lord] said to them, Go, walk to and fro through the earth {and} patrol it. So they walked about through the earth [watching and protecting it].
Zech 6:8 Then He summoned me and said to me, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted My Spirit [of wrath] {and} have caused it to rest in the north country.
Zech 6:9 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Zech 6:10 Accept donations {and} offerings from these [as representatives of the] exiles, from Heldai, from Tobijah, and from Jedaiah, who have come from Babylon; and come the same day and go to the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah.
Zech 6:11 Yes, take from them silver and gold, and make crowns and set [one] upon the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest,
Zech 6:12 And say to him, Thus says the Lord of hosts: [You, Joshua] behold (look at, keep in sight, watch) the Man [the Messiah] whose name is the Branch, for He shall grow up in His place and He shall build the [true] temple of the Lord.
Zech 6:13 Yes, [you are building a temple of the Lord, but] it is He Who shall build the [true] temple of the Lord, and He shall bear the honor {and} glory [as of the only begotten of the Father] and shall sit and rule upon His throne. And He shall be a Priest upon His throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between the two [offices--Priest and King].
Zech 6:14 And the [other] crown shall be [credited] to Helem (Heldai), to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to the kindness {and} favor of Josiah the son of Zephaniah, and shall be in the temple of the Lord for a reminder {and} memorial.
Zech 6:15 And those who are far off shall come and help build the temple of the Lord, and you shall know (recognize and understand) that the Lord sent me [Zechariah] to you. And [your part in this] shall come to pass if you will diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God.
Zech 7:1 AND IN the fourth year of the reign of King Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah on the fourth day of the ninth month, Chislev.
Zech 7:2 Now the people of Bethel had sent Sharezer and Regem-melech and their men to pray {and} entreat the favor of the Lord
Zech 7:3 And to speak to the priests of the house of the Lord of hosts and to the prophets, saying, [Now that I am

returned from exile] should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself as I have done these so many years [in Babylon]?
Zech 7:4 Then came the word of the Lord of hosts to me [Zechariah], saying,
Zech 7:5 Speak to all the people of the land and to the priests, saying, When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months, even those seventy years you were in exile, was it for Me that you fasted, for Me?
Zech 7:6 And when you ate and when you drank, did you not eat for yourselves and drink for yourselves?
Zech 7:7 Should you not hear the words which the Lord cried by the former prophets when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity with her cities round about her, and the South (the Negeb) and the lowlands were inhabited?
Zech 7:8 And the word of the Lord came to Zechariah, saying,
Zech 7:9 Thus has the Lord of hosts spoken: Execute true judgment and show mercy {and} kindness and tender compassion, every man to his brother;
Zech 7:10 And oppress not the widow or the fatherless, the temporary resident or the poor, and let none of you devise {or} imagine {or} think evil against his brother in your heart.
Zech 7:11 But they refused to listen and turned a rebellious {and} stubborn shoulder and made heavy {and} dull their ears that they might not hear.
Zech 7:12 Yes, they made their hearts as an adamant stone {or} diamond point, lest they should hear the law and the words which the Lord of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore there came great wrath from the Lord of hosts.
Zech 7:13 So it came to pass that as He cried and they would not hear [He said], So they shall cry and I will not answer, says the Lord of hosts,
Zech 7:14 But I will scatter them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they know not {and} who know not them. Thus the land was desolate after they had gone, so that no man passed through or returned, for they [the Jews by their sins] had [caused to be] laid waste {and} forsaken the pleasant land (the land of desire).
Zech 8:1 AND THE word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying,
Zech 8:2 Thus says the Lord of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath [against her enemies].
Zech 8:3 Thus says the Lord: I shall return to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, and Jerusalem shall be called the [faithful] City of Truth, and the mountain of the Lord of hosts, the Holy Mountain.
Zech 8:4 Thus says the Lord of hosts: Old men and old women shall again dwell in Jerusalem {and} sit out in the streets, every man with his staff in his hand for very [advanced] age.
Zech 8:5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets.
Zech 8:6 Thus says the Lord of hosts: Because it will be marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days [in which it comes to pass], should it also be marvelous in My eyes? says the Lord of hosts.
Zech 8:7 Thus says the Lord of hosts: Behold, I will save My people from the east country and from the west [the country of the going down of the sun].
Zech 8:8 And I will bring them [home] and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God in truth {and} faithfulness and in righteousness.
Zech 8:9 Thus says the Lord of hosts: Let your hands be strong {and} hardened, you who in these days hear these words from the mouths of the prophets who on the day that the foundation of the house of the Lord of hosts was laid foretold that the temple should be rebuilt.
Zech 8:10 For before those days there was no hire for man nor any hire for beast, neither was there any peace {or} success to him who went out or came in because of the adversary {and} oppressor, for I set (let loose) all men, every one against his neighbor.
Zech 8:11 But now [in this period since you began to build] I am not to the remnant of this people as in the former days, says the Lord of hosts.
Zech 8:12 For there shall the seed produce peace {and} prosperity; the vine shall yield her fruit and the ground shall give its increase and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit {and} possess all these things.
Zech 8:13 And as you have been a curse {and} a byword among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so will I save you, and you shall be a blessing. Fear not, but let your hands be strong {and} hardened.
Zech 8:14 For thus says the Lord of hosts: As I thought to bring calamity upon you when your fathers provoked Me to wrath, says the Lord of hosts, and I did not relent {or} revoke your sentence,
Zech 8:15 So again have I purposed in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Fear not!
Zech 8:16 These are the things that you shall do: speak every man the truth with his neighbor; render the truth and

pronounce the judgment {or} verdict that makes for peace in [the courts at] your gates.
Zech 8:17 And let none of you think {or} imagine {or} devise evil {or} injury in your hearts against his neighbor, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, says the Lord.
Zech 8:18 And the word of the Lord of hosts came to me [Zechariah], saying,
Zech 8:19 Thus says the Lord of hosts: The fast of the fourth month and the fast of the fifth, the fast of the seventh and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah times of joy and gladness and cheerful, appointed seasons; therefore [in order that this may happen to you, as the condition of fulfilling the promise] love truth and peace.
Zech 8:20 Thus says the Lord of hosts: It shall yet come to pass that there shall come [to Jerusalem] peoples and the inhabitants of many {and} great cities,
Zech 8:21 And the inhabitants of one city shall go to them of another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray {and} entreat the favor of the Lord and to seek, inquire of, {and} require [to meet our own most essential need] the Lord of hosts. I will go also.
Zech 8:22 Yes, many people and strong nations shall come to Jerusalem to seek, inquire of, {and} require [to fill their own urgent need] the Lord of hosts and to pray to the Lord for His favor.
Zech 8:23 Thus says the Lord of hosts: In those days ten men out of all languages of the nations shall take hold of the robe of him who is a Jew, saying, Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.
Zech 9:1 THE BURDEN {or} oracle (the thing to be lifted up) of the word of the Lord is against the land of Hadrach [in Syria], and Damascus shall be its resting place, for the Lord has an eye upon mankind as upon all the tribes of Israel,
Zech 9:2 And Hamath also, which borders on [Damascus], Tyre with Sidon, though they are very wise.
Zech 9:3 And Tyre has built herself a stronghold [on an island a half mile from the shore, which seems impregnable], and heaped up silver like dust and fine gold like the mire of the streets.
Zech 9:4 Behold, the Lord will cast her out {and} dispossess her; He will smite her power in the sea {and} into it and [Tyre] shall be devoured by fire.
Zech 9:5 [The strong cities of Philistia] shall see it and fear; Ashkelon, Gaza also, and be sorely pained, and Ekron, for her confidence {and} expectation shall be put to shame, and a king [monarchial government] shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.
Zech 9:6 And a mongrel people shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will put an end to the pride of the Philistines.
Zech 9:7 And I will take out of [the Philistines'] mouths and from between their teeth the abominable idolatrous sacrifices eaten with the blood. And they too shall remain {and} be a remnant for our God, and they shall be like chieftains (the head over a thousand) in Judah, and Ekron shall be like one of the Jebusites [who at last were merged and had lost their identity in Israel].
Zech 9:8 Then I will encamp about My house as a guard {or} a garrison so that none shall march back and forth, and no oppressor {or} demanding collector shall again overrun them, for now My eyes are upon them.
Zech 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O Daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King comes to you; He is [uncompromisingly] just and having salvation [triumphant and victorious], patient, meek, lowly, and riding on a donkey, upon a colt, the foal of a donkey.
Zech 9:10 And I will cut off {and} exterminate the war chariot from Ephraim and the [war] horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off; and He shall speak the word and peace shall come to the nations, and His dominion shall be from the [Mediterranean] Sea to [any other] sea, and from the River [Euphrates] to the ends of the earth!
Zech 9:11 As for you also, because of {and} for the sake of the [covenant of the Lord with His people, which was sealed with sprinkled] covenant blood, I have released {and} sent forth your imprisoned people out of the waterless pit.
Zech 9:12 Return to the stronghold [of security and prosperity], you prisoners of hope; even today do I declare that I will restore double your former prosperity to you.
Zech 9:13 For I have bent Judah for Myself as My bow, filled the bow with Ephraim as My arrow, and will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and will make you [Israel] as the sword of a mighty man.
Zech 9:14 And the Lord shall be seen over them and His arrow shall go forth as the lightning, and the Lord God will blow the trumpet and will go forth in the windstorms of the south.
Zech 9:15 The Lord of hosts shall defend {and} protect them; and they shall devour and they shall tread on [their fallen enemies] as on slingstones [that have missed their aim], and they shall drink [of victory] and be noisy {and} turbulent as from wine and become full like bowls [used to catch the sacrificial blood], like the corners of the [sacrificial] altar.
Zech 9:16 And the Lord their God will save them on that day as the flock of His people, for they shall be as the [precious] jewels of a crown, lifted high over {and} shining glitteringly upon His land.

Zech 9:17 For how great is God's goodness and how great is His beauty! And how great [He will make Israel's] goodliness and [Israel's] beauty! Grain shall make the young men thrive and fresh wine the maidens.
Zech 10:1 ASK OF the Lord rain in the time of the latter {or} spring rain. It is the Lord Who makes lightnings which usher in the rain {and} give men showers, and grass to everyone in the field.
Zech 10:2 For the teraphim (household idols) have spoken vanity (emptiness, falsity, and futility) and the diviners have seen a lie and the dreamers have told false dreams; they comfort in vain. Therefore the people go their way like sheep; they are afflicted {and} hurt because there is no shepherd.
Zech 10:3 My anger is kindled against the shepherds [who are not true shepherds] and I will punish the goat leaders, for the Lord of hosts has visited His flock, the house of Judah, and will make them as His beautiful {and} majestic horse in the battle.
Zech 10:4 Out of him [Judah] shall come forth the Cornerstone, out of him the tent peg, out of him the battle bow; every ruler shall proceed from him.
Zech 10:5 And they shall be like mighty men treading down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle, and they shall fight because the Lord is with them, and the [oppressor's] riders on horses shall be confounded {and} put to shame.
Zech 10:6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah and I will save the house of Joseph [Ephraim]. I will bring them back {and} cause them to dwell securely, for I have mercy, loving-kindness, {and} compassion for them. They shall be as though I had not cast them off, for I am the Lord their God, and I will hear them.
Zech 10:7 Then Ephraim [the ten tribes] shall become like a mighty warrior, and their hearts shall rejoice as through wine; yes, their children shall see it and rejoice; their hearts shall feel great delight {and} glory triumphantly in the Lord!
Zech 10:8 I will hiss for them [as the keeper does for his bees] and gather them in, for I have redeemed them, and they shall increase [again] as they have increased [before, in Egypt].
Zech 10:9 And though I sow them among the nations, yet they shall [earnestly] remember Me in far countries, and with their children they shall live and shall return [to God and the land He gave them].
Zech 10:10 I will bring them [all Israel] home again from the land of Egypt and gather them out of Assyria, and I will bring them into the land [on the east and on the west of the Jordan, into] Gilead and Lebanon, and room enough shall not be found for them.
Zech 10:11 And [the Lord] will pass through the sea of distress {and} affliction [at the head of His people, as He did at the Red Sea]; and He will smite down the waves of the sea, and all the depths of the [river] Nile shall be dried up {and} put to shame; and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down and the scepter {or} rod [of the taskmasters of Egypt] shall pass away.
Zech 10:12 And I will strengthen [Israel] in the Lord, and they shall walk up and down {and} glory in His name, says the Lord.
Zech 11:1 OPEN YOUR doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour your cedars!
Zech 11:2 Wail, O fir tree {and} cypress, for the cedar has fallen, because the glorious {and} lofty trees are laid waste! Wail, O you oaks of Bashan, for the thick {and} inaccessible forest [on the steep mountainside] has in flames been felled!
Zech 11:3 A voice of the wailing of the shepherds, for their glory, the broad pasturage, is laid waste! A voice of the roaring of young lions, for the pride of the Jordan [the jungle or thickets] is ruined!
Zech 11:4 Thus says the Lord my God: Shepherd the flock [destined] for slaughter,
Zech 11:5 Whose buyers {or} possessors slay them and hold themselves not guilty; and they who sell them say, Blessed be the Lord, for I have become rich! And their own shepherds neither pity {nor} spare them [from the wolves].
Zech 11:6 For I will no more pity {or} spare the inhabitants of the land, says the Lord; but behold, I will deliver every man into his neighbor's hand and into the hand of his [foreign] king. And [the enemy] shall lay waste the land, and I will not deliver [the people] out of the hand [of the foreign oppressor].
Zech 11:7 So I [Zechariah] shepherded the flock of slaughter, truly [as the name implies] the most miserable of sheep. And I took two [shepherd's] staffs, the one I called Beauty {or} Grace and the other I called Bands {or} Union; and I fed {and} shepherded the flock.
Zech 11:8 And I cut off the three shepherds [the civil authorities, the priests, and the prophets] in one month, for I was weary {and} impatient with them, and they also loathed me.
Zech 11:9 So I [Zechariah] said, I will not be your shepherd. What is to die, let it die, and what is to be destroyed, let it be destroyed; and let the survivors devour one another's flesh.

Zech 11:10 And I took my staff, Beauty {or} Grace, and broke it in pieces to show that I was annulling the covenant {or} agreement which I had made with all the peoples [not to molest them].
Zech 11:11 So the covenant was annulled on that day, and thus the most wretched of the flock {and} the traffickers in the sheep who were watching me knew (recognized and understood) that it was truly the word of the Lord.
Zech 11:12 And I said to them, If it seems just {and} right to you, give me my wages; but if not, withhold them. So they weighed out for my price thirty pieces of silver.
Zech 11:13 And the Lord said to me, Cast it to the potter [as if He said, To the dogs!]--the munificently [miserable] sum at which I [and My shepherd] am priced by them! And I [Zechariah] took the thirty pieces of silver and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord.
Zech 11:14 Then I broke into pieces my other staff, Bands {or} Union, indicating that I was annulling the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.
Zech 11:15 And the Lord said to me, Take up once more the implements [the staff and rod of a shepherd, but this time] of a worthless {and} wicked shepherd.
Zech 11:16 For behold, I will raise up a false shepherd in the land; the lost {and} perishing he will not miss {or} visit, the young {and} scattered he will not go to seek, the wounded {and} broken he will not heal, nor will he feed those that are sound {and} strong; but he will eat the flesh of the fat ones and break off their hoofs [to consume all the flesh].
Zech 11:17 Woe to the worthless {and} foolish shepherd who deserts the flock! The sword shall smite his arm and his right eye; his arm shall be utterly withered and his right eye utterly blinded.
Zech 12:1 THE BURDEN {or} oracle (the thing to be lifted up) of the word of the Lord concerning Israel: Thus says the Lord, Who stretches out the heavens and lays the foundation of the earth and forms the spirit of man within him:
Zech 12:2 Behold, I am about to make Jerusalem a cup {or} bowl of reeling to all the peoples round about, and in the siege against Jerusalem will there also be a siege against {and} upon Judah.
Zech 12:3 And in that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all peoples; all who lift it {or} burden themselves with it shall be sorely wounded. And all the nations of the earth shall come {and} gather together against it.
Zech 12:4 In that day, says the Lord, I will smite every horse [of the armies that contend against Jerusalem] with terror {and} panic and his rider with madness; and I will open My eyes {and} regard with favor the house of Judah and will smite every horse of the opposing nations with blindness.
Zech 12:5 And the chiefs of Judah shall say in their hearts, The inhabitants of Jerusalem are our strength in the Lord of hosts, their God.
Zech 12:6 In that day will I make the chiefs of Judah like a big, blazing pot among [sticks of] wood and like a flaming torch among sheaves [of grain], and they shall devour all the peoples round about, on the right hand and on the left; and they of Jerusalem shall yet again dwell {and} sit securely in their own place, in Jerusalem.
Zech 12:7 And the Lord shall save {and} give victory to the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not be magnified {and} exalted above Judah.
Zech 12:8 In that day will the Lord guard {and} defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and he who is [spiritually] feeble {and} stumbles among them in that day [of persecution] shall become [strong and noble] like David; and the house of David [shall maintain its supremacy] like God, like the Angel of the Lord Who is before them.
Zech 12:9 And it shall be in that day that I will make it My aim to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.
Zech 12:10 And I will pour out upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace {or} unmerited favor and supplication. And they shall look [earnestly] upon Me Whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him as one who is in bitterness for his firstborn.
Zech 12:11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of [the city of] Hadadrimmon in the Valley of Megiddo [over beloved King Josiah].
Zech 12:12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart: the [kingly] family of the house of David apart and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan [David's son] apart and their wives apart;
Zech 12:13 The [priestly] family of the house of Levi apart and their wives apart; the family of Shimei [grandson of Levi] apart and their wives apart;
Zech 12:14 All the families that are left, each by itself, and their wives by themselves [each with an overwhelming individual sorrow over having blindly rejected their unrecognized Messiah].
Zech 13:1 IN THAT day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem [to cleanse them from] sin and uncleanness.

Zech 13:2 And in that day, says the Lord of hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no more be remembered; and also I will remove from the land the [false] prophets and the unclean spirit.
Zech 13:3 And if anyone again appears [falsely] as a prophet, then his father and his mother who bore him shall say to him, You shall not live, for you speak lies in the name of the Lord; and his father and his mother who bore him shall thrust him through when he prophesies.
Zech 13:4 And in that day the [false] prophets shall each be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies, nor will he wear a hairy {or} rough garment to deceive,
Zech 13:5 But he will [deny his identity and] say, I am no prophet. I am a tiller of the ground, for I have been made a bond servant from my youth.
Zech 13:6 And one shall say to him, What are these wounds on your breast {or} between your hands? Then he will answer, Those with which I was wounded [when disciplined] in the house of my [loving] friends.
Zech 13:7 Awake, O sword, against My shepherd and against the man who is My associate, says the Lord of hosts; smite the shepherd and the sheep [of the flock] shall be scattered, and I will turn back My hand {and} stretch it out again upon the little ones [of the flock].
Zech 13:8 And in all the land, says the Lord, two-thirds shall be cut off and perish, but one-third shall be left alive.
Zech 13:9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined and will test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will hear {and} answer them. I will say, It is My people; and they will say, The Lord is my God.
Zech 14:1 BEHOLD, A day of the Lord is coming when the spoil [taken from you] shall be divided [among the victors] in the midst of you.
Zech 14:2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken and the houses rifled and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city.
Zech 14:3 Then shall the Lord go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle.
Zech 14:4 And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from the east to the west by a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north and half of it toward the south.
Zech 14:5 And you shall flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal, and you shall flee as you fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah; and the Lord my [Zechariah's] God shall come, and all the holy ones [saints and angels] with {Him.}
Zech 14:6 And it shall come to pass in that day that there shall not be light; the glorious {and} bright ones [the heavenly bodies] shall be darkened.
Zech 14:7 But it shall be one continuous day, known to the Lord--not day and not night, but at evening time there shall be light.
Zech 14:8 And it shall be in that day that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern [Dead] Sea and half of them to the western [Mediterranean] Sea; in summer and in winter shall it be.
Zech 14:9 And the Lord shall be King over all the earth; in that day the Lord shall be one [in the recognition and worship of men] and His name one.
Zech 14:10 All the land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon, [the Rimmon that is] south of Jerusalem. But Jerusalem shall remain lifted up on its site and dwell in its place, from Benjamin's gate to the place of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses.
Zech 14:11 And it shall be inhabited, for there shall be no more curse {or} ban of utter destruction, but Jerusalem shall dwell securely.
Zech 14:12 And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the peoples that have warred against Jerusalem: their flesh shall rot away while they stand upon their feet and their eyes shall corrode away in their sockets and their tongue shall decay away in their mouth.
Zech 14:13 And in that day there shall be a great confusion, discomfiture, {and} panic among them from the Lord; and they shall seize each his neighbor's hand, and the hand of the one shall be raised against the hand of the other.
Zech 14:14 And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem, and the wealth of all the nations round about shall be gathered together--gold and silver and apparel in great abundance.
Zech 14:15 And as that plague on men, so shall be the plague on the horse, on the mule, on the camel, on the donkey, and on all the livestock {and} beasts that may be in those camps.
Zech 14:16 And everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles {or} Booths.
Zech 14:17 And it shall be that whoso of the families of the earth shall not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the

Lord of hosts, upon them there shall be no rain.
Zech 14:18 And if the family of Egypt does not go up to Jerusalem and present themselves, upon them there shall be no rain, but there shall be the plague with which the Lord will smite the nations that go not up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.
Zech 14:19 This shall be the consequent punishment of the sin of Egypt and the consequent punishment of the sin of all the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.
Zech 14:20 In that day there shall be [written] upon the [little] bells on the horses, HOLY TO THE LORD, and the pots in the Lord's house shall be holy to the Lord like the bowls before the altar.
Zech 14:21 Yes, every pot in all the houses of Jerusalem and in Judah shall be dedicated {and} holy to the Lord of hosts, and all who sacrifice may come and take of them and boil their sacrifices in them [and traders in such wares will no longer be seen at the temple]. And in that day there shall be no more a Canaanite [that is, any godless or unclean person, whether Jew or Gentile] in the house of the Lord of hosts.
Mal 1:1 THE BURDEN {or} oracle (the thing to be lifted up) of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi [My messenger].
Mal 1:2 I have loved you, says the Lord. Yet you say, How {and} in what way have You loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? says the Lord; yet I loved Jacob (Israel),
Mal 1:3 But [in comparison with the degree of love I have for Jacob] I have hated Esau [Edom] and have laid waste his mountains, and his heritage I have given to the jackals of the wilderness.
Mal 1:4 Though [impoverished] Edom should say, We are beaten down, but we will return and build the waste places--thus says the Lord of hosts: They may build, but I will tear {and} throw down; and men will call them the Wicked Country, the people against whom the Lord has indignation forever.
Mal 1:5 Your own eyes shall see this and you shall say, The Lord is great {and} will be magnified over {and} beyond the border of Israel!
Mal 1:6 A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a Father, where is My honor? And if I am a Master, where is the [reverent] fear due Me? says the Lord of hosts to you, O priests, who despise My name. You say, How {and} in what way have we despised Your name?
Mal 1:7 By offering polluted food upon My altar. And you ask, How have we polluted it {and} profaned You? By thinking that the table of the Lord is contemptible {and} may be despised.
Mal 1:8 When you [priests] offer blind [animals] for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you offer the lame and the sick, is it not evil? Present such a thing [a blind or lame or sick animal] now to your governor [in payment of your taxes, and see what will happen]. Will he be pleased with you? Or will he receive you graciously? says the Lord of hosts.
Mal 1:9 Now then, I [Malachi] beg [you priests], entreat God [earnestly] that He will be gracious to us. With such a gift from your hand [as a defective animal for sacrifice], will He accept it {or} show favor to any of you? says the Lord of hosts.
Mal 1:10 Oh, that there were even one among you [whose duty it is to minister to Me] who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on My altar to no purpose [an empty, futile, fruitless pretense]! I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord of hosts, nor will I accept an offering from your hand.
Mal 1:11 For from the rising of the sun to its setting My name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to My name, and indeed a pure offering; for My name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.
Mal 1:12 But you [priests] profane it when [by your actions] you say, The table of the Lord is polluted, and the fruit of it, its food, is contemptible {and} may be despised.
Mal 1:13 You say also, Behold, what a drudgery {and} weariness this is! And you have sniffed at it, says the Lord of hosts. And you have brought that which was taken by violence, or the lame or the sick; this you bring as an offering! Shall I accept this from your hand? says the Lord.
Mal 1:14 But cursed is the [cheating] deceiver who has a male in his flock and vows to offer it, yet sacrifices to the [sovereign] Lord a blemished {or} diseased thing! For I am a great King, says the Lord of hosts, and My name is terrible {and} to be [reverently] feared among the nations.
Mal 2:1 AND NOW, O you priests, this commandment is for you.
Mal 2:2 If you will not hear and if you will not lay it to heart to give glory to My name, says the Lord of hosts, then I will send the curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings; yes, I have already turned them to curses because you do not lay it to heart.
Mal 2:3 Behold, I will rebuke your seed [grain--which will prevent due harvest], and I will spread the dung from the festival offerings upon your faces, and you shall be taken away with it.

Mal 2:4 And you shall know, recognize, {and} understand that I have sent this [new] decree to you priests, to be My [new] covenant with Levi [the priestly tribe], says the Lord of hosts.
Mal 2:5 My covenant [on My part with Levi] was to give him life and peace, because [on his part] of the [reverent and worshipful] fear with which [the priests] would revere Me and stand in awe of My name.
Mal 2:6 The law of truth was in [Levi's] mouth, and unrighteousness was not found in his lips; he walked with Me in peace and uprightness and turned many away from iniquity.
Mal 2:7 For the priest's lips should guard {and} keep pure the knowledge [of My law], and the people should seek (inquire for and require) instruction at his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.
Mal 2:8 But you have turned aside out of the way; you have caused many to stumble by your instruction [in the law]; you have corrupted the covenant of Levi [with Me], says the Lord of hosts.
Mal 2:9 Therefore have I also made you despised and abased before all the people, inasmuch as you have not kept My ways but have shown favoritism to persons in your administration of the law [of God].
Mal 2:10 Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why then do we deal faithlessly and treacherously each against his brother, profaning the covenant of [God with] our fathers?
Mal 2:11 Judah has been faithless {and} dealt treacherously, and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah [that is, Jewish men] has profaned the holy sanctuary of the Lord which He loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god [having divorced his Jewish wife].
Mal 2:12 The Lord will cast out of the tents of Jacob to the last man those who do this [evil thing], the master and the servant [or the pupil] alike, even him who brings an offering to the Lord of hosts.
Mal 2:13 And this you do with double guilt; you cover the altar of the Lord with tears [shed by your unoffending wives, divorced by you that you might take heathen wives], and with [your own] weeping and crying out because the Lord does not regard your offering any more or accept it with favor at your hand.
Mal 2:14 Yet you ask, Why does He reject it? Because the Lord was witness [to the covenant made at your marriage] between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously {and} to whom you were faithless. Yet she is your companion and the wife of your covenant [made by your marriage vows].
Mal 2:15 And did not God make [you and your wife] one [flesh]? Did not One make you and preserve your spirit alive? And why [did God make you two] one? Because He sought a godly offspring [from your union]. Therefore take heed to yourselves, and let no one deal treacherously {and} be faithless to the wife of his youth.
Mal 2:16 For the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I hate divorce {and} marital separation and him who covers his garment [his wife] with violence. Therefore keep a watch upon your spirit [that it may be controlled by My Spirit], that you deal not treacherously {and} faithlessly [with your marriage mate].
Mal 2:17 You have wearied the Lord with your words. Yet you say, In what way have we wearied Him? [You do it when by your actions] you say, Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the Lord and He delights in them. Or [by asking], Where is the God of justice?
Mal 3:1 BEHOLD, I send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me. And the Lord [the Messiah], Whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; the Messenger {or} Angel of the covenant, Whom you desire, behold, He shall come, says the Lord of hosts.
Mal 3:2 But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;
Mal 3:3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and He will purify the priests, the sons of Levi, and refine them like gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord offerings in righteousness.
Mal 3:4 Then will the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in ancient years.
Mal 3:5 Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against the false swearers, and against those who oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, and who turn aside the temporary resident from his right and fear not Me, says the Lord of hosts.
Mal 3:6 For I am the Lord, I do not change; that is why you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.
Mal 3:7 Even from the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My ordinances and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, How shall we return?
Mal 3:8 Will a man rob {or} defraud God? Yet you rob {and} defraud Me. But you say, In what way do we rob {or} defraud You? [You have withheld your] tithes and offerings.
Mal 3:9 You are cursed with the curse, for you are robbing Me, even this whole nation.
Mal 3:10 Bring all the tithes (the whole tenth of your income) into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now by it, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour you out a

blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.
Mal 3:11 And I will rebuke the devourer [insects and plagues] for your sakes and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground, neither shall your vine drop its fruit before the time in the field, says the Lord of hosts.
Mal 3:12 And all nations shall call you happy {and} blessed, for you shall be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.
Mal 3:13 Your words have been strong {and} hard against Me, says the Lord. Yet you say, What have we spoken against You?
Mal 3:14 You have said, It is useless to serve God, and what profit is it if we keep His ordinances and walk gloomily {and} as if in mourning apparel before the Lord of hosts?
Mal 3:15 And now we consider the proud {and} arrogant to be happy {and} favored; evildoers are exalted {and} prosper; yes, and when they test God, they escape [unpunished].
Mal 3:16 Then those who feared the Lord talked often one to another; and the Lord listened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who reverenced {and} worshipfully feared the Lord and who thought on His name.
Mal 3:17 And they shall be Mine, says the Lord of hosts, in that day when I publicly recognize {and} openly declare them to be My jewels (My special possession, My peculiar treasure). And I will spare them, as a man spares his own son who serves him.
Mal 3:18 Then shall you return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him who serves God and him who does not serve Him.
Mal 4:1 FOR BEHOLD, the day comes that shall burn like an oven, and all the proud {and} arrogant, yes, and all that do wickedly {and} are lawless, shall be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.
Mal 4:2 But unto you who revere {and} worshipfully fear My name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings {and} His beams, and you shall go forth and gambol like calves [released] from the stall {and} leap for joy.
Mal 4:3 And you shall tread down the lawless {and} wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, says the Lord of hosts.
Mal 4:4 [Earnestly] remember the law of Moses, My servant, the statutes and the ordinances which I commanded him on [Mount] Horeb [to give] to all Israel.
Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes.
Mal 4:6 And he shall turn {and} reconcile the hearts of the [estranged] fathers to the [ungodly] children, and the hearts of the [rebellious] children to [the piety of] their fathers [a reconciliation produced by repentance of the ungodly], lest I come and smite the land with a curse {and} a ban of utter destruction. | Amplified Bible
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Matt 1:1 THE BOOK of the ancestry (genealogy) of Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed), the son (descendant) of David, the son (descendant) of Abraham.
Matt 1:2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,
Matt 1:3 Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Aram,
Matt 1:4 Aram the father of Aminadab, Aminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon,
Matt 1:5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse,
Matt 1:6 Jesse the father of King David, King David the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah,
Matt 1:7 Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa,

Matt 1:8 Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram [Jehoram], Joram the father of Uzziah,
Matt 1:9 Uzziah the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,
Matt 1:10 Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah,
Matt 1:11 And Josiah became the father of Jeconiah [also called Coniah and Jehoiachin] and his brothers about the time of the removal (deportation) to Babylon. [II Kings 24:14; I Chron. 3:15, 16.]
Matt 1:12 After the exile to Babylon, Jeconiah became the father of Shealtiel [Salathiel], Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,
Matt 1:13 Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, Abiud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor,
Matt 1:14 Azor the father of Sadoc, Sadoc the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud,
Matt 1:15 Eliud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob,
Matt 1:16 Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, Who is called the Christ. (the Messiah, the Anointed)
Matt 1:17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen, from David to the Babylonian exile (deportation) fourteen generations, from the Babylonian exile to the Christ fourteen generations.
Matt 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place under these circumstances: When His mother Mary had been promised in marriage to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be pregnant [through the power] of the Holy Spirit.
Matt 1:19 And her [promised] husband Joseph, being a just {and} upright man and not willing to expose her publicly {and} to shame {and} disgrace her, decided to repudiate {and} dismiss (divorce) her quietly {and} secretly.
Matt 1:20 But as he was thinking this over, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, descendant of David, do not be afraid to take Mary [as] your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of (from, out of) the Holy Spirit.
Matt 1:21 She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus [the Greek form of the Hebrew Joshua, which means Savior], for He will save His people from their sins [that is, prevent them from failing and missing the true end and scope of life, which is God].
Matt 1:22 All this took place that it might be fulfilled which the Lord had spoken through the prophet,
Matt 1:23 Behold, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel--which, when translated, means, God with us.
Matt 1:24 Then Joseph, being aroused from his sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him: he took [her to his side as] his wife.
Matt 1:25 But he had no union with her as her husband until she had borne {her firstborn} Son; and he called His name Jesus.
Matt 2:1 NOW WHEN Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men [astrologers] from the east came to Jerusalem, asking,
Matt 2:2 Where is He Who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east at its rising and have come to worship Him.
Matt 2:3 When Herod the king heard this, he was disturbed {and} troubled, and the whole of Jerusalem with him.
Matt 2:4 So he called together all the chief priests and learned men (scribes) of the people and anxiously asked them where the Christ was to be born.
Matt 2:5 They replied to him, In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:
Matt 2:6 And you Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are not in any way least {or} insignificant among the chief cities of Judah; for from you shall come a Ruler (Leader) Who will govern {and} shepherd My people Israel.
Matt 2:7 Then Herod sent for the wise men [astrologers] secretly, and accurately to the last point ascertained from them the time of the appearing of the star [that is, how long the star had made itself visible since its rising in the east].
Matt 2:8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, Go and search for the Child carefully {and} diligently, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him.
Matt 2:9 When they had listened to the king, they went their way, and behold, the star which had been seen in the east in its rising went before them until it came and stood over the place where the young Child was.
Matt 2:10 When they saw the star, they were thrilled with ecstatic joy.
Matt 2:11 And on going into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then opening their treasure bags, they presented to Him gifts--gold and frankincense and myrrh.
Matt 2:12 And receiving an answer to their asking, they were divinely instructed {and} warned in a dream not to go back to Herod; so they departed to their own country by a different way.
Matt 2:13 Now after they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, Get up!

[Tenderly] take {unto you} the young Child and His mother and flee to Egypt; and remain there till I tell you [otherwise], for Herod intends to search for the Child in order to destroy Him.
Matt 2:14 And having risen, he took the Child and His mother by night and withdrew to Egypt
Matt 2:15 And remained there until Herod's death. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, Out of Egypt have I called My Son.
Matt 2:16 Then Herod, when he realized that he had been misled by the wise men, was furiously enraged, and he sent and put to death all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that territory who were two years old and under, reckoning according to the date which he had investigated diligently {and} had learned exactly from the wise men.
Matt 2:17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:
Matt 2:18 A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they were no more.
Matt 2:19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt
Matt 2:20 And said, Rise, [tenderly] take {unto you} the Child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child's life are dead.
Matt 2:21 Then he awoke and arose and [tenderly] took the Child and His mother and came into the land of Israel.
Matt 2:22 But because he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in the place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being divinely warned in a dream, he withdrew to the region of Galilee.
Matt 2:23 He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled: He shall be called a Nazarene [Branch, Separated One].
Matt 3:1 IN THOSE days there appeared John the Baptist, preaching in the Wilderness (Desert) of Judea
Matt 3:2 And saying, Repent (think differently; change your mind, regretting your sins and changing your conduct), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Matt 3:3 This is he who was mentioned by the prophet Isaiah when he said, The voice of one crying in the wilderness (shouting in the desert), Prepare the road for the Lord, make His highways straight (level, direct).
Matt 3:4 This {same} John's garments were made of camel's hair, and he wore a leather girdle about his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.
Matt 3:5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the country round about the Jordan went out to him;
Matt 3:6 And they were baptized in the Jordan by him, confessing their sins.
Matt 3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee {and} escape from the wrath {and} indignation [of God against disobedience] that is coming?
Matt 3:8 Bring forth fruit that is consistent with repentance [let your lives prove your change of heart];
Matt 3:9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, We have Abraham for our forefather; for I tell you, God is able to raise up descendants for Abraham from these stones!
Matt 3:10 And already the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
Matt 3:11 I indeed baptize you in (with) water because of repentance [that is, because of your changing your minds for the better, heartily amending your ways, with abhorrence of your past sins]. But He Who is coming after me is mightier than I, Whose sandals I am not worthy {or} fit to take off {or} carry; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
Matt 3:12 His winnowing fan (shovel, fork) is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear out {and} clean His threshing floor and gather {and} store His wheat in His barn, but the chaff He will burn up with fire that cannot be put out.
Matt 3:13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John to be baptized by him.
Matt 3:14 But John protested strenuously, having in mind to prevent Him, saying, It is I who have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?
Matt 3:15 But Jesus replied to him, Permit it just now; for this is the fitting way for [both of] us to fulfill all righteousness [that is, to perform completely whatever is right]. Then he permitted Him.
Matt 3:16 And when Jesus was baptized, He went up at once out of the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he [John] saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him.
Matt 3:17 And behold, a voice from heaven said, This is My Son, My Beloved, in Whom I delight!
Matt 4:1 THEN JESUS was led (guided) by the [Holy] Spirit into the wilderness (desert) to be tempted (tested and tried) by the devil.
Matt 4:2 And He went without food for forty days and forty nights, and later He was hungry.
Matt 4:3 And the tempter came and said to Him, If You are God's Son, command these stones to be made [loaves of]

bread.
Matt 4:4 But He replied, It has been written, Man shall not live {and} be upheld {and} sustained by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
Matt 4:5 Then the devil took Him into the holy city and placed Him on a turret (pinnacle, gable) of the temple sanctuary.
Matt 4:6 And he said to Him, If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, He will give His angels charge over you, and they will bear you up on their hands, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
Matt 4:7 Jesus said to him, On the other hand, it is written also, You shall not tempt, test thoroughly, {or} try exceedingly the Lord your God.
Matt 4:8 Again, the devil took Him up on a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory (the splendor, magnificence, preeminence, and excellence) of them.
Matt 4:9 And he said to Him, These things, all taken together, I will give You, if You will prostrate Yourself before me and do homage {and} worship me.
Matt 4:10 Then Jesus said to him, Begone, Satan! For it has been written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him alone shall you serve.
Matt 4:11 Then the devil departed from Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.
Matt 4:12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested {and} put in prison, He withdrew into Galilee.
Matt 4:13 And leaving Nazareth, He went {and} dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the country of Zebulun and Naphtali--
Matt 4:14 That what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be brought to pass:
Matt 4:15 The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, in the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles [of the peoples who are not of Israel]--
Matt 4:16 The people who sat (dwelt enveloped) in darkness have seen a great Light, and for those who sat in the land and shadow of death Light has dawned.
Matt 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, crying out, Repent (change your mind for the better, heartily amend your ways, with abhorrence of your past sins), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Matt 4:18 As He was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He noticed two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, throwing a dragnet into the sea, for they were fishermen.
Matt 4:19 And He said to them, Come after Me [as disciples--letting Me be your Guide], follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men!
Matt 4:20 At once they left their nets and became His disciples [sided with His party and followed Him].
Matt 4:21 And going on further from there He noticed two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets {and} putting them right; and He called them.
Matt 4:22 At once they left the boat and their father and joined Jesus as disciples [sided with His party and followed Him].
Matt 4:23 And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the good news (Gospel) of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every weakness {and} infirmity among the people.
Matt 4:24 So the report of Him spread throughout all Syria, and they brought Him all who were sick, those afflicted with various diseases and torments, those under the power of demons, and epileptics, and paralyzed people, and He healed them.
Matt 4:25 And great crowds joined {and} accompanied Him about, coming from Galilee and Decapolis [the district of the ten cities east of the Sea of Galilee] and Jerusalem and Judea and from the other [the east] side of the Jordan.
Matt 5:1 SEEING THE crowds, He went up on the mountain; and when He was seated, His disciples came to Him.
Matt 5:2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:
Matt 5:3 Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous--with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the poor in spirit (the humble, who rate themselves insignificant), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!
Matt 5:4 Blessed {and} enviably happy [with a happiness produced by the experience of God's favor and especially conditioned by the revelation of His matchless grace] are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted!
Matt 5:5 Blessed (happy, blithesome, joyous, spiritually prosperous--with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the meek (the mild, patient, long-suffering), for they shall inherit the earth!
Matt 5:6 Blessed {and} fortunate {and} happy {and} spiritually prosperous (in that state in which the born-again child of God enjoys His favor and salvation) are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness (uprightness and right

standing with God), for they shall be completely satisfied!
Matt 5:7 Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous--with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!
Matt 5:8 Blessed (happy, enviably fortunate, and spiritually prosperous--possessing the happiness produced by the experience of God's favor and especially conditioned by the revelation of His grace, regardless of their outward conditions) are the pure in heart, for they shall see God!
Matt 5:9 Blessed (enjoying enviable happiness, spiritually prosperous--with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the makers {and} maintainers of peace, for they shall be called the sons of God!
Matt 5:10 Blessed {and} happy {and} enviably fortunate {and} spiritually prosperous (in the state in which the born-again child of God enjoys and finds satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of his outward conditions) are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake (for being and doing right), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!
Matt 5:11 Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous--with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of your outward conditions) are you when people revile you and persecute you and say all kinds of evil things against you falsely on My account.
Matt 5:12 Be glad {and} supremely joyful, for your reward in heaven is great (strong and intense), for in this same way people persecuted the prophets who were before you. [II Chron. 36:16.]
Matt 5:13 You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste (its strength, its quality), how can its saltness be restored? It is not good for anything any longer but to be thrown out and trodden underfoot by men.
Matt 5:14 You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
Matt 5:15 Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a peck measure, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.
Matt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men that they may see your moral excellence {and} your praiseworthy, noble, {and} good deeds and recognize {and} honor {and} praise {and} glorify your Father Who is in heaven.
Matt 5:17 Do not think that I have come to do away with {or} undo the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to do away with {or} undo but to complete {and} fulfill them.
Matt 5:18 For truly I tell you, until the sky and earth pass away {and} perish, not one smallest letter nor one little hook [identifying certain Hebrew letters] will pass from the Law until all things [it foreshadows] are accomplished.
Matt 5:19 Whoever then breaks {or} does away with {or} relaxes one of the least [important] of these commandments and teaches men so shall be called least [important] in the kingdom of heaven, but he who practices them and teaches others to do so shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
Matt 5:20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness (your uprightness and your right standing with God) is more than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.
Matt 5:21 You have heard that it was said to the men of old, You shall not kill, and whoever kills shall be liable to {and} unable to escape the punishment imposed by the court.
Matt 5:22 But I say to you that everyone who continues to be angry with his brother {or} harbors malice (enmity of heart) against him shall be liable to {and} unable to escape the punishment imposed by the court; and whoever speaks contemptuously {and} insultingly to his brother shall be liable to {and} unable to escape the punishment imposed by the Sanhedrin, and whoever says, You cursed fool! [You empty-headed idiot!] shall be liable to {and} unable to escape the hell (Gehenna) of fire.
Matt 5:23 So if when you are offering your gift at the altar you there remember that your brother has any [grievance] against you,
Matt 5:24 Leave your gift at the altar and go. First make peace with your brother, and then come back {and} present your gift.
Matt 5:25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way traveling with him, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.
Matt 5:26 Truly I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last fraction of a penny.
Matt 5:27 You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery.
Matt 5:28 But I say to you that everyone who so much as looks at a woman with evil desire for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
Matt 5:29 If your right eye serves as a trap to ensnare you {or} is an occasion for you to stumble {and} sin, pluck it out and throw it away. It is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be cast into hell (Gehenna).
Matt 5:30 And if your right hand serves as a trap to ensnare you {or} is an occasion for you to stumble {and} sin, cut

it off and cast it from you. It is better that you lose one of your members than that your entire body should be cast into hell (Gehenna).
Matt 5:31 It has also been said, Whoever divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.
Matt 5:32 But I tell you, Whoever dismisses {and} repudiates {and} divorces his wife, except on the grounds of unfaithfulness (sexual immorality), causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a woman who has been divorced commits adultery.
Matt 5:33 Again, you have heard that it was said to the men of old, You shall not swear falsely, but you shall perform your oaths to the Lord [as a religious duty].
Matt 5:34 But I tell you, Do not bind yourselves by an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is the throne of God;
Matt 5:35 Or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.
Matt 5:36 And do not swear by your head, for you are not able to make a single hair white or black.
Matt 5:37 Let your Yes be simply Yes, and your No be simply No; anything more than that comes from the evil one.
Matt 5:38 You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.
Matt 5:39 But I say to you, Do not resist the evil man [who injures you]; but if anyone strikes you on the right jaw {or} cheek, turn to him the other one too.
Matt 5:40 And if anyone wants to sue you and take your undershirt (tunic), let him have your coat also.
Matt 5:41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two [miles].
Matt 5:42 Give to him who keeps on begging from you, and do not turn away from him who would borrow [at interest] from you.
Matt 5:43 You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy;
Matt 5:44 But I tell you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
Matt 5:45 To show that you are the children of your Father Who is in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the wicked and on the good, and makes the rain fall upon the upright and the wrongdoers [alike].
Matt 5:46 For if you love those who love you, what reward can you have? Do not even the tax collectors do that?
Matt 5:47 And if you greet only your brethren, what more than others are you doing? Do not even the Gentiles (the heathen) do that?
Matt 5:48 You, therefore, must be perfect [growing into complete maturity of godliness in mind and character, having reached the proper height of virtue and integrity], as your heavenly Father is perfect.
Matt 6:1 TAKE CARE not to do your good deeds publicly {or} before men, in order to be seen by them; otherwise you will have no reward [reserved for and awaiting you] with {and} from your Father Who is in heaven.
Matt 6:2 Thus, whenever you give to the poor, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites in the synagogues and in the streets like to do, that they may be recognized {and} honored {and} praised by men. Truly I tell you, they have their reward in full already.
Matt 6:3 But when you give to charity, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,
Matt 6:4 So that your deeds of charity may be in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you {openly.}
Matt 6:5 Also when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward in full already.
Matt 6:6 But when you pray, go into your [most] private room, and, closing the door, pray to your Father, Who is in secret; and your Father, Who sees in secret, will reward you {in the open}.
Matt 6:7 And when you pray, do not heap up phrases (multiply words, repeating the same ones over and over) as the Gentiles do, for they think they will be heard for their much speaking. [I Kings 18:25-29.]
Matt 6:8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.
Matt 6:9 Pray, therefore, like this: Our Father Who is in heaven, hallowed (kept holy) be Your name.
Matt 6:10 Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Matt 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.
Matt 6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven (left, remitted, and let go of the debts, and have given up resentment against) our debtors.
Matt 6:13 And lead (bring) us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. {For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.}
Matt 6:14 For if you forgive people their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment], your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
Matt 6:15 But if you do not forgive others their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment], neither will your Father forgive you your trespasses.

Matt 6:16 And whenever you are fasting, do not look gloomy {and} sour {and} dreary like the hypocrites, for they put on a dismal countenance, that their fasting may be apparent to {and} seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full already.
Matt 6:17 But when you fast, perfume your head and wash your face,
Matt 6:18 So that your fasting may not be noticed by men but by your Father, Who sees in secret; and your Father, Who sees in secret, will reward you {in the open.}
Matt 6:19 Do not gather {and} heap up {and} store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust {and} worm consume {and} destroy, and where thieves break through and steal.
Matt 6:20 But gather {and} heap up {and} store for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust {nor} worm consume {and} destroy, and where thieves do not break through and steal;
Matt 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
Matt 6:22 The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is sound, your entire body will be full of light.
Matt 6:23 But if your eye is unsound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the very light in you [your conscience] is darkened, how dense is that darkness!
Matt 6:24 No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stand by {and} be devoted to the one and despise and be against the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (deceitful riches, money, possessions, or whatever is trusted in).
Matt 6:25 Therefore I tell you, stop being perpetually uneasy (anxious and worried) about your life, what you shall eat {or what you shall drink;} or about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life greater [in quality] than food, and the body [far above and more excellent] than clothing?
Matt 6:26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father keeps feeding them. Are you not worth much more than they?
Matt 6:27 And who of you by worrying {and} being anxious can add one unit of measure (cubit) to his stature {or} to the span of his life?
Matt 6:28 And why should you be anxious about clothes? Consider the lilies of the field {and} learn thoroughly how they grow; they neither toil nor spin.
Matt 6:29 Yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his magnificence (excellence, dignity, and grace) was not arrayed like one of these. [I Kings 10:4-7.]
Matt 6:30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive {and} green and tomorrow is tossed into the furnace, will He not much more surely clothe you, O you of little faith?
Matt 6:31 Therefore do not worry {and} be anxious, saying, What are we going to have to eat? or, What are we going to have to drink? or, What are we going to have to wear?
Matt 6:32 For the Gentiles (heathen) wish for {and} crave {and} diligently seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows well that you need them all.
Matt 6:33 But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.
Matt 6:34 So do not worry {or} be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will have worries {and} anxieties of its own. Sufficient for each day is its own trouble.
Matt 7:1 DO NOT judge {and} criticize {and} condemn others, so that you may not be judged {and} criticized {and} condemned yourselves.
Matt 7:2 For just as you judge {and} criticize {and} condemn others, you will be judged {and} criticized {and} condemned, and in accordance with the measure you [use to] deal out to others, it will be dealt out again to you.
Matt 7:3 Why do you stare from without at the very small particle that is in your brother's eye but do not become aware of {and} consider the beam of timber that is in your own eye?
Matt 7:4 Or how can you say to your brother, Let me get the tiny particle out of your eye, when there is the beam of timber in your own eye?
Matt 7:5 You hypocrite, first get the beam of timber out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the tiny particle out of your brother's eye.
Matt 7:6 Do not give that which is holy (the sacred thing) to the dogs, and do not throw your pearls before hogs, lest they trample upon them with their feet and turn {and} tear you in pieces.
Matt 7:7 Keep on asking and it will be given you; keep on seeking and you will find; keep on knocking [reverently] and [the door] will be opened to you.
Matt 7:8 For everyone who keeps on asking receives; and he who keeps on seeking finds; and to him who keeps on knocking, [the door] will be opened.

Matt 7:9 Or what man is there of you, if his son asks him for a loaf of bread, will hand him a stone?
Matt 7:10 Or if he asks for a fish, will hand him a serpent?
Matt 7:11 If you then, evil as you are, know how to give good {and} advantageous gifts to your children, how much more will your Father Who is in heaven [perfect as He is] give good {and} advantageous things to those who keep on asking Him!
Matt 7:12 So then, whatever you desire that others would do to {and} for you, even so do also to {and} for them, for this is (sums up) the Law and the Prophets.
Matt 7:13 Enter through the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and spacious {and} broad is the way that leads away to destruction, and many are those who are entering through it.
Matt 7:14 But the gate is narrow (contracted by pressure) and the way is straitened {and} compressed that leads away to life, and few are those who find it.
Matt 7:15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you dressed as sheep, but inside they are devouring wolves.
Matt 7:16 You will fully recognize them by their fruits. Do people pick grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles?
Matt 7:17 Even so, every healthy (sound) tree bears good fruit [worthy of admiration], but the sickly (decaying, worthless) tree bears bad (worthless) fruit.
Matt 7:18 A good (healthy) tree cannot bear bad (worthless) fruit, nor can a bad (diseased) tree bear excellent fruit [worthy of admiration].
Matt 7:19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire.
Matt 7:20 Therefore, you will fully know them by their fruits.
Matt 7:21 Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father Who is in heaven.
Matt 7:22 Many will say to Me on that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name and driven out demons in Your name and done many mighty works in Your name?
Matt 7:23 And then I will say to them openly (publicly), I never knew you; depart from Me, you who act wickedly [disregarding My commands].
Matt 7:24 So everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts upon them [obeying them] will be like a sensible (prudent, practical, wise) man who built his house upon the rock.
Matt 7:25 And the rain fell and the floods came and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.
Matt 7:26 And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them will be like a stupid (foolish) man who built his house upon the sand.
Matt 7:27 And the rain fell and the floods came and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell--and great {and} complete was the fall of it.
Matt 7:28 When Jesus had finished these sayings [the Sermon on the Mount], the crowds were astonished {and} overwhelmed with bewildered wonder at His teaching,
Matt 7:29 For He was teaching as {One} Who had [and was] authority, and not as [did] the scribes.
Matt 8:1 WHEN JESUS came down from the mountain, great throngs followed Him.
Matt 8:2 And behold, a leper came up to Him and, prostrating himself, worshiped Him, saying, Lord, if You are willing, You are able to cleanse me by curing me.
Matt 8:3 And He reached out His hand and touched him, saying, I am willing; be cleansed by being cured. And instantly his leprosy was cured {and} cleansed.
Matt 8:4 And Jesus said to him, See that you tell nothing about this to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest and present the offering that Moses commanded, for a testimony [to your healing] {and} as an evidence to the people.
Matt 8:5 As Jesus went into Capernaum, a centurion came up to Him, begging Him,
Matt 8:6 And saying, Lord, my servant boy is lying at the house paralyzed {and} distressed with intense pains.
Matt 8:7 And Jesus said to him, I will come and restore him.
Matt 8:8 But the centurion replied to Him, Lord, I am not worthy {or} fit to have You come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant boy will be cured.
Matt 8:9 For I also am a man subject to authority, with soldiers subject to me. And I say to one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my slave, Do this, and he does it.
Matt 8:10 When Jesus heard him, He marveled and said to those who followed Him [who adhered steadfastly to Him, conforming to His example in living and, if need be, in dying also], I tell you truly, I have not found so much faith as this with anyone, even in Israel.
Matt 8:11 I tell you, many will come from east and west, and will sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the

kingdom of heaven,
Matt 8:12 While the sons {and} heirs of the kingdom will be driven out into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.
Matt 8:13 Then to the centurion Jesus said, Go; it shall be done for you as you have believed. And the servant boy was restored to health at that very moment.
Matt 8:14 And when Jesus went into Peter's house, He saw his mother-in-law lying ill with a fever.
Matt 8:15 He touched her hand and the fever left her; and she got up and began waiting on Him.
Matt 8:16 When evening came, they brought to Him many who were under the power of demons, and He drove out the spirits with a word and restored to health all who were sick.
Matt 8:17 And thus He fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, He Himself took [in order to carry away] our weaknesses {and} infirmities and bore away our diseases.
Matt 8:18 Now Jesus, when He saw the great throngs around Him, gave orders to cross to the other side [of the lake].
Matt 8:19 And a scribe came up and said to Him, Master, I will accompany You wherever You go.
Matt 8:20 And Jesus replied to him, Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have lodging places, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.
Matt 8:21 Another of the disciples said to Him, Lord, let me first go and bury [care for till death] my father.
Matt 8:22 But Jesus said to him, Follow Me, and leave the dead [in sin] to bury their own dead.
Matt 8:23 And after He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him.
Matt 8:24 And suddenly, behold, there arose a violent storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered up by the waves; but He was sleeping.
Matt 8:25 And they went and awakened Him, saying, Lord, rescue {and} preserve us! We are perishing!
Matt 8:26 And He said to them, Why are you timid {and} afraid, O you of little faith? Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great {and} wonderful calm (a perfect peaceableness).
Matt 8:27 And the men were stunned with bewildered wonder {and} marveled, saying, What kind of Man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him!
Matt 8:28 And when He arrived at the other side in the country of the Gadarenes, two men under the control of demons went to meet Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce {and} savage that no one was able to pass that way.
Matt 8:29 And behold, they shrieked {and} screamed, What have You to do with us, {Jesus,} Son of God? Have You come to torment us before the appointed time?
Matt 8:30 Now at some distance from there a drove of many hogs was grazing.
Matt 8:31 And the demons begged Him, If You drive us out, send us into the drove of hogs.
Matt 8:32 And He said to them, Begone! So they came out and went into the hogs, and behold, the whole drove rushed down the steep bank into the sea and died in the water.
Matt 8:33 The herdsmen fled and went into the town and reported everything, including what had happened to the men under the power of demons.
Matt 8:34 And behold, the whole town went out to meet Jesus; and as soon as they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their locality.
Matt 9:1 AND JESUS, getting into a boat, crossed to the other side and came to His own town [Capernaum].
Matt 9:2 And behold, they brought to Him a man paralyzed {and} prostrated by illness, lying on a sleeping pad; and when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralyzed man, Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven {and} the penalty remitted.
Matt 9:3 And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, This man blasphemes [He claims the rights and prerogatives of God]!
Matt 9:4 But Jesus, knowing (seeing) their thoughts, said, Why do you think evil {and} harbor malice in your hearts?
Matt 9:5 For which is easier: to say, Your sins are forgiven {and} the penalty remitted, or to say, Get up and walk?
Matt 9:6 But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins {and} remit the penalty, He then said to the paralyzed man, Get up! Pick up your sleeping pad and go to your own house.
Matt 9:7 And he got up and went away to his own house.
Matt 9:8 When the crowds saw it, they were struck with fear {and} awe; and they recognized God {and} praised {and} thanked Him, Who had given such power {and} authority to men.
Matt 9:9 As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's office; and He said to him, Be My disciple [side with My party and follow Me]. And he rose and followed Him.
Matt 9:10 And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and [especially wicked] sinners came and sat (reclined) with Him and His disciples.

Matt 9:11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, Why does your Master eat with tax collectors and those [preeminently] sinful?
Matt 9:12 But when Jesus heard it, He replied, Those who are strong {and} well (healthy) have no need of a physician, but those who are weak {and} sick.
Matt 9:13 Go and learn what this means: I desire mercy [that is, readiness to help those in trouble] and not sacrifice {and} sacrificial victims. For I came not to call {and} invite [to repentance] the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with God), but sinners (the erring ones and all those not free from sin).
Matt 9:14 Then the disciples of John came to Jesus, inquiring, Why is it that we and the Pharisees fast {often,} [that is, abstain from food and drink as a religious exercise], but Your disciples do not fast?
Matt 9:15 And Jesus replied to them, Can the wedding guests mourn while the bridegroom is still with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.
Matt 9:16 And no one puts a piece of cloth that has not been shrunk on an old garment, for such a patch tears away from the garment and a worse rent (tear) is made.
Matt 9:17 Neither is new wine put in old wineskins; for if it is, the skins burst and are torn in pieces, and the wine is spilled and the skins are ruined. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.
Matt 9:18 While He was talking this way to them, behold, a ruler entered and, kneeling down, worshiped Him, saying, My daughter has just now died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will come to life.
Matt 9:19 And Jesus got up and accompanied him, with His disciples.
Matt 9:20 And behold, a woman who had suffered from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His garment;
Matt 9:21 For she kept saying to herself, If I only touch His garment, I shall be restored to health.
Matt 9:22 Jesus turned around and, seeing her, He said, Take courage, daughter! Your faith has made you well. And at once the woman was restored to health.
Matt 9:23 And when Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making an uproar {and} din,
Matt 9:24 He said, Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping. And they laughed {and} jeered at Him.
Matt 9:25 But when the crowd had been ordered to go outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose.
Matt 9:26 And the news about this spread through all that district.
Matt 9:27 As Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed Him, shouting loudly, Have pity {and} mercy on us, Son of David!
Matt 9:28 When He reached the house and went in, the blind men came to Him, and Jesus said to them, Do you believe that I am able to do this? They said to Him, Yes, Lord.
Matt 9:29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, According to your faith {and} trust {and} reliance [on the power invested in Me] be it done to you;
Matt 9:30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus earnestly {and} sternly charged them, See that you let no one know about this.
Matt 9:31 But they went off and blazed {and} spread His fame abroad throughout that whole district.
Matt 9:32 And while they were going away, behold, a dumb man under the power of a demon was brought to Jesus.
Matt 9:33 And when the demon was driven out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds were stunned with bewildered wonder, saying, Never before has anything like this been seen in Israel.
Matt 9:34 But the Pharisees said, He drives out demons through {and} with the help of the prince of demons.
Matt 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news (the Gospel) of the kingdom and curing all kinds of disease and every weakness {and} infirmity.
Matt 9:36 When He saw the throngs, He was moved with pity {and} sympathy for them, because they were bewildered (harassed and distressed and dejected and helpless), like sheep without a shepherd.
Matt 9:37 Then He said to His disciples, The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few.
Matt 9:38 So pray to the Lord of the harvest to force out {and} thrust laborers into His harvest.
Matt 10:1 AND JESUS summoned to Him His twelve disciples and gave them power {and} authority over unclean spirits, to drive them out, and to cure all kinds of disease and all kinds of weakness {and} infirmity.
Matt 10:2 Now these are the names of the twelve apostles (special messengers): first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James son of Zebedee, and John his brother;
Matt 10:3 Philip and Bartholomew [Nathaniel]; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus [Judas, not Iscariot];

Matt 10:4 Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.
Matt 10:5 Jesus sent out these twelve, charging them, Go nowhere among the Gentiles and do not go into any town of the Samaritans;
Matt 10:6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
Matt 10:7 And as you go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand!
Matt 10:8 Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons. Freely (without pay) you have received, freely (without charge) give.
Matt 10:9 Take no gold nor silver nor [even] copper money in your purses (belts);
Matt 10:10 And do not take a provision bag {or} a wallet for a collection bag for your journey, nor two undergarments, nor sandals, nor a staff; for the workman deserves his support (his living, his food).
Matt 10:11 And into whatever town or village you go, inquire who in it is deserving, and stay there [at his house] until you leave [that vicinity].
Matt 10:12 As you go into the house, give your greetings {and} wish it well.
Matt 10:13 Then if indeed that house is deserving, let come upon it your peace [that is, freedom from all the distresses that are experienced as the result of sin]. But if it is not deserving, let your peace return to you.
Matt 10:14 And whoever will not receive {and} accept {and} welcome you nor listen to your message, as you leave that house or town, shake the dust [of it] from your feet.
Matt 10:15 Truly I tell you, it shall be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.
Matt 10:16 Behold, I am sending you out like sheep in the midst of wolves; be wary {and} wise as serpents, and be innocent (harmless, guileless, and without falsity) as doves.
Matt 10:17 Be on guard against men [whose way or nature is to act in opposition to God]; for they will deliver you up to councils and flog you in their synagogues,
Matt 10:18 And you will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a witness to bear testimony before them and to the Gentiles (the nations).
Matt 10:19 But when they deliver you up, do not be anxious about how {or} what you are to speak; for what you are to say will be given you in that very hour {and} moment,
Matt 10:20 For it is not you who are speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.
Matt 10:21 Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child; and children will take a stand against their parents and will have them put to death.
Matt 10:22 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake, but he who perseveres {and} endures to the end will be saved [from spiritual disease and death in the world to come].
Matt 10:23 When they persecute you in one town [that is, pursue you in a manner that would injure you and cause you to suffer because of your belief], flee to another town; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.
Matt 10:24 A disciple is not above his teacher, nor is a servant {or} slave above his master.
Matt 10:25 It is sufficient for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant {or} slave like his master. If they have called the Master of the house Beelzebub [master of the dwelling], how much more will they speak evil of those of His household. [II Kings 1:2.]
Matt 10:26 So have no fear of them; for nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, or kept secret that will not become known.
Matt 10:27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered in the ear, proclaim upon the housetops.
Matt 10:28 And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; but rather be afraid of Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell (Gehenna).
Matt 10:29 Are not two little sparrows sold for a penny? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father's leave (consent) {and} notice.
Matt 10:30 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
Matt 10:31 Fear not, then; you are of more value than many sparrows.
Matt 10:32 Therefore, everyone who acknowledges Me before men {and} confesses Me [out of a state of oneness with Me], I will also acknowledge him before My Father Who is in heaven {and} confess [that I am abiding in] him.
Matt 10:33 But whoever denies {and} disowns Me before men, I also will deny {and} disown him before My Father Who is in heaven.
Matt 10:34 Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

Matt 10:35 For I have come to part asunder a man from his father, and a daughter from her mother, and a newly married wife from her mother-in-law--
Matt 10:36 And a man's foes will be they of his own household.
Matt 10:37 He who loves [and takes more pleasure in] father or mother more than [in] Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves [and takes more pleasure in] son or daughter more than [in] Me is not worthy of Me;
Matt 10:38 And he who does not take up his cross and follow Me [cleave steadfastly to Me, conforming wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying also] is not worthy of Me.
Matt 10:39 Whoever finds his [lower] life will lose it [the higher life], and whoever loses his [lower] life on My account will find it [the higher life].
Matt 10:40 He who receives {and} welcomes {and} accepts you receives {and} welcomes {and} accepts Me, and he who receives {and} welcomes {and} accepts Me receives {and} welcomes {and} accepts Him Who sent Me.
Matt 10:41 He who receives {and} welcomes {and} accepts a prophet because he is a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward, and he who receives {and} welcomes {and} accepts a righteous man because he is a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.
Matt 10:42 And whoever gives to one of these little ones [in rank or influence] even a cup of cold water because he is My disciple, surely I declare to you, he shall not lose his reward.
Matt 11:1 WHEN JESUS had finished His charge to His twelve disciples, He left there to teach and to preach in their [Galilean] cities.
Matt 11:2 Now when John in prison heard about the activities of Christ, he sent a message by his disciples
Matt 11:3 And asked Him, Are You the One Who was to come, or should we keep on expecting a different one?
Matt 11:4 And Jesus replied to them, Go and report to John what you hear and see:
Matt 11:5 The blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed (by healing) and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have good news (the Gospel) preached to them.
Matt 11:6 And blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) is he who takes no offense at Me {and} finds no cause for stumbling in {or} through Me {and} is not hindered from seeing the Truth.
Matt 11:7 Then as these men went their way, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: What did you go out in the wilderness (desert) to see? A reed swayed by the wind?
Matt 11:8 What did you go out to see then? A man clothed in soft garments? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in the houses of kings.
Matt 11:9 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and one [out of the common, more eminent, more remarkable, and] superior to a prophet.
Matt 11:10 This is the one of whom it is written, Behold, I send My messenger ahead of You, who shall make ready Your way before You.
Matt 11:11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.
Matt 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize--a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion].
Matt 11:13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied up until John.
Matt 11:14 And if you are willing to receive {and} accept it, John himself is Elijah who was to come [before the kingdom].
Matt 11:15 He who has ears to hear, let him be listening {and} let him consider {and} perceive {and} comprehend by hearing.
Matt 11:16 But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like little children sitting in the marketplaces who call to their playmates,
Matt 11:17 We piped to you [playing wedding], and you did not dance; we wailed dirges [playing funeral], and you did not mourn {and} beat your breasts {and} weep aloud.
Matt 11:18 For John came neither eating nor drinking [with others], and they say, He has a demon!
Matt 11:19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking [with others], and they say, Behold, a glutton and a wine drinker, a friend of tax collectors {and} [especially wicked] sinners! Yet wisdom is justified {and} vindicated by what she does (her deeds) {and by} {her children.}
Matt 11:20 Then He began to censure {and} reproach the cities in which most of His mighty works had been performed, because they did not repent [and their hearts were not changed].
Matt 11:21 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre

and Sidon, they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes [and their hearts would have been changed].
Matt 11:22 I tell you [further], it shall be more endurable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you.
Matt 11:23 And you, Capernaum, are you to be lifted up to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades [the region of the dead]! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have continued until today.
Matt 11:24 But I tell you, it shall be more endurable for the land of Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.
Matt 11:25 At that time Jesus began to say, I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth [and I acknowledge openly {and} joyfully to Your honor], that You have hidden these things from the wise {and} clever and learned, and revealed them to babies [to the childish, untaught, and unskilled].
Matt 11:26 Yes, Father, [I praise You that] such was Your gracious will {and} good pleasure.
Matt 11:27 All things have been entrusted {and} delivered to Me by My Father; and no one fully knows {and} accurately understands the Son except the Father, and no one fully knows {and} accurately understands the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son deliberately wills to make Him known.
Matt 11:28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden {and} overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.]
Matt 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls.
Matt 11:30 For My yoke is wholesome (useful, good--not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, but comfortable, gracious, and pleasant), and My burden is light {and} easy to be borne.
Matt 12:1 AT THAT particular time Jesus went through the fields of standing grain on the Sabbath; and His disciples were hungry, and they began to pick off the spikes of grain and to eat.
Matt 12:2 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, See there! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful {and} not permitted on the Sabbath.
Matt 12:3 He said to them, Have you not even read what David did when he was hungry, and those who accompanied him--
Matt 12:4 How he went into the house of God and ate the loaves of the showbread--which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for the men who accompanied him, but for the priests only?
Matt 12:5 Or have you never read in the Law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple violate the sanctity of the Sabbath [breaking it] and yet are guiltless?
Matt 12:6 But I tell you, Something greater {and} more exalted {and} more majestic than the temple is here!
Matt 12:7 And if you had only known what this saying means, I desire mercy [readiness to help, to spare, to forgive] rather than sacrifice {and} sacrificial victims, you would not have condemned the guiltless.
Matt 12:8 For the Son of Man is Lord [even] of the Sabbath.
Matt 12:9 And going on from there, He went into their synagogue.
Matt 12:10 And behold, a man was there with one withered hand. And they said to Him, Is it lawful {or} allowable to cure people on the Sabbath days?--that they might accuse Him.
Matt 12:11 But He said to them, What man is there among you, if he has only one sheep and it falls into a pit {or} ditch on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out?
Matt 12:12 How much better {and} of more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful {and} allowable to do good on the Sabbath days.
Matt 12:13 Then He said to the man, Reach out your hand. And the man reached it out and it was restored, as sound as the other one.
Matt 12:14 But the Pharisees went out and held a consultation against Him, how they might do away with Him.
Matt 12:15 But being aware of this, Jesus went away from there. And many people joined {and} accompanied Him, and He cured all of them,
Matt 12:16 And strictly charged them {and} sharply warned them not to make Him publicly known.
Matt 12:17 This was in fulfillment of what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah,
Matt 12:18 Behold, My Servant Whom I have chosen, My Beloved in {and} with Whom My soul is well pleased {and} has found its delight. I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He shall proclaim {and} show forth justice to the nations.
Matt 12:19 He will not strive {or} wrangle or cry out loudly; nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets;
Matt 12:20 A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering (dimly burning) wick He will not quench, till He brings justice {and} a just cause to victory.
Matt 12:21 And in {and} on His name will the Gentiles (the peoples outside of Israel) set their hopes.
Matt 12:22 Then a blind and dumb man under the power of a demon was brought to Jesus, and He cured him, so that

the blind and dumb man both spoke and saw.
Matt 12:23 And all the [crowds of] people were stunned with bewildered wonder and said, This cannot be the Son of David, can it?
Matt 12:24 But the Pharisees, hearing it, said, This Man drives out demons only by {and} with the help of Beelzebub, the prince of demons.
Matt 12:25 And knowing their thoughts, He said to them, Any kingdom that is divided against itself is being brought to desolation {and} laid waste, and no city {or} house divided against itself will last {or} continue to stand.
Matt 12:26 And if Satan drives out Satan, he has become divided against himself {and} disunified; how then will his kingdom last {or} continue to stand?
Matt 12:27 And if I drive out the demons by [help of] Beelzebub, by whose [help] do your sons drive them out? For this reason they shall be your judges.
Matt 12:28 But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you [before you expected it].
Matt 12:29 Or how can a person go into a strong man's house and carry off his goods (the entire equipment of his house) without first binding the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house.
Matt 12:30 He who is not with Me [definitely on My side] is against Me, and he who does not [definitely] gather with Me {and} for My side scatters.
Matt 12:31 Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy (every evil, abusive, injurious speaking, or indignity against sacred things) can be forgiven men, but blasphemy against the [Holy] Spirit shall not {and} cannot be forgiven.
Matt 12:32 And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Spirit, the Holy One, will not be forgiven, either in this world {and} age or in the world {and} age to come.
Matt 12:33 Either make the tree sound (healthy and good), and its fruit sound (healthy and good), or make the tree rotten (diseased and bad), and its fruit rotten (diseased and bad); for the tree is known {and} recognized {and} judged by its fruit.
Matt 12:34 You offspring of vipers! How can you speak good things when you are evil (wicked)? For out of the fullness (the overflow, the superabundance) of the heart the mouth speaks.
Matt 12:35 The good man from his inner good treasure flings forth good things, and the evil man out of his inner evil storehouse flings forth evil things.
Matt 12:36 But I tell you, on the day of judgment men will have to give account for every idle (inoperative, nonworking) word they speak.
Matt 12:37 For by your words you will be justified {and} acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned {and} sentenced.
Matt 12:38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, Teacher, we desire to see a sign {or} miracle from You [proving that You are what You claim to be].
Matt 12:39 But He replied to them, An evil and adulterous generation (a generation morally unfaithful to God) seeks {and} demands a sign; but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.
Matt 12:40 For even as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.
Matt 12:41 The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, Someone more {and} greater than Jonah is here!
Matt 12:42 The queen of the South will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, Someone more {and} greater than Solomon is here. [I Kings 10:1; II Chron. 9:1.]
Matt 12:43 But when the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, it roams through dry [arid] places in search of rest, but it does not find any.
Matt 12:44 Then it says, I will go back to my house from which I came out. And when it arrives, it finds the place unoccupied, swept, put in order, {and} decorated.
Matt 12:45 Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and make their home there. And the last condition of that man becomes worse than the first. So also shall it be with this wicked generation.
Matt 12:46 Jesus was still speaking to the people when behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak to Him.
Matt 12:47 {Someone said to Him, Listen! Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak to You.}

Matt 12:48 But He replied to the man who told Him, Who is My mother, and who are My brothers?
Matt 12:49 And stretching out His hand toward [not only the twelve disciples but all] His adherents, He said, Here are My mother and My brothers.
Matt 12:50 For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother!
Matt 13:1 THAT SAME day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting beside the sea.
Matt 13:2 But such great crowds gathered about Him that He got into a boat and remained sitting there, while all the throng stood on the shore.
Matt 13:3 And He told them many things in parables (stories by way of illustration and comparison), saying, A sower went out to sow.
Matt 13:4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell by the roadside, and the birds came and ate them up.
Matt 13:5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil; and at once they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil.
Matt 13:6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and because they had no root, they dried up {and} withered away.
Matt 13:7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them out.
Matt 13:8 Other seeds fell on good soil, and yielded grain--some a hundred times as much as was sown, some sixty times as much, and some thirty.
Matt 13:9 He who has ears [to hear], let him be listening {and} let him consider {and} perceive {and} comprehend by hearing.
Matt 13:10 Then the disciples came to Him and said, Why do You speak to them in parables?
Matt 13:11 And He replied to them, To you it has been given to know the secrets {and} mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.
Matt 13:12 For whoever has [spiritual knowledge], to him will more be given {and} he will be furnished richly so that he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away.
Matt 13:13 This is the reason that I speak to them in parables: because having the power of seeing, they do not see; and having the power of hearing, they do not hear, nor do they grasp {and} understand.
Matt 13:14 In them indeed is the process of fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah, which says: You shall indeed hear {and} hear but never grasp {and} understand; and you shall indeed look {and} look but never see {and} perceive.
Matt 13:15 For this nation's heart has grown gross (fat and dull), and their ears heavy {and} difficult of hearing, and their eyes they have tightly closed, lest they see {and} perceive with their eyes, and hear {and} comprehend the sense with their ears, and grasp {and} understand with their heart, and turn {and} I should heal them.
Matt 13:16 But blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are your eyes because they do see, and your ears because they do hear.
Matt 13:17 Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous men [men who were upright and in right standing with God] yearned to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.
Matt 13:18 Listen then to the [meaning of the] parable of the sower:
Matt 13:19 While anyone is hearing the Word of the kingdom and does not grasp {and} comprehend it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the roadside.
Matt 13:20 As for what was sown on thin (rocky) soil, this is he who hears the Word and at once welcomes {and} accepts it with joy;
Matt 13:21 Yet it has no real root in him, but is temporary (inconstant, lasts but a little while); and when affliction {or} trouble {or} persecution comes on account of the Word, at once he is caused to stumble [he is repelled and begins to distrust and desert Him Whom he ought to trust and obey] {and} he falls away.
Matt 13:22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is he who hears the Word, but the cares of the world and the pleasure {and} delight {and} glamour {and} deceitfulness of riches choke {and} suffocate the Word, and it yields no fruit.
Matt 13:23 As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the Word and grasps {and} comprehends it; he indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundred times as much as was sown, in another sixty times as much, and in another thirty.
Matt 13:24 Another parable He set forth before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.
Matt 13:25 But while he was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed also darnel (weeds resembling wheat) among the wheat, and went on his way.
Matt 13:26 So when the plants sprouted and formed grain, the darnel (weeds) appeared also.

Matt 13:27 And the servants of the owner came to him and said, Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Then how does it have darnel shoots in it?
Matt 13:28 He replied to them, An enemy has done this. The servants said to him, Then do you want us to go and weed them out?
Matt 13:29 But he said, No, lest in gathering the wild wheat (weeds resembling wheat), you root up the [true] wheat along with it.
Matt 13:30 Let them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will say to the reapers, Gather the darnel first and bind it in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my granary.
Matt 13:31 Another story by way of comparison He set forth before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field.
Matt 13:32 Of all the seeds it is the smallest, but when it has grown it is the largest of the garden herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and find shelter in its branches.
Matt 13:33 He told them another parable: The kingdom of heaven is like leaven (sour dough) which a woman took and covered over in three measures of meal {or} flour till all of it was leavened.
Matt 13:34 These things all taken together Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, without a parable He said nothing to them.
Matt 13:35 This was in fulfillment of what was spoken by the prophet: I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things that have been hidden since the foundation of the world.
Matt 13:36 Then He left the throngs and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him saying, Explain to us the parable of the darnel in the field.
Matt 13:37 He answered, He Who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.
Matt 13:38 The field is the world, and the good seed means the children of the kingdom; the darnel is the children of the evil one,
Matt 13:39 And the enemy who sowed it is the devil. The harvest is the close {and} consummation of the age, and the reapers are angels.
Matt 13:40 Just as the darnel (weeds resembling wheat) is gathered and burned with fire, so it will be at the close of the age.
Matt 13:41 The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of offense [persons by whom others are drawn into error or sin] and all who do iniquity {and} act wickedly,
Matt 13:42 And will cast them into the furnace of fire; there will be weeping {and} wailing and grinding of teeth.
Matt 13:43 Then will the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with God) shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let him who has ears [to hear] be listening, {and} let him consider {and} perceive {and} understand by hearing.
Matt 13:44 The kingdom of heaven is like something precious buried in a field, which a man found and hid again; then in his joy he goes and sells all he has and buys that field.
Matt 13:45 Again the kingdom of heaven is like a man who is a dealer in search of fine {and} precious pearls,
Matt 13:46 Who, on finding a single pearl of great price, went and sold all he had and bought it.
Matt 13:47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet which was cast into the sea and gathered in fish of every sort.
Matt 13:48 When it was full, men dragged it up on the beach, and sat down and sorted out the good fish into baskets, but the worthless ones they threw away.
Matt 13:49 So it will be at the close {and} consummation of the age. The angels will go forth and separate the wicked from the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with God)
Matt 13:50 And cast them [the wicked] into the furnace of fire; there will be weeping {and} wailing and grinding of teeth.
Matt 13:51 Have you understood all these things [parables] taken together? They said to Him, Yes, {Lord.}
Matt 13:52 He said to them, Therefore every teacher {and} interpreter of the Sacred Writings who has been instructed about {and} trained for the kingdom of heaven and has become a disciple is like a householder who brings forth out of his storehouse treasure that is new and [treasure that is] old [the fresh as well as the familiar].
Matt 13:53 When Jesus had finished these parables (these comparisons), He left there.
Matt 13:54 And coming to His own country [Nazareth], He taught in their synagogue so that they were amazed with bewildered wonder, and said, Where did this Man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?
Matt 13:55 Is not this the carpenter's Son? Is not His mother called Mary? And are not His brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

Matt 13:56 And do not all His sisters live here among us? Where then did this Man get all this?
Matt 13:57 And they took offense at Him [they were repelled and hindered from acknowledging His authority, and caused to stumble]. But Jesus said to them, A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house.
Matt 13:58 And He did not do many works of power there, because of their unbelief (their lack of faith in the divine mission of Jesus).
Matt 14:1 AT THAT time Herod the governor heard the reports about Jesus,
Matt 14:2 And he said to his attendants, This is John the Baptist; He has been raised from the dead, and that is why the powers of performing miracles are at work in Him.
Matt 14:3 For Herod had arrested John and bound him and put him in prison [to stow him out of the way] on account {and} for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife,
Matt 14:4 For John had said to him, It is not lawful {or} right for you to have her.
Matt 14:5 Although he wished to have him put to death, he was afraid of the people, for they regarded John as a prophet.
Matt 14:6 But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced in the midst [before the company] and pleased {and} fascinated Herod,
Matt 14:7 And so he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask.
Matt 14:8 And she, being put forward {and} prompted by her mother, said, Give me the head of John the Baptist right here on a platter.
Matt 14:9 And the king was distressed {and} sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests, he ordered it to be given her;
Matt 14:10 He sent and had John beheaded in the prison.
Matt 14:11 And his head was brought in on a platter and given to the little maid, and she brought it to her mother.
Matt 14:12 And John's disciples came and took up the body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus.
Matt 14:13 When Jesus heard it, He withdrew from there privately in a boat to a solitary place. But when the crowds heard of it, they followed Him [by land] on foot from the towns.
Matt 14:14 When He went ashore and saw a great throng of people, He had compassion (pity and deep sympathy) for them and cured their sick.
Matt 14:15 When evening came, the disciples came to Him and said, This is a remote {and} barren place, and the day is now over; send the throngs away into the villages to buy food for themselves.
Matt 14:16 Jesus said, They do not need to go away; you give them something to eat.
Matt 14:17 They said to Him, We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.
Matt 14:18 He said, Bring them here to Me.
Matt 14:19 Then He ordered the crowds to recline on the grass; and He took the five loaves and the two fish, and, looking up to heaven, He gave thanks {and} blessed and broke the loaves and handed the pieces to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.
Matt 14:20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they picked up twelve [small hand] baskets full of the broken pieces left over.
Matt 14:21 And those who ate were about 5,000 men, not including women and children.
Matt 14:22 Then He directed the disciples to get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent away the crowds.
Matt 14:23 And after He had dismissed the multitudes, He went up into the hills by Himself to pray. When it was evening, He was still there alone.
Matt 14:24 But the boat was by this time out on the sea, {many furlongs} [a furlong is one-eighth of a mile] {distant from the land,} beaten and tossed by the waves, for the wind was against them.
Matt 14:25 And in the fourth watch [between 3:00--6:00 a.m.] of the night, Jesus came to them, walking on the sea.
Matt 14:26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified and said, It is a ghost! And they screamed out with fright.
Matt 14:27 But instantly He spoke to them, saying, Take courage! I AM! Stop being afraid!
Matt 14:28 And Peter answered Him, Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.
Matt 14:29 He said, Come! So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water, and he came toward Jesus.
Matt 14:30 But when he perceived {and} felt the strong wind, he was frightened, and as he began to sink, he cried out, Lord, save me [from death]!
Matt 14:31 Instantly Jesus reached out His hand and caught {and} held him, saying to him, O you of little faith, why

did you doubt?
Matt 14:32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
Matt 14:33 And those in the boat knelt and worshiped Him, saying, Truly You are the Son of God!
Matt 14:34 And when they had crossed over to the other side, they went ashore at Gennesaret.
Matt 14:35 And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent around into all the surrounding country and brought to Him all who were sick
Matt 14:36 And begged Him to let them merely touch the fringe of His garment; and as many as touched it were perfectly restored.
Matt 15:1 THEN FROM Jerusalem came scribes and Pharisees and said,
Matt 15:2 Why do Your disciples transgress {and} violate the rules handed down by the elders of the past? For they do not practice [ceremonially] washing their hands before they eat.
Matt 15:3 He replied to them, And why also do you transgress {and} violate the commandment of God for the sake of the rules handed down to you by your forefathers (the elders)?
Matt 15:4 For God commanded, Honor your father and your mother, and, He who curses {or} reviles {or} speaks evil of {or} abuses {or} treats improperly his father or mother, let him surely come to his end by death.
Matt 15:5 But you say, If anyone tells his father or mother, What you would have gained from me [that is, the money and whatever I have that might be used for helping you] is already dedicated as a gift to God, then he is exempt {and} no longer under obligation to honor {and} help his father {or his mother.}
Matt 15:6 So for the sake of your tradition (the rules handed down by your forefathers), you have set aside the Word of God [depriving it of force and authority and making it of no effect].
Matt 15:7 You pretenders (hypocrites)! Admirably {and} truly did Isaiah prophesy of you when he said:
Matt 15:8 These people {draw near Me with their mouths and} honor Me with their lips, but their hearts hold off {and} are far away from Me.
Matt 15:9 Uselessly do they worship Me, for they teach as doctrines the commands of men.
Matt 15:10 And Jesus called the people to Him and said to them, Listen and grasp {and} comprehend this:
Matt 15:11 It is not what goes into the mouth of a man that makes him unclean {and} defiled, but what comes out of the mouth; this makes a man unclean {and} defiles [him].
Matt 15:12 Then the disciples came and said to Him, Do You know that the Pharisees were displeased {and} offended {and} indignant when they heard this saying?
Matt 15:13 He answered, Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be torn up by the roots.
Matt 15:14 Let them alone {and} disregard them; they are blind guides {and} teachers. And if a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a ditch.
Matt 15:15 But Peter said to Him, Explain this proverb (this maxim) to us.
Matt 15:16 And He said, Are you also even yet dull {and} ignorant [without understanding and unable to put things together]?
Matt 15:17 Do you not see {and} understand that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the abdomen and so passes on into the place where discharges are deposited?
Matt 15:18 But whatever comes out of the mouth comes from the heart, and this is what makes a man unclean {and} defiles [him].
Matt 15:19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts (reasonings and disputings and designs) such as murder, adultery, sexual vice, theft, false witnessing, slander, {and} irreverent speech.
Matt 15:20 These are what make a man unclean {and} defile [him]; but eating with unwashed hands does not make him unclean {or} defile [him].
Matt 15:21 And going away from there, Jesus withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.
Matt 15:22 And behold, a woman who was a Canaanite from that district came out and, with a [loud, troublesomely urgent] cry, begged, Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is miserably {and} distressingly {and} cruelly possessed by a demon!
Matt 15:23 But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and implored Him, saying, Send her away, for she is crying out after us.
Matt 15:24 He answered, I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
Matt 15:25 But she came and, kneeling, worshiped Him and kept praying, Lord, help me!
Matt 15:26 And He answered, It is not right (proper, becoming, or fair) to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs.
Matt 15:27 She said, Yes, Lord, yet even the little pups (little whelps) eat the crumbs that fall from their [young]

masters' table.
Matt 15:28 Then Jesus answered her, O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you wish. And her daughter was cured from that moment.
Matt 15:29 And Jesus went on from there and passed along the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Then He went up into the hills and kept sitting there.
Matt 15:30 And a great multitude came to Him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the dumb, and many others, and they put them down at His feet; and He cured them,
Matt 15:31 So that the crowd was amazed when they saw the dumb speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they recognized {and} praised {and} thanked {and} glorified the God of Israel.
Matt 15:32 Then Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, I have pity {and} sympathy {and} am deeply moved for the crowd, because they have been with Me now three days and they have nothing [at all left] to eat; and I am not willing to send them away hungry, lest they faint {or} become exhausted on the way.
Matt 15:33 And the disciples said to Him, Where are we to get bread sufficient to feed so great a crowd in this isolated {and} desert place?
Matt 15:34 And Jesus asked them, How many loaves of bread do you have? They replied, Seven, and a few small fish.
Matt 15:35 And ordering the crowd to recline on the ground,
Matt 15:36 He took the seven loaves and the fish, and when He had given thanks, He broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.
Matt 15:37 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they gathered up seven [large provision] baskets full of the broken pieces that were left over.
Matt 15:38 Those who ate were 4,000 men, not including the women and the children.
Matt 15:39 Then He dismissed the crowds, got into the boat, and went to the district of Magadan.
Matt 16:1 NOW THE Pharisees and Sadducees came up to Jesus, and they asked Him to show them a sign (spectacular miracle) from heaven [attesting His divine authority].
Matt 16:2 He replied to them, {When it is evening you say, It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,}
Matt 16:3 {And in the morning, It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and has a gloomy and threatening look. You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.}
Matt 16:4 A wicked and morally unfaithful generation craves a sign, but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of {the prophet} Jonah. Then He left them and went away.
Matt 16:5 When the disciples reached the other side of the sea, they found that they had forgotten to bring any bread.
Matt 16:6 Jesus said to them, Be careful {and} on your guard against the leaven (ferment) of the Pharisees and Sadducees.
Matt 16:7 And they reasoned among themselves about it, saying, {It is} because we did not bring any bread.
Matt 16:8 But Jesus, aware of this, asked, Why are you discussing among yourselves the fact that you have no bread? O you [men, how little trust you have in Me, how] little faith!
Matt 16:9 Do you not yet discern (perceive and understand)? Do you not remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many [small hand] baskets you gathered?
Matt 16:10 Nor the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many [large provision] baskets you took up?
Matt 16:11 How is it that you fail to understand that I was not talking to you about bread? But beware of the leaven (ferment) of the Pharisees and Sadducees.
Matt 16:12 Then they discerned that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.
Matt 16:13 Now when Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, Who do people say that the Son of Man is?
Matt 16:14 And they answered, Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.
Matt 16:15 He said to them, But who do you [yourselves] say that I am?
Matt 16:16 Simon Peter replied, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Matt 16:17 Then Jesus answered him, Blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are you, Simon Bar-Jonah. For flesh and blood [men] have not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in heaven.
Matt 16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter [Greek, {Petros}--a large piece of rock], and on this rock [Greek, {petra}--a huge rock like Gibraltar] I will build My church, and the gates of Hades (the powers of the infernal region) shall not overpower it [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it].
Matt 16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and

unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven.
Matt 16:20 Then He sternly {and} strictly charged {and} warned the disciples to tell no one that He was {Jesus} the Christ.
Matt 16:21 From that time forth Jesus began [clearly] to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders and the high priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised from death.
Matt 16:22 Then Peter took Him aside to speak to Him privately and began to reprove and charge Him sharply, saying, God forbid, Lord! This must never happen to You!
Matt 16:23 But Jesus turned away from Peter and said to him, Get behind Me, Satan! You are in My way [an offense and a hindrance and a snare to Me]; for you are minding what partakes not of the nature {and} quality of God, but of men.
Matt 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone desires to be My disciple, let him deny himself [disregard, lose sight of, and forget himself and his own interests] and take up his cross and follow Me [cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying, also].
Matt 16:25 For whoever is bent on saving his [temporal] life [his comfort and security here] shall lose it [eternal life]; and whoever loses his life [his comfort and security here] for My sake shall find it [life everlasting].
Matt 16:26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life [his blessed life in the kingdom of God]? Or what would a man give as an exchange for his [blessed] life [in the kingdom of God]?
Matt 16:27 For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory (majesty, splendor) of His Father with His angels, and then He will render account {and} reward every man in accordance with what he has done.
Matt 16:28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in (into) His kingdom.
Matt 17:1 AND SIX days after this, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves.
Matt 17:2 And His appearance underwent a change in their presence; and His face shone clear and bright like the sun, and His clothing became as white as light.
Matt 17:3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, who kept talking with Him.
Matt 17:4 Then Peter began to speak and said to Jesus, Lord, it is good {and} delightful that we are here; if You approve, I will put up three booths here--one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah.
Matt 17:5 While he was still speaking, behold, a shining cloud [composed of light] overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, This is My Son, My Beloved, with Whom I am [and have always been] delighted. Listen to Him!
Matt 17:6 When the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were seized with alarm {and} struck with fear.
Matt 17:7 But Jesus came and touched them and said, Get up, and do not be afraid.
Matt 17:8 And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.
Matt 17:9 And as they were going down the mountain, Jesus cautioned {and} commanded them, Do not mention to anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.
Matt 17:10 The disciples asked Him, Then why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?
Matt 17:11 He replied, Elijah does come and will get everything restored {and} ready.
Matt 17:12 But I tell you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know {or} recognize him, but did to him as they liked. So also the Son of Man is going to be treated {and} suffer at their hands.
Matt 17:13 Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them about John the Baptist.
Matt 17:14 And when they approached the multitude, a man came up to Him, kneeling before Him and saying,
Matt 17:15 Lord, do pity {and} have mercy on my son, for he has epilepsy (is moonstruck) and he suffers terribly; for frequently he falls into the fire and many times into the water.
Matt 17:16 And I brought him to Your disciples, and they were not able to cure him.
Matt 17:17 And Jesus answered, O you unbelieving (warped, wayward, rebellious) and thoroughly perverse generation! How long am I to remain with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to Me.
Matt 17:18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly.
Matt 17:19 Then the disciples came to Jesus and asked privately, Why could we not drive it out?
Matt 17:20 He said to them, Because of the littleness of your faith [that is, your lack of firmly relying trust]. For truly I say to you, if you have faith [that is living] like a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, Move from here to yonder place, and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.
Matt 17:21 {But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.}

Matt 17:22 When they were going about here and there in Galilee, Jesus said to them, The Son of Man is going to be turned over into the hands of men.
Matt 17:23 And they will kill Him, and He will be raised [to life] again on the third day. And they were deeply {and} exceedingly grieved {and} distressed.
Matt 17:24 When they arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the half shekel [the temple tax] went up to Peter and said, Does not your Teacher pay the half shekel?
Matt 17:25 He answered, Yes. And when he came home, Jesus spoke to him [about it] first, saying, What do you think, Simon? From whom do earthly rulers collect duties {or} tribute--from their own sons or from others not of their own family?
Matt 17:26 And when Peter said, From other people not of their own family, Jesus said to him, Then the sons are exempt.
Matt 17:27 However, in order not to give offense {and} cause them to stumble [that is, to cause them to judge unfavorably and unjustly] go down to the sea and throw in a hook. Take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find there a shekel. Take it and give it to them to pay the temple tax for Me and for yourself.
Matt 18:1 AT THAT time the disciples came up and asked Jesus, Who then is [really] the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
Matt 18:2 And He called a little child to Himself and put him in the midst of them,
Matt 18:3 And said, Truly I say to you, unless you repent (change, turn about) and become like little children [trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving], you can never enter the kingdom of heaven [at all].
Matt 18:4 Whoever will humble himself therefore and become like this little child [trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving] is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
Matt 18:5 And whoever receives {and} accepts {and} welcomes one little child like this for My sake and in My name receives {and} accepts {and} welcomes Me.
Matt 18:6 But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in {and} acknowledge {and} cleave to Me to stumble and sin [that is, who entices him or hinders him in right conduct or thought], it would be better (more expedient and profitable or advantageous) for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be sunk in the depth of the sea.
Matt 18:7 Woe to the world for such temptations to sin {and} influences to do wrong! It is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the person on whose account {or} by whom the temptation comes!
Matt 18:8 And if your hand or your foot causes you to stumble {and} sin, cut it off and throw it away from you; it is better (more profitable and wholesome) for you to enter life maimed or lame than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into everlasting fire.
Matt 18:9 And if your eye causes you to stumble {and} sin, pluck it out and throw it away from you; it is better (more profitable and wholesome) for you to enter life with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the hell (Gehenna) of fire.
Matt 18:10 Beware that you do not despise {or} feel scornful toward {or} think little of one of these little ones, for I tell you that in heaven their angels always are in the presence of {and} look upon the face of My Father Who is in heaven.
Matt 18:11 {For the Son of man came to save [from the penalty of eternal death] that which was lost.
Matt 18:12 What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray {and} gets lost, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountain and go in search of the one that is lost?
Matt 18:13 And if it should be that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that did not get lost.
Matt 18:14 Just so it is not the will of My Father Who is in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost {and} perish.
Matt 18:15 If your brother wrongs you, go and show him his fault, between you and him privately. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.
Matt 18:16 But if he does not listen, take along with you one or two others, so that every word may be confirmed {and} upheld by the testimony of two or three witnesses.
Matt 18:17 If he pays no attention to them [refusing to listen and obey], tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a pagan and a tax collector.
Matt 18:18 Truly I tell you, whatever you forbid {and} declare to be improper and unlawful on earth must be what is already forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit {and} declare proper and lawful on earth must be what is already permitted in heaven.

Matt 18:19 Again I tell you, if two of you on earth agree (harmonize together, make a symphony together) about whatever [anything and everything] they may ask, it will come to pass {and} be done for them by My Father in heaven.
Matt 18:20 For wherever two or three are gathered (drawn together as My followers) in (into) My name, there I AM in the midst of them.
Matt 18:21 Then Peter came up to Him and said, Lord, how many times may my brother sin against me and I forgive him {and} let it go? [As many as] up to seven times?
Matt 18:22 Jesus answered him, I tell you, not up to seven times, but seventy times seven!
Matt 18:23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a human king who wished to settle accounts with his attendants.
Matt 18:24 When he began the accounting, one was brought to him who owed him 10,000 talents [probably about $10,000,000],
Matt 18:25 And because he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and his children and everything that he possessed, and payment to be made.
Matt 18:26 So the attendant fell on his knees, begging him, Have patience with me and I will pay you everything.
Matt 18:27 And his master's heart was moved with compassion, and he released him and forgave him [cancelling] the debt.
Matt 18:28 But that same attendant, as he went out, found one of his fellow attendants who owed him a hundred denarii [about twenty dollars]; and he caught him by the throat and said, Pay what you owe!
Matt 18:29 So his fellow attendant fell down and begged him earnestly, Give me time, and I will pay you {all} !
Matt 18:30 But he was unwilling, and he went out and had him put in prison till he should pay the debt.
Matt 18:31 When his fellow attendants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and told everything that had taken place to their master.
Matt 18:32 Then his master called him and said to him, You contemptible {and} wicked attendant! I forgave {and} cancelled all that [great] debt of yours because you begged me to.
Matt 18:33 And should you not have had pity {and} mercy on your fellow attendant, as I had pity {and} mercy on you?
Matt 18:34 And in wrath his master turned him over to the torturers (the jailers), till he should pay all that he owed.
Matt 18:35 So also My heavenly Father will deal with every one of you if you do not freely forgive your brother from your heart {his offenses.}
Matt 19:1 NOW WHEN Jesus had finished saying these things, He left Galilee and went into the part of Judea that is beyond the Jordan;
Matt 19:2 And great throngs accompanied Him, and He cured them there.
Matt 19:3 And Pharisees came to Him and put Him to the test by asking, Is it lawful {and} right to dismiss {and} repudiate {and} divorce one's wife for any {and} every cause?
Matt 19:4 He replied, Have you never read that He Who made them from the beginning made them male and female,
Matt 19:5 And said, For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be united firmly (joined inseparably) to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?
Matt 19:6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder (separate).
Matt 19:7 They said to Him, Why then did Moses command [us] to give a certificate of divorce and thus to dismiss {and} repudiate a wife?
Matt 19:8 He said to them, Because of the hardness (stubbornness and perversity) of your hearts Moses permitted you to dismiss {and} repudiate {and} divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been so [ordained].
Matt 19:9 I say to you: whoever dismisses (repudiates, divorces) his wife, except for unchastity, and marries another commits adultery, {and he who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.}
Matt 19:10 The disciples said to Him, If the case of a man with his wife is like this, it is neither profitable {nor} advisable to marry.
Matt 19:11 But He said to them, Not all men can accept this saying, but it is for those to whom [the capacity to receive] it has been given.
Matt 19:12 For there are eunuchs who have been born incapable of marriage; and there are eunuchs who have been made so by men; and there are eunuchs who have made themselves incapable of marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let him who is able to accept this accept it.
Matt 19:13 Then little children were brought to Jesus, that He might put His hands on them and pray; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them.

Matt 19:14 But He said, Leave the children alone! Allow the little ones to come to Me, and do not forbid {or} restrain {or} hinder them, for of such [as these] is the kingdom of heaven {composed}.
Matt 19:15 And He put His hands upon them, and then went on His way.
Matt 19:16 And behold, there came a man up to Him, saying, Teacher, what excellent {and} perfectly {and} essentially good deed must I do to possess eternal life?
Matt 19:17 And He said to him, Why do you ask Me about the perfectly {and} essentially good? There is only One Who is good [perfectly and essentially]--God. If you would enter into the Life, you must continually keep the commandments.
Matt 19:18 He said to Him, What sort of commandments? [Or, which ones?] And Jesus answered, You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness,
Matt 19:19 Honor your father and your mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself.
Matt 19:20 The young man said, I have observed all these {from my youth;} what still do I lack?
Matt 19:21 Jesus answered him, If you would be perfect [that is, have that spiritual maturity which accompanies self-sacrificing character], go and sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; and come, be My disciple [side with My party and follow Me].
Matt 19:22 But when the young man heard this, he went away sad (grieved and in much distress), for he had great possessions.
Matt 19:23 And Jesus said to His disciples, Truly I say to you, it will be difficult for a rich man to get into the kingdom of heaven.
Matt 19:24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to go into the kingdom of heaven.
Matt 19:25 When the disciples heard this, they were utterly puzzled (astonished, bewildered), saying, Who then can be saved [from eternal death]?
Matt 19:26 But Jesus looked at them and said, With men this is impossible, but all things are possible with God.
Matt 19:27 Then Peter answered Him, saying, Behold, we have left [our] all and have become Your disciples [sided with Your party and followed You]. What then shall we receive?
Matt 19:28 Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you, in the new age [the Messianic rebirth of the world], when the Son of Man shall sit down on the throne of His glory, you who have [become My disciples, sided with My party and] followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones and judge the twelve tribes of Israel.
Matt 19:29 And anyone {and} everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands for My name's sake will receive many [even a hundred] times more and will inherit eternal life.
Matt 19:30 But many who [now] are first will be last [then], and many who [now] are last will be first [then].
Matt 20:1 FOR THE kingdom of heaven is like the owner of an estate who went out in the morning along with the dawn to hire workmen for his vineyard.
Matt 20:2 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.
Matt 20:3 And going out about the third hour (nine o'clock), he saw others standing idle in the marketplace;
Matt 20:4 And he said to them, You go also into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will pay you. And they went.
Matt 20:5 He went out again about the sixth hour (noon), and the ninth hour (three o'clock) he did the same.
Matt 20:6 And about the eleventh hour (five o'clock) he went out and found still others standing around, and said to them, Why do you stand here idle all day?
Matt 20:7 They answered him, Because nobody has hired us. He told them, You go out into the vineyard also {and you will get whatever is just and fair.}
Matt 20:8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, Call the workmen and pay them their wages, beginning with the last and ending with the first.
Matt 20:9 And those who had been hired at the eleventh hour (five o'clock) came and received a denarius each.
Matt 20:10 Now when the first came, they supposed they would get more, but each of them also received a denarius.
Matt 20:11 And when they received it, they grumbled at the owner of the estate,
Matt 20:12 Saying, These [men] who came last worked no more than an hour, and yet you have made them rank with us who have borne the burden and the scorching heat of the day.
Matt 20:13 But he answered one of them, Friend, I am doing you no injustice. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?
Matt 20:14 Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this man hired last the same as I give to you.
Matt 20:15 Am I not permitted to do what I choose with what is mine? [Or do you begrudge my being generous?] Is your eye evil because I am good?

Matt 20:16 So those who [now] are last will be first [then], and those who [now] are first will be last [then]. {For many are called, but few chosen.}
Matt 20:17 And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve disciples aside along the way and said to them,
Matt 20:18 Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes; and they will sentence Him to death
Matt 20:19 And deliver Him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and whipped and crucified, and He will be raised [to life] on the third day.
Matt 20:20 Then the mother of Zebedee's children came up to Him with her sons and, kneeling, worshiped Him and asked a favor of Him.
Matt 20:21 And He asked her, What do you wish? She answered Him, Give orders that these two sons of mine may sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left in Your kingdom.
Matt 20:22 But Jesus replied, You do not realize what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink {and to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized} ? They answered, We are able.
Matt 20:23 He said to them, You will drink My cup, but seats at My right hand and at My left are not Mine to give, but they are for those for whom they have been ordained {and} prepared by My Father.
Matt 20:24 But when the ten [other disciples] heard this, they were indignant at the two brothers.
Matt 20:25 And Jesus called them to Him and said, You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men hold them in subjection [tyrannizing over them].
Matt 20:26 Not so shall it be among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant,
Matt 20:27 And whoever desires to be first among you must be your slave--
Matt 20:28 Just as the Son of Man came not to be waited on but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many [the price paid to set them free].
Matt 20:29 And as they were going out of Jericho, a great throng accompanied Him.
Matt 20:30 And behold, two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, Lord, have pity {and} mercy on us, [You] Son of David!
Matt 20:31 The crowds reproved them and told them to keep still; but they cried out all the more, Lord, have pity {and} mercy on us, [You] Son of David!
Matt 20:32 And Jesus stopped and called them, and asked, What do you want Me to do for you?
Matt 20:33 They answered Him, Lord, we want our eyes to be opened!
Matt 20:34 And Jesus, in pity, touched their eyes; and instantly they received their sight and followed Him.
Matt 21:1 AND WHEN they came near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples on ahead,
Matt 21:2 Saying to them, Go into the village that is opposite you, and at once you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie [them] and bring [them] to Me.
Matt 21:3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall reply, The Lord needs them, and he will let them go without delay.
Matt 21:4 This happened that what was spoken by the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,
Matt 21:5 Say to the Daughter of Zion [inhabitants of Jerusalem], Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey [a beast of burden].
Matt 21:6 Then the disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them.
Matt 21:7 They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their coats upon them, and He seated Himself on them [the clothing].
Matt 21:8 And most of the crowd kept spreading their garments on the road, and others kept cutting branches from the trees and scattering them on the road.
Matt 21:9 And the crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed Him kept shouting, Hosanna (O be propitious, graciously inclined) to the Son of David, [the Messiah]! Blessed (praised, glorified) is He Who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna (O be favorably disposed) in the highest [heaven]!
Matt 21:10 And when He entered Jerusalem, all the city became agitated and [trembling with excitement] said, Who is This?
Matt 21:11 And the crowds replied, This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.
Matt 21:12 And Jesus went into the temple (whole temple enclosure) and drove out all who bought and sold in the sacred place, and He turned over the four-footed tables of the money changers and the chairs of those who sold doves.
Matt 21:13 He said to them, The Scripture says, My house shall be called a house of prayer; but you have made it a den of robbers.
Matt 21:14 And the blind and the lame came to Him in the porches {and} courts of the temple, and He cured them.

Matt 21:15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He did and the boys {and} the girls {and} the youths {and} the maidens crying out in the porches {and} courts of the temple, Hosanna (O be propitious, graciously inclined) to the Son of David! they were indignant.
Matt 21:16 And they said to Him, Do You hear what these are saying? And Jesus replied to them, Yes; have you never read, Out of the mouths of babes and unweaned infants You have made (provided) perfect praise?
Matt 21:17 And leaving them, He departed from the city and went out to Bethany and lodged there.
Matt 21:18 In the early dawn the next morning, as He was coming back to the city, He was hungry.
Matt 21:19 And as He saw one single leafy fig tree above the roadside, He went to it but He found nothing but leaves on it [seeing that in the fig tree the fruit appears at the same time as the leaves]. And He said to it, Never again shall fruit grow on you! And the fig tree withered up at once.
Matt 21:20 When the disciples saw it, they marveled greatly and asked, How is it that the fig tree has withered away all at once?
Matt 21:21 And Jesus answered them, Truly I say to you, if you have faith (a firm relying trust) and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, Be taken up and cast into the sea, it will be done.
Matt 21:22 And whatever you ask for in prayer, having faith {and} [really] believing, you will receive.
Matt 21:23 And when He entered the sacred enclosure of the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came up to Him as He was teaching and said, By what power of authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this power of authority?
Matt 21:24 Jesus answered them, I also will ask you a question, and if you give Me the answer, then I also will tell you by what power of authority I do these things.
Matt 21:25 The baptism of John--from where was it? From heaven or from men? And they reasoned {and} argued with one another, If we say, From heaven, He will ask us, Why then did you not believe him?
Matt 21:26 But if we say, From men--we are afraid of {and} must reckon with the multitude, for they all regard John as a prophet.
Matt 21:27 So they answered Jesus, We do not know. And He said to them, Neither will I tell you by what power of authority I do these things.
Matt 21:28 What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He came to the first and said, Son, go and work today in the vineyard.
Matt 21:29 And he answered, I will not; but afterward he changed his mind and went.
Matt 21:30 Then the man came to the second and said the same [thing]. And he replied, I will [go], sir; but he did not go.
Matt 21:31 Which of the two did the will of the father? They replied, The first one. Jesus said to them, Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the harlots will get into the kingdom of heaven before you.
Matt 21:32 For John came to you walking in the way of an upright man in right standing with God, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots did believe him; and you, even when you saw that, did not afterward change your minds and believe him [adhere to, trust in, and rely on what he told you].
Matt 21:33 Listen to another parable: There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a hedge around it and dug a wine vat in it and built a watchtower. Then he let it out [for rent] to tenants and went into another country.
Matt 21:34 When the fruit season drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his [share of the] fruit.
Matt 21:35 But the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.
Matt 21:36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first time, and they treated them the same way.
Matt 21:37 Finally he sent his own son to them, saying, They will respect {and} give heed to my son.
Matt 21:38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, This is the heir; come on, let us kill him and have his inheritance.
Matt 21:39 And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.
Matt 21:40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes back, what will he do to those tenants?
Matt 21:41 They said to Him, He will put those wretches to a miserable death and rent the vineyard to other tenants of such a character that they will give him the fruits promptly in their season.
Matt 21:42 Jesus asked them, Have you never read in the Scriptures: The very Stone which the builders rejected {and} threw away has become the Cornerstone; this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?
Matt 21:43 I tell you, for this reason the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce the fruits of it.
Matt 21:44 {And whoever falls on this Stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom It falls will be crushed to

powder [and It will winnow him, scattering him like dust].
Matt 21:45 And when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables (comparisons, stories used to illustrate and explain), they perceived that He was talking about them.
Matt 21:46 And although they were trying to arrest Him, they feared the throngs because they regarded Him as a prophet.
Matt 22:1 AND AGAIN Jesus spoke to them in parables (comparisons, stories used to illustrate and explain), saying,
Matt 22:2 The kingdom of heaven is like a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son
Matt 22:3 And sent his servants to summon those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they refused to come.
Matt 22:4 Again he sent other servants, saying, Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have prepared my banquet; my bullocks and my fat calves are killed, and everything is prepared; come to the wedding feast.
Matt 22:5 But they were not concerned {and} paid no attention [they ignored and made light of the summons, treating it with contempt] and they went away--one to his farm, another to his business,
Matt 22:6 While the others seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and put them to death.
Matt 22:7 [Hearing this] the king was infuriated; and he sent his soldiers and put those murderers to death and burned their city.
Matt 22:8 Then he said to his servants, The wedding [feast] is prepared, but those invited were not worthy.
Matt 22:9 So go to the thoroughfares where they leave the city [where the main roads and those from the country end] and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.
Matt 22:10 And those servants went out on the crossroads and got together as many as they found, both bad and good, so [the room in which] the wedding feast [was held] was filled with guests.
Matt 22:11 But when the king came in to view the guests, he looked intently at a man there who had on no wedding garment.
Matt 22:12 And he said, Friend, how did you come in here without putting on the [appropriate] wedding garment? And he was speechless (muzzled, gagged).
Matt 22:13 Then the king said to the attendants, Tie him hand and foot, and throw him into the darkness outside; there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.
Matt 22:14 For many are called (invited and summoned), but few {are} chosen.
Matt 22:15 Then the Pharisees went and consulted {and} plotted together how they might entangle Jesus in His talk.
Matt 22:16 And they sent their disciples to Him along with the Herodians, saying, Teacher, we know that You are sincere {and} what You profess to be and that You teach the way of God truthfully, regardless of consequences {and} being afraid of no man; for You are impartial {and} do not regard either the person {or} the position of anyone.
Matt 22:17 Tell us then what You think about this: Is it lawful to pay tribute [levied on individuals and to be paid yearly] to Caesar or not?
Matt 22:18 But Jesus, aware of their malicious plot, asked, Why do you put Me to the test {and} try to entrap Me, you pretenders (hypocrites)?
Matt 22:19 Show me the money {used} for the tribute. And they brought Him a denarius.
Matt 22:20 And Jesus said to them, Whose likeness and title are these?
Matt 22:21 They said, Caesar's. Then He said to them, Pay therefore to Caesar the things that are due to Caesar, and pay to God the things that are due to God.
Matt 22:22 When they heard it they were amazed {and} marveled; and they left Him and departed.
Matt 22:23 The same day some Sadducees, who say that there is no resurrection [of the dead], came to Him and they asked Him a question,
Matt 22:24 Saying, Teacher, Moses said, If a man dies, leaving no children, his brother shall marry the widow and raise up a family for his brother.
Matt 22:25 Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married and died, and, having no children, left his wife to his brother.
Matt 22:26 The second also died childless, and the third, down to the seventh.
Matt 22:27 Last of all, the woman died also.
Matt 22:28 Now, in the resurrection, to which of the seven will she be wife? For they all had her.
Matt 22:29 But Jesus replied to them, You are wrong because you know neither the Scriptures nor God's power.
Matt 22:30 For in the resurrected state neither do [men] marry nor are [women] given in marriage, but they are like the angels in heaven.
Matt 22:31 But as to the resurrection of the dead--have you never read what was said to you by God,

Matt 22:32 I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead but of the living!
Matt 22:33 And when the throng heard it, they were astonished {and} filled with [glad] amazement at His teaching.
Matt 22:34 Now when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced (muzzled) the Sadducees, they gathered together.
Matt 22:35 And one of their number, a lawyer, asked Him a question to test Him.
Matt 22:36 Teacher, which kind of commandment is great and important (the principal kind) in the Law? [Some commandments are light--which are heavy?]
Matt 22:37 And He replied to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (intellect).
Matt 22:38 This is the great (most important, principal) and first commandment.
Matt 22:39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself.
Matt 22:40 These two commandments sum up {and} upon them depend all the Law and the Prophets.
Matt 22:41 Now while the Pharisees were still assembled there, Jesus asked them a question,
Matt 22:42 Saying, What do you think of the Christ? Whose Son is He? They said to Him, The Son of David.
Matt 22:43 He said to them, How is it then that David, under the influence of the [Holy] Spirit, calls Him Lord, saying,
Matt 22:44 The Lord said to My Lord, Sit at My right hand until I put Your enemies under Your feet?
Matt 22:45 If then David thus calls Him Lord, how is He his Son?
Matt 22:46 And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day did anyone venture {or} dare to question Him.
Matt 23:1 THEN JESUS said to the multitudes and to His disciples,
Matt 23:2 The scribes and Pharisees sit on Moses' seat [of authority].
Matt 23:3 So observe and practice all they tell you; but do not do what they do, for they preach, but do not practice.
Matt 23:4 They tie up heavy loads, {hard to bear}, and place them on men's shoulders, but they themselves will not lift a finger to help bear them.
Matt 23:5 They do all their works to be seen of men; for they make wide their phylacteries (small cases enclosing certain Scripture passages, worn during prayer on the left arm and forehead) and make long their fringes [worn by all male Israelites, according to the command].
Matt 23:6 And they take pleasure in {and} [thus] love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues,
Matt 23:7 And to be greeted with honor in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi.
Matt 23:8 But you are not to be called rabbi (teacher), for you have one Teacher and you are all brothers.
Matt 23:9 And do not call anyone [in the church] on earth father, for you have one Father, Who is in heaven.
Matt 23:10 And you must not be called masters (leaders), for you have one Master (Leader), the Christ.
Matt 23:11 He who is greatest among you shall be your servant.
Matt 23:12 Whoever exalts himself [with haughtiness and empty pride] shall be humbled (brought low), and whoever humbles himself [whoever has a modest opinion of himself and behaves accordingly] shall be raised to honor.
Matt 23:13 But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces; for you neither enter yourselves, nor do you allow those who are about to go in to do so.
Matt 23:14 {Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you swallow up widows' houses and for a pretense to cover it up make long prayers; therefore you will receive the greater condemnation and the heavier sentence.}
Matt 23:15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you travel over sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes one [a proselyte], you make him doubly as much a child of hell (Gehenna) as you are.
Matt 23:16 Woe to you, blind guides, who say, If anyone swears by the sanctuary of the temple, it is nothing; but if anyone swears by the gold of the sanctuary, he is a debtor [bound by his oath].
Matt 23:17 You blind fools! For which is greater: the gold, or the sanctuary of the temple that has made the gold sacred?
Matt 23:18 You say too, Whoever swears by the altar is not duty bound; but whoever swears by the offering on the altar, his oath is binding.
Matt 23:19 You blind men! Which is greater: the gift, or the altar which makes the gift sacred?
Matt 23:20 So whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it.
Matt 23:21 And he who swears by the sanctuary of the temple swears by it and by Him Who dwells in it. [I Kings 8:13; Ps. 26:8.]
Matt 23:22 And whoever swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by Him Who sits upon it.

Matt 23:23 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you give a tenth of your mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected {and} omitted the weightier (more important) matters of the Law--right {and} justice and mercy and fidelity. These you ought [particularly] to have done, without neglecting the others.
Matt 23:24 You blind guides, filtering out a gnat and gulping down a camel!
Matt 23:25 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the plate, but within they are full of extortion (prey, spoil, plunder) and grasping self-indulgence.
Matt 23:26 You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and of the plate, so that the outside may be clean also.
Matt 23:27 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you are like tombs that have been whitewashed, which look beautiful on the outside but inside are full of dead men's bones and everything impure.
Matt 23:28 Just so, you also outwardly seem to people to be just {and} upright but inside you are full of pretense and lawlessness {and} iniquity.
Matt 23:29 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you build tombs for the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous,
Matt 23:30 Saying, If we had lived in the days of our forefathers, we would not have aided them in shedding the blood of the prophets.
Matt 23:31 Thus you are testifying against yourselves that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets.
Matt 23:32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' sins to the brim [so that nothing may be wanting to a full measure].
Matt 23:33 You serpents! You spawn of vipers! How can you escape the penalty to be suffered in hell (Gehenna)?
Matt 23:34 Because of this, take notice: I am sending you prophets and wise men (interpreters and teachers) and scribes (men learned in the Mosaic Law and the Prophets); some of them you will kill, even crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue {and} persecute from town to town,
Matt 23:35 So that upon your heads may come all the blood of the righteous (those who correspond to the divine standard of right) shed on earth, from the blood of the righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar [of burnt offering].
Matt 23:36 Truly I declare to you, all these [evil, calamitous times] will come upon this generation. [II Chron. 36:15, 16.]
Matt 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, murdering the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a mother fowl gathers her brood under her wings, and you refused!
Matt 23:38 Behold, your house is forsaken and desolate (abandoned and left destitute of God's help). [I Kings 9:7; Jer. 22:5.]
Matt 23:39 For I declare to you, you will not see Me again until you say, Blessed (magnified in worship, adored, and exalted) is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!
Matt 24:1 JESUS DEPARTED from the temple area and was going on His way when His disciples came up to Him to call His attention to the buildings of the temple {and} point them out to Him.
Matt 24:2 But He answered them, Do you see all these? Truly I tell you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.
Matt 24:3 While He was seated on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately and said, Tell us, when will this take place, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end (the completion, the consummation) of the age?
Matt 24:4 Jesus answered them, Be careful that no one misleads you [deceiving you and leading you into error].
Matt 24:5 For many will come in (on the strength of) My name [appropriating the name which belongs to Me], saying, I am the Christ (the Messiah), and they will lead many astray.
Matt 24:6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened {or} troubled, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.
Matt 24:7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in place after place;
Matt 24:8 All this is but the beginning [the early pains] of the birth pangs [of the intolerable anguish].
Matt 24:9 Then they will hand you over to suffer affliction {and} tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.
Matt 24:10 And then many will be offended {and} repelled {and} will begin to distrust {and} desert [Him Whom they ought to trust and obey] {and} will stumble and fall away and betray one another {and} pursue one another with hatred.

Matt 24:11 And many false prophets will rise up and deceive {and} lead many into error.
Matt 24:12 And the love of the great body of people will grow cold because of the multiplied lawlessness {and} iniquity,
Matt 24:13 But he who endures to the end will be saved.
Matt 24:14 And this good news of the kingdom (the Gospel) will be preached throughout the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then will come the end.
Matt 24:15 So when you see the appalling sacrilege [the abomination that astonishes and makes desolate], spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the Holy Place--let the reader take notice {and} ponder {and} consider {and} heed [this]--
Matt 24:16 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains;
Matt 24:17 Let him who is on the housetop not come down {and} go into the house to take anything;
Matt 24:18 And let him who is in the field not turn back to get his overcoat.
Matt 24:19 And alas for the women who are pregnant and for those who have nursing babies in those days!
Matt 24:20 Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath.
Matt 24:21 For then there will be great tribulation (affliction, distress, and oppression) such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now--no, and never will be [again].
Matt 24:22 And if those days had not been shortened, no human being would endure {and} survive, but for the sake of the elect (God's chosen ones) those days will be shortened.
Matt 24:23 If anyone says to you then, Behold, here is the Christ (the Messiah)! or, There He is!--do not believe it.
Matt 24:24 For false Christs and false prophets will arise, and they will show great signs and wonders so as to deceive {and} lead astray, if possible, even the elect (God's chosen ones).
Matt 24:25 See, I have warned you beforehand.
Matt 24:26 So if they say to you, Behold, He is in the wilderness (desert)--do not go out there; if they tell you, Behold, He is in the secret places {or} inner rooms--do not believe it.
Matt 24:27 For just as the lightning flashes from the east and shines {and} is seen as far as the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.
Matt 24:28 Wherever there is a fallen body (a corpse), there the vultures (or eagles) will flock together.
Matt 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not shed its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
Matt 24:30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn {and} beat their breasts {and} lament in anguish, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory [in brilliancy and splendor].
Matt 24:31 And He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His elect (His chosen ones) from the four winds, [even] from one end of the universe to the other.
Matt 24:32 From the fig tree learn this lesson: as soon as its young shoots become soft and tender and it puts out its leaves, you know of a surety that summer is near.
Matt 24:33 So also when you see these signs, all taken together, coming to pass, you may know of a surety that He is near, at the very doors.
Matt 24:34 Truly I tell you, this generation (the whole multitude of people living at the same time, in a definite, given period) will not pass away till all these things taken together take place.
Matt 24:35 Sky and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.
Matt 24:36 But of that [exact] day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
Matt 24:37 As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.
Matt 24:38 For just as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, [men] marrying and [women] being given in marriage, until the [very] day when Noah went into the ark,
Matt 24:39 And they did not know {or} understand until the flood came and swept them all away--so will be the coming of the Son of Man.
Matt 24:40 At that time two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.
Matt 24:41 Two women will be grinding at the hand mill; one will be taken and one will be left.
Matt 24:42 Watch therefore [give strict attention, be cautious and active], for you do not know in what kind of a day [whether a near or remote one] your Lord is coming.
Matt 24:43 But understand this: had the householder known in what [part of the night, whether in a night or a morning] watch the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be undermined

{and} broken into.
Matt 24:44 You also must be ready therefore, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him.
Matt 24:45 Who then is the faithful, thoughtful, {and} wise servant, whom his master has put in charge of his household to give to the others the food {and} supplies at the proper time?
Matt 24:46 Blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) is that servant whom, when his master comes, he will find so doing.
Matt 24:47 I solemnly declare to you, he will set him over all his possessions.
Matt 24:48 But if that servant is wicked and says to himself, My master is delayed {and} is going to be gone a long time,
Matt 24:49 And begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with the drunken,
Matt 24:50 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour of which he is not aware,
Matt 24:51 And will punish him [cut him up by scourging] and put him with the pretenders (hypocrites); there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.
Matt 25:1 THEN THE kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.
Matt 25:2 Five of them were foolish (thoughtless, without forethought) and five were wise (sensible, intelligent, and prudent).
Matt 25:3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they did not take any [extra] oil with them;
Matt 25:4 But the wise took flasks of oil along with them [also] with their lamps.
Matt 25:5 While the bridegroom lingered {and} was slow in coming, they all began nodding their heads, and they fell asleep.
Matt 25:6 But at midnight there was a shout, Behold, the bridegroom! Go out to meet him!
Matt 25:7 Then all those virgins got up and put their own lamps in order.
Matt 25:8 And the foolish said to the wise, Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.
Matt 25:9 But the wise replied, There will not be enough for us and for you; go instead to the dealers and buy for yourselves.
Matt 25:10 But while they were going away to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were prepared went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut.
Matt 25:11 Later the other virgins also came and said, Lord, Lord, open [the door] to us!
Matt 25:12 But He replied, I solemnly declare to you, I do not know you [I am not acquainted with you].
Matt 25:13 Watch therefore [give strict attention and be cautious and active], for you know neither the day nor the hour {when the Son of Man will come.}
Matt 25:14 For it is like a man who was about to take a long journey, and he called his servants together and entrusted them with his property.
Matt 25:15 To one he gave five talents [probably about $5,000], to another two, to another one--to each in proportion to his own personal ability. Then he departed {and} left the country.
Matt 25:16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he gained five talents more.
Matt 25:17 And likewise he who had received the two talents--he also gained two talents more.
Matt 25:18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
Matt 25:19 Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.
Matt 25:20 And he who had received the five talents came and brought him five more, saying, Master, you entrusted to me five talents; see, here I have gained five talents more.
Matt 25:21 His master said to him, Well done, you upright (honorable, admirable) and faithful servant! You have been faithful {and} trustworthy over a little; I will put you in charge of much. Enter into {and} share the joy (the delight, the blessedness) which your master enjoys.
Matt 25:22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, Master, you entrusted two talents to me; here I have gained two talents more.
Matt 25:23 His master said to him, Well done, you upright (honorable, admirable) and faithful servant! You have been faithful {and} trustworthy over a little; I will put you in charge of much. Enter into {and} share the joy (the delight, the blessedness) which your master enjoys.
Matt 25:24 He who had received one talent also came forward, saying, Master, I knew you to be a harsh {and} hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you had not winnowed [the grain].
Matt 25:25 So I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is your own.

Matt 25:26 But his master answered him, You wicked {and} lazy {and} idle servant! Did you indeed know that I reap where I have not sowed and gather [grain] where I have not winnowed?
Matt 25:27 Then you should have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received what was my own with interest.
Matt 25:28 So take the talent away from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents.
Matt 25:29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will be furnished richly so that he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have will be taken away.
Matt 25:30 And throw the good-for-nothing servant into the outer darkness; there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.
Matt 25:31 When the Son of Man comes in His glory (His majesty and splendor), and all the {holy} angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.
Matt 25:32 All nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them [the people] from one another as a shepherd separates his sheep from the goats;
Matt 25:33 And He will cause the sheep to stand at His right hand, but the goats at His left.
Matt 25:34 Then the King will say to those at His right hand, Come, you blessed of My Father [you favored of God and appointed to eternal salvation], inherit (receive as your own) the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
Matt 25:35 For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you brought Me together with yourselves {and} welcomed {and} entertained {and} lodged Me,
Matt 25:36 I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me with help {and} ministering care, I was in prison and you came to see Me.
Matt 25:37 Then the just {and} upright will answer Him, Lord, when did we see You hungry and gave You food, or thirsty and gave You something to drink?
Matt 25:38 And when did we see You a stranger and welcomed {and} entertained You, or naked and clothed You?
Matt 25:39 And when did we see You sick or in prison and came to visit You?
Matt 25:40 And the King will reply to them, Truly I tell you, in so far as you did it for one of the least [in the estimation of men] of these My brethren, you did it for Me.
Matt 25:41 Then He will say to those at His left hand, Begone from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels!
Matt 25:42 For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me nothing to drink,
Matt 25:43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me {and} entertain Me, I was naked and you did not clothe Me, I was sick and in prison and you did not visit Me with help {and} ministering care.
Matt 25:44 Then they also [in their turn] will answer, Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?
Matt 25:45 And He will reply to them, Solemnly I declare to you, in so far as you failed to do it for the least [in the estimation of men] of these, you failed to do it for Me.
Matt 25:46 Then they will go away into eternal punishment, but those who are just {and} upright {and} in right standing with God into eternal life.
Matt 26:1 WHEN JESUS had ended this discourse, He said to His disciples,
Matt 26:2 You know that the Passover is in two days--and the Son of Man will be delivered up treacherously to be crucified.
Matt 26:3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the [open] court of the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas,
Matt 26:4 And consulted together in order to arrest Jesus by stratagem secretly and put Him to death.
Matt 26:5 But they said, It must not be during the Feast, for fear that there will be a riot among the people.
Matt 26:6 Now when Jesus came back to Bethany and was in the house of Simon the leper,
Matt 26:7 A woman came up to Him with an alabaster flask of very precious perfume, and she poured it on His head as He reclined at table.
Matt 26:8 And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, For what purpose is all this waste?
Matt 26:9 For this perfume might have been sold for a large sum and the money given to the poor.
Matt 26:10 But Jesus, fully aware of this, said to them, Why do you bother the woman? She has done a noble (praiseworthy and beautiful) thing to Me.
Matt 26:11 For you always have the poor among you, but you will not always have Me.
Matt 26:12 In pouring this perfume on My body she has done something to prepare Me for My burial.

Matt 26:13 Truly I tell you, wherever this good news (the Gospel) is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will be told also, in memory of her.
Matt 26:14 Then one of the Twelve [apostles], who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests
Matt 26:15 And said, What are you willing to give me if I hand Him over to you? And they weighed out for {and} paid to him thirty pieces of silver [about twenty-one dollars and sixty cents].
Matt 26:16 And from that moment he sought a fitting opportunity to betray Him.
Matt 26:17 Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread [Passover week], the disciples came to Jesus and said {to Him,} Where do You wish us to prepare for You to eat the Passover supper?
Matt 26:18 He said, Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, The Master says: My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.
Matt 26:19 And accordingly the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they made ready the Passover supper.
Matt 26:20 When it was evening, He was reclining at table with the twelve disciples.
Matt 26:21 And as they were eating, He said, Solemnly I say to you, one of you will betray Me!
Matt 26:22 They were exceedingly pained {and} distressed {and} deeply hurt {and} sorrowful and began to say to Him one after another, Surely it cannot be I, Lord, can it?
Matt 26:23 He replied, He who has [just] dipped his hand in the same dish with Me will betray Me!
Matt 26:24 The Son of Man is going just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better (more profitable and wholesome) for that man if he had never been born!
Matt 26:25 Judas, the betrayer, said, Surely it is not I, is it, Master? He said to him, You have stated [the fact].
Matt 26:26 Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread and, praising God, gave thanks {and} asked Him to bless it to their use, and when He had broken it, He gave it to the disciples and said, Take, eat; this is My body.
Matt 26:27 And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink of it, all of you;
Matt 26:28 For this is My blood of the {new} covenant, which [ratifies the agreement and] is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Matt 26:29 I say to you, I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it with you new {and} of superior quality in My Father's kingdom.
Matt 26:30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
Matt 26:31 Then Jesus said to them, You will all be offended {and} stumble {and} fall away because of Me this night [distrusting and deserting Me], for it is written, I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.
Matt 26:32 But after I am raised up [to life again], I will go ahead of you to Galilee.
Matt 26:33 Peter declared to Him, Though they all are offended {and} stumble {and} fall away because of You [and distrust and desert You], I will never do so.
Matt 26:34 Jesus said to him, Solemnly I declare to you, this very night, before a single rooster crows, you will deny {and} disown Me three times.
Matt 26:35 Peter said to Him, Even if I must die with You, I will not deny {or} disown You! And all the disciples said the same thing.
Matt 26:36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He told His disciples, Sit down here while I go over yonder and pray.
Matt 26:37 And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to show grief {and} distress of mind and was deeply depressed.
Matt 26:38 Then He said to them, My soul is very sad {and} deeply grieved, so that I am almost dying of sorrow. Stay here and keep awake {and} keep watch with Me.
Matt 26:39 And going a little farther, He threw Himself upon the ground on His face and prayed saying, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will [not what I desire], but as You will {and} desire.
Matt 26:40 And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and He said to Peter, What! Are you so utterly unable to stay awake {and} keep watch with Me for one hour?
Matt 26:41 All of you must keep awake (give strict attention, be cautious and active) {and} watch and pray, that you may not come into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
Matt 26:42 Again a second time He went away and prayed, My Father, if this cannot pass by unless I drink it, Your will be done.
Matt 26:43 And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were weighed down with sleep.
Matt 26:44 So, leaving them again, He went away and prayed for the third time, using the same words.
Matt 26:45 Then He returned to the disciples and said to them, Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the

hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of especially wicked sinners [whose way or nature it is to act in opposition to God].
Matt 26:46 Get up, let us be going! See, My betrayer is at hand!
Matt 26:47 As He was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve [apostles], came up, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and elders of the people.
Matt 26:48 Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, The One I shall kiss is the Man; seize Him.
Matt 26:49 And he came up to Jesus at once and said, Hail (greetings, good health to You, long life to You), Master! And he embraced Him and kissed Him with [pretended] warmth and devotion.
Matt 26:50 Jesus said to him, Friend, for what are you here? Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and arrested Him.
Matt 26:51 And behold, one of those who were with Jesus reached out his hand and drew his sword and, striking the body servant of the high priest, cut off his ear.
Matt 26:52 Then Jesus said to him, Put your sword back into its place, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword.
Matt 26:53 Do you suppose that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will immediately provide Me with more than twelve legions [more than 80,000] of angels?
Matt 26:54 But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must come about this way?
Matt 26:55 At that moment Jesus said to the crowds, Have you come out with swords and clubs as [you would] against a robber to capture Me? Day after day I was accustomed to sit in the porches {and} courts of the temple teaching, and you did not arrest Me.
Matt 26:56 But all this has taken place in order that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples deserted Him and, fleeing, escaped.
Matt 26:57 But those who had seized Jesus took Him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had assembled.
Matt 26:58 But Peter followed Him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest's home; he even went inside and sat with the guards to see the end.
Matt 26:59 Now the chief priests and the whole council (the Sanhedrin) sought to get false witnesses to testify against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death;
Matt 26:60 But they found none, though many witnesses came forward [to testify]. At last two men came forward
Matt 26:61 And testified, This Fellow said, I am able to tear down the sanctuary of the temple of God and to build it up again in three days.
Matt 26:62 And the high priest stood up and said, Have You no answer to make? What about this that these men testify against You?
Matt 26:63 But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, I call upon you to swear by the living God, and tell us whether you are the Christ, the Son of God.
Matt 26:64 Jesus said to him, You have stated [the fact]. More than that, I tell you: You will in the future see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Almighty and coming on the clouds of the sky.
Matt 26:65 Then the high priest tore his clothes and exclaimed, He has uttered blasphemy! What need have we of further evidence? You have now heard His blasphemy.
Matt 26:66 What do you think now? They answered, He deserves to be put to death.
Matt 26:67 Then they spat in His face and struck Him with their fists; and some slapped Him in the face,
Matt 26:68 Saying, Prophesy to us, You Christ (the Messiah)! Who was it that struck You?
Matt 26:69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and one maid came up to him and said, You were also with Jesus the Galilean!
Matt 26:70 But he denied it falsely before them all, saying, I do not know what you mean.
Matt 26:71 And when he had gone out to the porch, another maid saw him, and she said to the bystanders, This fellow was with Jesus the Nazarene!
Matt 26:72 And again he denied it and disowned Him with an oath, saying, I do not know the Man!
Matt 26:73 After a little while, the bystanders came up and said to Peter, You certainly are one of them too, for even your accent betrays you.
Matt 26:74 Then Peter began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, I do not even know the Man! And at that moment a rooster crowed.
Matt 26:75 And Peter remembered Jesus' words, when He had said, Before a single rooster crows, you will deny {and} disown Me three times. And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Matt 27:1 WHEN IT was morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people held a consultation against Jesus to put Him to death;
Matt 27:2 And they bound Him and led Him away and handed Him over to Pilate the governor.
Matt 27:3 When Judas, His betrayer, saw that [Jesus] was condemned, [Judas was afflicted in mind and troubled for his former folly; and] with remorse [with little more than a selfish dread of the consequences] he brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders,
Matt 27:4 Saying, I have sinned in betraying innocent blood. They replied, What is that to us? See to that yourself.
Matt 27:5 And casting the pieces of silver [forward] into the [Holy Place of the sanctuary of the] temple, he departed; and he went off and hanged himself.
Matt 27:6 But the chief priests, picking up the pieces of silver, said, It is not legal to put these in the [consecrated] treasury, for it is the price of blood.
Matt 27:7 So after consultation they bought with them [the pieces of silver] the potter's field [as a place] in which to bury strangers.
Matt 27:8 Therefore that piece of ground has been called the Field of Blood to the present day.
Matt 27:9 Then were fulfilled the words spoken by Jeremiah the prophet when he said, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him on Whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel,
Matt 27:10 And they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me.
Matt 27:11 Now Jesus stood before the governor [Pilate], and the governor asked Him, Are you the King of the Jews? Jesus said to him, You have stated [the fact].
Matt 27:12 But when the charges were made against Him by the chief priests and elders, He made no answer.
Matt 27:13 Then Pilate said to Him, Do You not hear how many {and} how serious are the things they are testifying against You?
Matt 27:14 But He made no reply to him, not even to a single accusation, so that the governor marveled greatly.
Matt 27:15 Now at the Feast [of the Passover] the governor was in the habit of setting free for the people any one prisoner whom they chose.
Matt 27:16 And at that time they had a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas.
Matt 27:17 So when they had assembled for this purpose, Pilate said to them, Whom do you want me to set free for you, Barabbas, or Jesus Who is called Christ?
Matt 27:18 For he knew that it was because of envy that they had handed Him over to him.
Matt 27:19 Also, while he was seated on the judgment bench, his wife sent him a message, saying, Have nothing to do with that just {and} upright Man, for I have had a painful experience today in a dream because of Him.
Matt 27:20 But the chief priests and the elders prevailed on the people to ask for Barabbas, and put Jesus to death.
Matt 27:21 Again the governor said to them, Which of the two do you wish me to release for you? And they said, Barabbas!
Matt 27:22 Pilate said to them, Then what shall I do with Jesus Who is called Christ?
Matt 27:23 They all replied, Let Him be crucified! And he said, Why? What has He done that is evil? But they shouted all the louder, Let Him be crucified!
Matt 27:24 So when Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but rather that a riot was about to break out, he took water and washed his hands in the presence of the crowd, saying, I am not guilty of {nor} responsible for this {righteous} Man's blood; see to it yourselves.
Matt 27:25 And all the people answered, Let His blood be on us and on our children!
Matt 27:26 So he set free for them Barabbas; and he [had] Jesus whipped, and delivered Him up to be crucified.
Matt 27:27 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the palace, and they gathered the whole battalion about Him.
Matt 27:28 And they stripped off His clothes and put a scarlet robe (garment of dignity and office worn by Roman officers of rank) upon Him,
Matt 27:29 And, weaving a crown of thorns, they put it on His head and put a reed (staff) in His right hand. And kneeling before Him, they made sport of Him, saying, Hail (greetings, good health to You, long life to You), King of the Jews!
Matt 27:30 And they spat on Him, and took the reed (staff) and struck Him on the head.
Matt 27:31 And when they finished making sport of Him, they stripped Him of the robe and put His own garments on Him and led Him away to be crucified.
Matt 27:32 As they were marching forth, they came upon a man of Cyrene named Simon; this man they forced to carry the cross of Jesus.
Matt 27:33 And when they came to a place called Golgotha [Latin: Calvary], which means The Place of a Skull,

Matt 27:34 They offered Him wine mingled with gall to drink; but when He tasted it, He refused to drink it.
Matt 27:35 And when they had crucified Him, they divided {and} distributed His garments [among them] by casting lots {so that the prophet's saying was fulfilled, They parted My garments among them and over My apparel they cast lots.}
Matt 27:36 Then they sat down there and kept watch over Him.
Matt 27:37 And over His head they put the accusation against Him (the cause of His death), which read, This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.
Matt 27:38 At the same time two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right hand and one on the left.
Matt 27:39 And those who passed by spoke reproachfully {and} abusively {and} jeered at Him, wagging their heads,
Matt 27:40 And they said, You Who would tear down the sanctuary of the temple and rebuild it in three days, rescue Yourself from death. If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.
Matt 27:41 In the same way the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, made sport of Him, saying,
Matt 27:42 He rescued others from death; Himself He cannot rescue from death. He is the King of Israel? Let Him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in {and} acknowledge {and} cleave to Him.
Matt 27:43 He trusts in God; let God deliver Him now if He cares for Him {and} will have Him, for He said, I am the Son of God.
Matt 27:44 And the robbers who were crucified with Him also abused {and} reproached {and} made sport of Him in the same way.
Matt 27:45 Now from the sixth hour (noon) there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour (three o'clock).
Matt 27:46 And about the ninth hour (three o'clock) Jesus cried with a loud voice, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?--that is, My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me [leaving Me helpless, forsaking and failing Me in My need]?
Matt 27:47 And some of the bystanders, when they heard it, said, This Man is calling for Elijah!
Matt 27:48 And one of them immediately ran and took a sponge, soaked it with vinegar (a sour wine), and put it on a reed (staff), and was about to give it to Him to drink.
Matt 27:49 But the others said, Wait! Let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him from death.
Matt 27:50 And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and gave up His spirit.
Matt 27:51 And at once the curtain of the sanctuary of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth shook and the rocks were split.
Matt 27:52 The tombs were opened and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep in death were raised [to life];
Matt 27:53 And coming out of the tombs after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.
Matt 27:54 When the centurion and those who were with him keeping watch over Jesus observed the earthquake and all that was happening, they were terribly frightened {and} filled with awe, and said, Truly this was God's Son!
Matt 27:55 There were also numerous women there, looking on from a distance, who were of those who had accompanied Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him.
Matt 27:56 Among them were Mary of Magdala, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.
Matt 27:57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus.
Matt 27:58 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him.
Matt 27:59 And Joseph took the body and rolled it up in a clean linen cloth used for swathing dead bodies
Matt 27:60 And laid it in his own fresh (undefiled) tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a big boulder over the door of the tomb and went away.
Matt 27:61 And Mary of Magdala and the other Mary kept sitting there opposite the tomb.
Matt 27:62 The next day, that is, the day after the day of Preparation [for the Sabbath], the chief priests and the Pharisees assembled before Pilate
Matt 27:63 And said, Sir, we have just remembered how that vagabond Imposter said while He was still alive, After three days I will rise again.
Matt 27:64 Therefore give an order to have the tomb made secure {and} safeguarded until the third day, for fear that His disciples will come and steal Him away and tell the people that He has risen from the dead, and the last deception {and} fraud will be worse than the first.
Matt 27:65 Pilate said to them, You have a guard [of soldiers; take them and] go, make it as secure as you can.
Matt 27:66 So they went off and made the tomb secure by sealing the boulder, a guard of soldiers being with them {and} remaining to watch.

Matt 28:1 NOW AFTER the Sabbath, near dawn of the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to take a look at the tomb.
Matt 28:2 And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled the boulder back and sat upon it.
Matt 28:3 His appearance was like lightning, and his garments as white as snow.
Matt 28:4 And those keeping guard were so frightened at the sight of him that they were agitated {and} they trembled and became like dead men.
Matt 28:5 But the angel said to the women, Do not be alarmed {and} frightened, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, Who was crucified.
Matt 28:6 He is not here; He has risen, as He said [He would do]. Come, see the place where He lay.
Matt 28:7 Then go quickly and tell His disciples, He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.
Matt 28:8 So they left the tomb hastily with fear and great joy and ran to tell the disciples.
Matt 28:9 And {as they went,} behold, Jesus met them and said, Hail (greetings)! And they went up to Him and clasped His feet and worshiped Him.
Matt 28:10 Then Jesus said to them, Do not be alarmed {and} afraid; go and tell My brethren to go into Galilee, and there they will see Me.
Matt 28:11 While they were on their way, behold, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had occurred.
Matt 28:12 And when they [the chief priests] had gathered with the elders and had consulted together, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers,
Matt 28:13 And said, Tell people, His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we were sleeping.
Matt 28:14 And if the governor hears of it, we will appease him and make you safe {and} free from trouble {and} care.
Matt 28:15 So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this story has been current among the Jews to the present day.
Matt 28:16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed {and} made appointment with them.
Matt 28:17 And when they saw Him, they fell down and worshiped Him; but some doubted.
Matt 28:18 Jesus approached and, breaking the silence, said to them, All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.
Matt 28:19 Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
Matt 28:20 Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you all the days (perpetually, uniformly, and on every occasion), to the [very] close {and} consummation of the age. {Amen (so let it be).}
Mark 1:1 THE BEGINNING [of the facts] of the good news (the Gospel) of Jesus Christ, {the Son of God.}
Mark 1:2 Just as it is written in the prophet Isaiah: Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will make ready Your way--
Mark 1:3 A voice of one crying in the wilderness [shouting in the desert], Prepare the way of the Lord, make His beaten tracks straight (level and passable)!
Mark 1:4 John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness (desert), preaching a baptism [obligating] repentance (a change of one's mind for the better, heartily amending one's ways, with abhorrence of his past sins) in order to obtain forgiveness of {and} release from sins.
Mark 1:5 And there kept going out to him [continuously] all the country of Judea and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, as they were confessing their sins.
Mark 1:6 And John wore clothing woven of camel's hair and had a leather girdle around his loins and ate locusts and wild honey.
Mark 1:7 And he preached, saying, After me comes He Who is stronger (more powerful and more valiant) than I, the strap of Whose sandals I am not worthy {or} fit to stoop down and unloose.
Mark 1:8 I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.
Mark 1:9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.
Mark 1:10 And when He came up out of the water, at once he [John] saw the heavens torn open and the [Holy] Spirit like a dove coming down [to enter] into Him.

Mark 1:11 And there came a voice out from within heaven, You are My Beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.
Mark 1:12 Immediately the [Holy] Spirit [from within] drove Him out into the wilderness (desert),
Mark 1:13 And He stayed in the wilderness (desert) forty days, being tempted [all the while] by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels ministered to Him [continually].
Mark 1:14 Now after John was arrested {and} put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the good news (the Gospel) {of the kingdom} of God,
Mark 1:15 And saying, The [appointed period of] time is fulfilled (completed), and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent (have a change of mind which issues in regret for past sins and in change of conduct for the better) and believe (trust in, rely on, and adhere to) the good news (the Gospel).
Mark 1:16 And passing along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon [Peter] and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net [to and fro] in the sea, for they were fishermen.
Mark 1:17 And Jesus said to them, Come after Me {and} be My disciples, and I will make you to become fishers of men.
Mark 1:18 And at once they left their nets and [yielding up all claim to them] followed [with] Him [joining Him as disciples and siding with His party].
Mark 1:19 He went on a little farther and saw James the {son} of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were in [their] boat putting their nets in order.
Mark 1:20 And immediately He called out to them, and [abandoning all mutual claims] they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and went off after Him [to be His disciples, side with His party, and follow Him].
Mark 1:21 And they entered into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He went into the synagogue and began to teach.
Mark 1:22 And they were completely astonished at His teaching, for He was teaching as One Who possessed authority, and not as the scribes.
Mark 1:23 Just at that time there was in their synagogue a man [who was in the power] of an unclean spirit; and now [immediately] he raised a deep {and} terrible cry from the depths of his throat, saying,
Mark 1:24 What have You to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are--the Holy One of God!
Mark 1:25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hush up (be muzzled, gagged), and come out of him!
Mark 1:26 And the unclean spirit, throwing the man into convulsions and screeching with a loud voice, came out of him.
Mark 1:27 And they were all so amazed {and} almost terrified that they kept questioning {and} demanding one of another, saying, What is this? What new (fresh) teaching! With authority He gives orders even to the unclean spirits and they obey Him!
Mark 1:28 And immediately rumors concerning Him spread [everywhere] throughout all the region surrounding Galilee.
Mark 1:29 And at once He left the synagogue and went into the house of Simon [Peter] and Andrew, accompanied by James and John.
Mark 1:30 Now Simon's mother-in-law had for some time been lying sick with a fever, and at once they told Him about her.
Mark 1:31 And He went up to her and took her by the hand and raised her up; and the fever left her, and she began to wait on them.
Mark 1:32 Now when it was evening, after the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those under the power of demons,
Mark 1:33 Until the whole town was gathered together about the door.
Mark 1:34 And He cured many who were afflicted with various diseases; and He drove out many demons, but would not allow the demons to talk because they knew Him [intuitively].
Mark 1:35 And in the morning, long before daylight, He got up and went out to a deserted place, and there He prayed.
Mark 1:36 And Simon [Peter] and those who were with him followed Him [pursuing Him eagerly and hunting Him out],
Mark 1:37 And they found Him and said to Him, Everybody is looking for You.
Mark 1:38 And He said to them, Let us be going on into the neighboring country towns, that I may preach there also; for that is why I came out.
Mark 1:39 [So] He went throughout the whole of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.
Mark 1:40 And a leper came to Him, begging Him on his knees and saying to Him, If You are willing, You are able to

make me clean.
Mark 1:41 And being moved with pity {and} sympathy, Jesus reached out His hand and touched him, and said to him, I am willing; be made clean!
Mark 1:42 And at once the leprosy [completely] left him and he was made clean [by being healed].
Mark 1:43 And Jesus charged him sternly (sharply and threateningly, and with earnest admonition) and [acting with deep feeling thrust him forth and] sent him away at once,
Mark 1:44 And said to him, See that you tell nothing [of this] to anyone; but begone, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your purification what Moses commanded, as a proof (an evidence and witness) to the people [that you are really healed].
Mark 1:45 But he went out and began to talk so freely about it and blaze abroad the news [spreading it everywhere] that [Jesus] could no longer openly go into a town but was outside in [lonely] desert places. But the people kept on coming to Him from all sides {and} every quarter.
Mark 2:1 AND JESUS having returned to Capernaum, after some days it was rumored about that He was in the house [probably Peter's].
Mark 2:2 And so many people gathered together there that there was no longer room [for them], not even around the door; and He was discussing the Word.
Mark 2:3 Then they came, bringing a paralytic to Him, who had been picked up {and} was being carried by four men.
Mark 2:4 And when they could not get him to a place in front of Jesus because of the throng, they dug through the roof above Him; and when they had scooped out an opening, they let down the [thickly padded] quilt {or} mat upon which the paralyzed man lay.
Mark 2:5 And when Jesus saw their faith [their confidence in God through Him], He said to the paralyzed man, Son, your sins are forgiven [you] {and} put away [that is, the penalty is remitted, the sense of guilt removed, and you are made upright and in right standing with God].
Mark 2:6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there, holding a dialogue with themselves as they questioned in their hearts,
Mark 2:7 Why does this Man talk like this? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins [remove guilt, remit the penalty, and bestow righteousness instead] except God alone?
Mark 2:8 And at once Jesus, becoming fully aware in His spirit that they thus debated within themselves, said to them, Why do you argue (debate, reason) about all this in your hearts?
Mark 2:9 Which is easier: to say to the paralyzed man, Your sins are forgiven {and} put away, or to say, Rise, take up your sleeping pad {or} mat, and start walking about [and keep on walking]?
Mark 2:10 But that you may know positively {and} beyond a doubt that the Son of Man has right {and} authority {and} power on earth to forgive sins--He said to the paralyzed man,
Mark 2:11 I say to you, arise, pick up {and} carry your sleeping pad {or} mat, and be going on home.
Mark 2:12 And he arose at once and picked up the sleeping pad {or} mat and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and recognized {and} praised {and} thanked God, saying, We have never seen anything like this before!
Mark 2:13 [Jesus] went out again along the seashore; and all the multitude kept gathering about Him, and He kept teaching them.
Mark 2:14 And as He was passing by, He saw Levi (Matthew) son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office, and He said to him, Follow Me! [Be joined to Me as a disciple, side with My party!] And he arose and joined Him as His disciple {and} sided with His party {and} accompanied Him.
Mark 2:15 And as Jesus, together with His disciples, sat at table in his [Levi's] house, many tax collectors and persons [definitely stained] with sin were dining with Him, for there were many who walked the same road (followed) with Him.
Mark 2:16 And the scribes [belonging to the party] of the Pharisees, when they saw that He was eating with [those definitely known to be especially wicked] sinners and tax collectors, said to His disciples, Why does He eat {and drink} with tax collectors and [notorious] sinners?
Mark 2:17 And when Jesus heard it, He said to them, Those who are strong {and} well have no need of a physician, but those who are weak {and} sick; I came not to call the righteous ones {to repentance,} but sinners (the erring ones and all those not free from sin).
Mark 2:18 Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were observing a fast; and [some people] came and asked Jesus, Why are John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fasting, but Your disciples are not doing so?
Mark 2:19 Jesus answered them, Can the wedding guests fast (abstain from food and drink) while the bridegroom is

with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.
Mark 2:20 But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and they will fast in that day.
Mark 2:21 No one sews a patch of unshrunken (new) goods on an old garment; if he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and the rent (tear) becomes bigger {and} worse [than it was before].
Mark 2:22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; if he does, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost and the bottles destroyed; but new wine is to be put in new (fresh) wineskins.
Mark 2:23 One Sabbath He was going along beside the fields of standing grain, and as they made their way, His disciples began to pick off the grains.
Mark 2:24 And the Pharisees said to Him, Look! Why are they doing what is not permitted {or} lawful on the Sabbath?
Mark 2:25 And He said to them, Have you never [even] read what David did when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were accompanying him?--
Mark 2:26 How he went into the house of God when Abiathar was the high priest, and ate the sacred loaves set forth [before God], which it is not permitted {or} lawful for any but the priests to eat, and [how he] also gave [them] to those who were with him? [I Sam. 21:1-6; II Sam. 8:17.]
Mark 2:27 And Jesus said to them, The Sabbath was made on account {and} for the sake of man, not man for the Sabbath;
Mark 2:28 So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.
Mark 3:1 AGAIN JESUS went into a synagogue, and a man was there who had one withered hand [as the result of accident or disease].
Mark 3:2 And [the Pharisees] kept watching Jesus [closely] to see whether He would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might get a charge to bring against Him [formally].
Mark 3:3 And He said to the man who had the withered hand, Get up [and stand here] in the midst.
Mark 3:4 And He said to them, Is it lawful {and} right on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to take it? But they kept silence.
Mark 3:5 And He glanced around at them with vexation {and} anger, grieved at the hardening of their hearts, and said to the man, Hold out your hand. He held it out, and his hand was [completely] restored.
Mark 3:6 Then the Pharisees went out and immediately held a consultation with the Herodians against Him, how they might [devise some means to] put Him to death.
Mark 3:7 And Jesus retired with His disciples to the lake, and a great throng from Galilee followed Him. Also from Judea
Mark 3:8 And from Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from about Tyre and Sidon--a vast multitude, hearing all the many things that He was doing, came to Him.
Mark 3:9 And He told His disciples to have a little boat in [constant] readiness for Him because of the crowd, lest they press hard upon Him {and} crush Him.
Mark 3:10 For He had healed so many that all who had distressing bodily diseases kept falling upon Him {and} pressing upon Him in order that they might touch Him.
Mark 3:11 And the spirits, the unclean ones, as often as they might see Him, fell down before Him and kept screaming out, You are the Son of God!
Mark 3:12 And He charged them strictly {and} severely under penalty again {and} again that they should not make Him known.
Mark 3:13 And He went up on the hillside and called to Him [for Himself] those whom He wanted {and} chose, and they came to Him.
Mark 3:14 And He appointed twelve to continue to be with Him, and that He might send them out to preach [as apostles or special messengers]
Mark 3:15 And to have authority {and} power to {heal the sick and to} drive out demons:
Mark 3:16 [They were] Simon, and He surnamed [him] Peter;
Mark 3:17 James son of Zebedee and John the brother of James, and He surnamed them Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder;
Mark 3:18 And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew (Nathaniel), and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus (Judas, not Iscariot), and Simon the Cananaean [also called Zelotes],
Mark 3:19 And Judas Iscariot, he who betrayed Him.
Mark 3:20 Then He went to a house [probably Peter's], but a throng came together again, so that Jesus and His disciples could not even take food.

Mark 3:21 And when those who belonged to Him (His kinsmen) heard it, they went out to take Him by force, for they kept saying, He is out of His mind (beside Himself, deranged)!
Mark 3:22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, He is possessed by Beelzebub, and, By [the help of] the prince of demons He is casting out demons.
Mark 3:23 And He summoned them to Him and said to them in parables (illustrations or comparisons put beside truths to explain them), How can Satan drive out Satan?
Mark 3:24 And if a kingdom is divided {and} rebelling against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.
Mark 3:25 And if a house is divided (split into factions and rebelling) against itself, that house will not be able to last.
Mark 3:26 And if Satan has raised an insurrection against himself and is divided, he cannot stand but is [surely] coming to an end.
Mark 3:27 But no one can go into a strong man's house and ransack his household goods right and left {and} seize them as plunder unless he first binds the strong man; then indeed he may [thoroughly] plunder his house.
Mark 3:28 Truly {and} solemnly I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever abusive {and} blasphemous things they utter;
Mark 3:29 But whoever speaks abusively against {or} maliciously misrepresents the Holy Spirit can never get forgiveness, but is guilty of {and} is in the grasp of an everlasting trespass.
Mark 3:30 For they persisted in saying, He has an unclean spirit.
Mark 3:31 Then His mother and His brothers came and, standing outside, they sent word to Him, calling [for] Him.
Mark 3:32 And a crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, Your mother and Your brothers {and Your sisters} are outside asking for You.
Mark 3:33 And He replied, Who are My mother and My brothers?
Mark 3:34 And looking around on those who sat in a circle about Him, He said, See! Here are My mother and My brothers;
Mark 3:35 For whoever does the things God wills is My brother and sister and mother!
Mark 4:1 AGAIN JESUS began to teach beside the lake. And a very great crowd gathered about Him, so that He got into a ship in order to sit in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was at the lakeside on the shore.
Mark 4:2 And He taught them many things in parables (illustrations or comparisons put beside truths to explain them), and in His teaching He said to them:
Mark 4:3 Give attention to this! Behold, a sower went out to sow.
Mark 4:4 And as he was sowing, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.
Mark 4:5 Other seed [of the same kind] fell on ground full of rocks, where it had not much soil; and at once it sprang up, because it had no depth of soil;
Mark 4:6 And when the sun came up, it was scorched, and because it had not taken root, it withered away.
Mark 4:7 Other seed [of the same kind] fell among thorn plants, and the thistles grew {and} pressed together {and} utterly choked {and} suffocated it, and it yielded no grain.
Mark 4:8 And other seed [of the same kind] fell into good (well-adapted) soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing, and yielded up to thirty times as much, and sixty times as much, and even a hundred times as much as had been sown.
Mark 4:9 And He said, He who has ears to hear, let him be hearing [and let him consider, and comprehend].
Mark 4:10 And as soon as He was alone, those who were around Him, with the Twelve [apostles], began to ask Him about the parables.
Mark 4:11 And He said to them, To you has been entrusted the mystery of the kingdom of God [that is, the secret counsels of God which are hidden from the ungodly]; but for those outside [of our circle] everything becomes a parable,
Mark 4:12 In order that they may [indeed] look {and} look but not see {and} perceive, and may hear {and} hear but not grasp {and} comprehend, lest haply they should turn again, and it [their willful rejection of the truth] should be forgiven them.
Mark 4:13 And He said to them, Do you not discern {and} understand this parable? How then is it possible for you to discern {and} understand all the parables?
Mark 4:14 The sower sows the Word.
Mark 4:15 The ones along the path are those who have the Word sown [in their hearts], but when they hear, Satan comes at once and [by force] takes away the message which is sown in them.
Mark 4:16 And in the same way the ones sown upon stony ground are those who, when they hear the Word, at once receive {and} accept {and} welcome it with joy;

Mark 4:17 And they have no real root in themselves, and so they endure for a little while; then when trouble or persecution arises on account of the Word, they immediately are offended (become displeased, indignant, resentful) {and} they stumble {and} fall away.
Mark 4:18 And the ones sown among the thorns are others who hear the Word;
Mark 4:19 Then the cares {and} anxieties of the world {and} distractions of the age, and the pleasure {and} delight {and} false glamour {and} deceitfulness of riches, and the craving {and} passionate desire for other things creep in and choke {and} suffocate the Word, and it becomes fruitless.
Mark 4:20 And those sown on the good (well-adapted) soil are the ones who hear the Word and receive {and} accept {and} welcome it and bear fruit--some thirty times as much as was sown, some sixty times as much, and some [even] a hundred times as much.
Mark 4:21 And He said to them, Is the lamp brought in to be put under a peck measure or under a bed, and not [to be put] on the lampstand?
Mark 4:22 [Things are hidden temporarily only as a means to revelation.] For there is nothing hidden except to be revealed, nor is anything [temporarily] kept secret except in order that it may be made known.
Mark 4:23 If any man has ears to hear, let him be listening {and} let him perceive {and} comprehend.
Mark 4:24 And He said to them, Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you--and more [besides] will be given to you {who hear.}
Mark 4:25 For to him who has will more be given; and from him who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away [by force],
Mark 4:26 And He said, The kingdom of God is like a man who scatters seed upon the ground,
Mark 4:27 And then continues sleeping and rising night and day while the seed sprouts and grows {and} increases--he knows not how.
Mark 4:28 The earth produces [acting] by itself--first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.
Mark 4:29 But when the grain is ripe {and} permits, immediately he sends forth [the reapers] {and} puts in the sickle, because the harvest stands ready.
Mark 4:30 And He said, With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use to illustrate {and} explain it?
Mark 4:31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all seeds upon the earth;
Mark 4:32 Yet after it is sown, it grows up and becomes the greatest of all garden herbs and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air are able to make nests {and} dwell in its shade.
Mark 4:33 With many such parables [Jesus] spoke the Word to them, as they were able to hear {and} to comprehend {and} understand.
Mark 4:34 He did not tell them anything without a parable; but privately to His disciples (those who were peculiarly His own) He explained everything [fully].
Mark 4:35 On that same day [when] evening had come, He said to them, Let us go over to the other side [of the lake].
Mark 4:36 And leaving the throng, they took Him with them, [just] as He was, in the boat [in which He was sitting]. And other boats were with Him.
Mark 4:37 And a furious storm of wind [of hurricane proportions] arose, and the waves kept beating into the boat, so that it was already becoming filled.
Mark 4:38 But He [Himself] was in the stern [of the boat], asleep on the [leather] cushion; and they awoke Him and said to Him, Master, do You not care that we are perishing?
Mark 4:39 And He arose and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, Hush now! Be still (muzzled)! And the wind ceased (sank to rest as if exhausted by its beating) and there was [immediately] a great calm (a perfect peacefulness).
Mark 4:40 He said to them, Why are you so timid {and} fearful? How is it that you have no faith (no firmly relying trust)?
Mark 4:41 And they were filled with great awe {and} feared exceedingly and said one to another, Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey Him?
Mark 5:1 THEY CAME to the other side of the sea to the region of the Gerasenes.
Mark 5:2 And as soon as He got out of the boat, there met Him out of the tombs a man [under the power] of an unclean spirit.
Mark 5:3 This man continually lived among the tombs, and no one could subdue him any more, even with a chain;
Mark 5:4 For he had been bound often with shackles for the feet and handcuffs, but the handcuffs of [light] chains he

wrenched apart, and the shackles he rubbed {and} ground together {and} broke in pieces; and no one had strength enough to restrain {or} tame him.
Mark 5:5 Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always shrieking {and} screaming and beating {and} bruising {and} cutting himself with stones.
Mark 5:6 And when from a distance he saw Jesus, he ran and fell on his knees before Him in homage,
Mark 5:7 And crying out with a loud voice, he said, What have You to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? [What is there in common between us?] I solemnly implore you by God, do not begin to torment me!
Mark 5:8 For Jesus was commanding, Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!
Mark 5:9 And He asked him, What is your name? He replied, My name is Legion, for we are many.
Mark 5:10 And he kept begging Him urgently not to send them [himself and the other demons] away out of that region.
Mark 5:11 Now a great herd of hogs was grazing there on the hillside.
Mark 5:12 And {the demons} begged Him, saying, Send us to the hogs, that we may go into them!
Mark 5:13 So He gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out [of the man] and entered into the hogs; and the herd, numbering about 2,000, rushed headlong down the steep slope into the sea and were drowned in the sea.
Mark 5:14 The hog feeders ran away, and told [it] in the town and in the country. And [the people] came to see what it was that had taken place.
Mark 5:15 And they came to Jesus and looked intently {and} searchingly at the man who had been a demoniac, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, [the same man] who had had the legion [of demons]; and they were seized with alarm {and} struck with fear.
Mark 5:16 And those who had seen it related in full what had happened to the man possessed by demons and to the hogs.
Mark 5:17 And they began to beg [Jesus] to leave their neighborhood.
Mark 5:18 And when He had stepped into the boat, the man who had been controlled by the unclean spirits kept begging Him that he might be with Him.
Mark 5:19 But Jesus refused to permit him, but said to him, Go home to your own [family and relatives and friends] and bring back word to them of how much the Lord has done for you, and [how He has] had sympathy for you {and} mercy on you.
Mark 5:20 And he departed and began to publicly proclaim in Decapolis [the region of the ten cities] how much Jesus had done for him, and all the people were astonished {and} marveled.
Mark 5:21 And when Jesus had recrossed in the boat to the other side, a great throng gathered about Him, and He was at the lakeshore.
Mark 5:22 Then one of the rulers of the synagogue came up, Jairus by name; and seeing Him, he prostrated himself at His feet
Mark 5:23 And begged Him earnestly, saying, My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, so that she may be healed {and} live.
Mark 5:24 And Jesus went with him; and a great crowd kept following Him and pressed Him from all sides [so as almost to suffocate Him].
Mark 5:25 And there was a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years,
Mark 5:26 And who had endured much suffering under [the hands of] many physicians and had spent all that she had, and was no better but instead grew worse.
Mark 5:27 She had heard the reports concerning Jesus, and she came up behind Him in the throng and touched His garment,
Mark 5:28 For she kept saying, If I only touch His garments, I shall be restored to health.
Mark 5:29 And immediately her flow of blood was dried up at the source, and [suddenly] she felt in her body that she was healed of her [distressing] ailment.
Mark 5:30 And Jesus, recognizing in Himself that the power proceeding from Him had gone forth, turned around immediately in the crowd and said, Who touched My clothes?
Mark 5:31 And the disciples kept saying to Him, You see the crowd pressing hard around You from all sides, and You ask, Who touched Me?
Mark 5:32 Still He kept looking around to see her who had done it.
Mark 5:33 But the woman, knowing what had been done for her, though alarmed {and} frightened and trembling, fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.
Mark 5:34 And He said to her, Daughter, your faith (your trust and confidence in Me, springing from faith in God) has

restored you to health. Go in (into) peace and be continually healed {and} freed from your [distressing bodily] disease.
Mark 5:35 While He was still speaking, there came some from the ruler's house, who said [to Jairus], Your daughter has died. Why bother {and} distress the Teacher any further?
Mark 5:36 {Overhearing} but ignoring what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, Do not be seized with alarm {and} struck with fear; only keep on believing.
Mark 5:37 And He permitted no one to accompany Him except Peter and James and John the brother of James.
Mark 5:38 When they arrived at the house of the ruler of the synagogue, He looked [carefully and with understanding] at [the] tumult and {the people} weeping and wailing loudly.
Mark 5:39 And when He had gone in, He said to them, Why do you make an uproar and weep? The little girl is not dead but is sleeping.
Mark 5:40 And they laughed {and} jeered at Him. But He put them all out, and, taking the child's father and mother and those who were with Him, He went in where the little girl was {lying.}
Mark 5:41 Gripping her [firmly] by the hand, He said to her, Talitha cumi--which translated is, Little girl, I say to you, arise [from the sleep of death]!
Mark 5:42 And instantly the girl got up and started walking around--for she was twelve years old. And they were utterly astonished {and} overcome with amazement.
Mark 5:43 And He strictly commanded {and} warned them that no one should know this, and He [expressly] told them to give her [something] to eat.
Mark 6:1 JESUS WENT away from there and came to His [own] country {and} hometown [Nazareth], and His disciples followed [with] Him.
Mark 6:2 And on the Sabbath He began to teach in the synagogue; and many who listened to Him were utterly astonished, saying, Where did this Man acquire all this? What is the wisdom [the broad and full intelligence which has been] given to Him? What mighty works {and} exhibitions of power are wrought by His hands!
Mark 6:3 Is not this the Carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not His sisters here among us? And they took offense at Him {and} were hurt [that is, they disapproved of Him, and it hindered them from acknowledging His authority] {and} they were caused to stumble {and} fall.
Mark 6:4 But Jesus said to them, A prophet is not without honor (deference, reverence) except in his [own] country and among [his] relatives and in his [own] house.
Mark 6:5 And He was not able to do even one work of power there, except that He laid His hands on a few sickly people [and] cured them.
Mark 6:6 And He marveled because of their unbelief (their lack of faith in Him). And He went about among the surrounding villages and continued teaching.
Mark 6:7 And He called to Him the Twelve [apostles] and began to send them out [as His ambassadors] two by two and gave them authority {and} power over the unclean spirits.
Mark 6:8 He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a walking stick--no bread, no wallet for a collection bag, no money in their belts (girdles, purses)--
Mark 6:9 But to go with sandals on their feet and not to put on two tunics (undergarments).
Mark 6:10 And He told them, Wherever you go into a house, stay there until you leave that place.
Mark 6:11 And if any community will not receive {and} accept {and} welcome you, and they refuse to listen to you, when you depart, shake off the dust that is on your feet, for a testimony against them. {Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the judgment day than for that town.}
Mark 6:12 So they went out and preached that men should repent [that they should change their minds for the better and heartily amend their ways, with abhorrence of their past sins].
Mark 6:13 And they drove out many unclean spirits and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.
Mark 6:14 King Herod heard of it, for [Jesus'] name had become well known. He {and} they [of his court] said, John the Baptist has been raised from the dead; that is why these mighty powers [of performing miracles] are at work in Him.
Mark 6:15 [But] others kept saying, It is Elijah! And others said, It is a prophet, like one of the prophets [of old].
Mark 6:16 But when Herod heard [of it], he said, [This very] John, whom I beheaded, has been raised [from the dead].
Mark 6:17 For [this] Herod himself had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he [Herod] had married her.
Mark 6:18 For John had told Herod, It is not lawful {and} you have no right to have your brother's wife.
Mark 6:19 And Herodias was angry (enraged) with him {and} held a grudge against him and wanted to kill him; but she could not,

Mark 6:20 For Herod had [a reverential] fear of John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and [continually] kept him safe [under guard]. When he heard , he was much perplexed; and [yet] he heard him gladly.
Mark 6:21 But an opportune time came [for Herodias] when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and the high military commanders and chief men of Galilee.
Mark 6:22 For when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced, she pleased {and} fascinated Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, Ask me for whatever you desire, and I will give it to you.
Mark 6:23 And he put himself under oath to her, Whatever you ask me, I will give it to you, even to the half of my kingdom.
Mark 6:24 Then she left the room and said to her mother, What shall I ask for [myself]? And she replied, The head of John the Baptist!
Mark 6:25 And she rushed back instantly to the king and requested, saying, I wish you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter.
Mark 6:26 And the king was deeply pained {and} grieved {and} exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests, he did not want to slight her [by breaking faith with her].
Mark 6:27 And immediately the king sent off one [of the soldiers] of his bodyguard and gave him orders to bring [John's] head. He went and beheaded him in the prison
Mark 6:28 And brought his head on a platter and handed it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother.
Mark 6:29 When his disciples learned of it, they came and took [John's] body and laid it in a tomb.
Mark 6:30 The apostles [sent out as missionaries] came back {and} gathered together to Jesus, and told Him all that they had done and taught.
Mark 6:31 And He said to them, [As for you] come away by yourselves to a deserted place, and rest a while--for many were [continually] coming and going, and they had not even leisure enough to eat.
Mark 6:32 And they went away in a boat to a solitary place by themselves.
Mark 6:33 Now many [people] saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the surrounding towns, and they got there ahead [of those in the boat].
Mark 6:34 As Jesus landed, He saw a great crowd waiting, and He was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.
Mark 6:35 And when the day was already far gone, His disciples came to Him and said, This is a desolate {and} isolated place, and the hour is now late.
Mark 6:36 Send the crowds away to go into the country and villages round about and buy themselves something to eat.
Mark 6:37 But He replied to them, Give them something to eat yourselves. And they said to Him, Shall we go and buy 200 denarii [about forty dollars] worth of bread and give it to them to eat? [II Kings 4:42-44.]
Mark 6:38 And He said to them, How many loaves do you have? Go and see. And when they [had looked and] knew, they said, Five [loaves] and two fish.
Mark 6:39 Then He commanded the people all to recline on the green grass by companies.
Mark 6:40 So they threw themselves down in ranks of hundreds and fifties [with the regularity of an arrangement of beds of herbs, looking like so many garden plots].
Mark 6:41 And taking the five loaves and two fish, He looked up to heaven and, praising God, gave thanks and broke the loaves and kept on giving them to the disciples to set before the people; and He [also] divided the two fish among [them] all.
Mark 6:42 And they all ate and were satisfied.
Mark 6:43 And they took up twelve [small hand] baskets full of broken pieces [from the loaves] and of the fish.
Mark 6:44 And those who ate the loaves were 5,000 men.
Mark 6:45 And at once He insisted that the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side to Bethsaida, while He was sending the throng away.
Mark 6:46 And after He had taken leave of them, He went off into the hills to pray.
Mark 6:47 Now when evening had come, the boat was out in the middle of the lake, and He was by Himself on the land.
Mark 6:48 And having seen that they were troubled {and} tormented in [their] rowing, for the wind was against them, about the fourth watch of the night [between 3:00-6:00 a.m.] He came to them, walking [directly] on the sea. And He acted as if He meant to pass by them,
Mark 6:49 But when they saw Him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and raised a [deep, throaty] shriek of terror.
Mark 6:50 For they all saw Him and were agitated (troubled and filled with fear and dread). But immediately He

talked with them and said, Take heart! I AM! Stop being alarmed {and} afraid.
Mark 6:51 And He went up into the boat with them, and the wind ceased (sank to rest as if exhausted by its own beating). And they were astonished exceedingly [beyond measure],
Mark 6:52 For they failed to consider {or} understand [the teaching and meaning of the miracle of] the loaves; [in fact] their hearts had grown callous [had become dull and had lost the power of understanding].
Mark 6:53 And when they had crossed over, they reached the land of Gennesaret and came to [anchor at] the shore.
Mark 6:54 As soon as they got out of the boat, [the people] recognized Him,
Mark 6:55 And they ran about the whole countryside, and began to carry around sick people on their sleeping pads {or} mats to any place where they heard that He was.
Mark 6:56 And wherever He came into villages or cities or the country, they would lay the sick in the marketplaces and beg Him that they might touch even the fringe of His outer garment, and as many as touched Him were restored to health.
Mark 7:1 NOW THERE gathered together to [Jesus] the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem,
Mark 7:2 For they had seen that some of His disciples ate with common hands, that is, unwashed [with hands defiled and unhallowed, because they had not given them a ceremonial washing]--
Mark 7:3 For the Pharisees and all of the Jews do not eat unless [merely for ceremonial reasons] they wash their hands [diligently up to the elbow] with clenched fist, adhering [carefully and faithfully] to the tradition of [practices and customs handed down to them by] their forefathers [to be observed].
Mark 7:4 And [when they come] from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they purify themselves; and there are many other traditions [oral, man-made laws handed down to them, which they observe faithfully and diligently, such as], the washing of cups and wooden pitchers and widemouthed jugs and utensils of copper and beds--
Mark 7:5 And the Pharisees and scribes kept asking [Jesus], Why do Your disciples not order their way of living according to the tradition handed down by the forefathers [to be observed], but eat with hands unwashed {and} ceremonially not purified?
Mark 7:6 But He said to them, Excellently {and} truly [so that there will be no room for blame] did Isaiah prophesy of you, the pretenders {and} hypocrites, as it stands written: These people [constantly] honor Me with their lips, but their hearts hold off {and} are far distant from Me.
Mark 7:7 In vain (fruitlessly and without profit) do they worship Me, ordering {and} teaching [to be obeyed] as doctrines the commandments {and} precepts of men.
Mark 7:8 You disregard {and} give up {and} ask to depart from you the commandment of God and cling to the tradition of men [keeping it carefully and faithfully].
Mark 7:9 And He said to them, You have a fine way of rejecting [thus thwarting and nullifying and doing away with] the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition (your own human regulations)!
Mark 7:10 For Moses said, Honor (revere with tenderness of feeling and deference) your father and your mother, and, He who curses {or} reviles {or} speaks evil of {or} abuses {or} treats improperly his father or mother, let him surely die.
Mark 7:11 But [as for you] you say, A man is exempt if he tells [his] father or [his] mother, What you would otherwise have gained from me [everything I have that would have been of use to you] is Corban, that is, is a gift [already given as an offering to God],
Mark 7:12 Then you no longer are permitting him to do anything for [his] father or mother [but are letting him off from helping them].
Mark 7:13 Thus you are nullifying {and} making void {and} of no effect [the authority of] the Word of God through your tradition, which you [in turn] hand on. And many things of this kind you are doing.
Mark 7:14 And He called the people to [Him] again and said to them, Listen to Me, all of you, and understand [what I say].
Mark 7:15 There is not [even] one thing outside a man which by going into him can pollute {and} defile him; but the things which come out of a man are what defile him {and} make him unhallowed {and} unclean.
Mark 7:16 {If any man has ears to hear, let him be listening [and let him perceive and comprehend by hearing].
Mark 7:17 And when He had left the crowd and had gone into the house, His disciples began asking Him about the parable.
Mark 7:18 And He said to them, Then are you also unintelligent {and} dull {and} without understanding? Do you not discern {and} see that whatever goes into a man from the outside cannot make him unhallowed {or} unclean,
Mark 7:19 Since it does not reach {and} enter his heart but [only his] digestive tract, and so passes on [into the place

designed to receive waste]? Thus He was making {and} declaring all foods [ceremonially] clean [that is, abolishing the ceremonial distinctions of the Levitical Law].
Mark 7:20 And He said, What comes out of a man is what makes a man unclean {and} renders [him] unhallowed.
Mark 7:21 For from within, [that is] out of the hearts of men, come base {and} wicked thoughts, sexual immorality, stealing, murder, adultery,
Mark 7:22 Coveting (a greedy desire to have more wealth), dangerous {and} destructive wickedness, deceit; unrestrained (indecent) conduct; an evil eye (envy), slander (evil speaking, malicious misrepresentation, abusiveness), pride (the sin of an uplifted heart against God and man), foolishness (folly, lack of sense, recklessness, thoughtlessness).
Mark 7:23 All these evil [purposes and desires] come from within, and they make the man unclean {and} render him unhallowed.
Mark 7:24 And Jesus arose and went away from there to the region of Tyre {and Sidon.} And He went into a house and did not want anyone to know [that He was there]; but it was not possible for Him to be hidden [from public notice].
Mark 7:25 Instead, at once, a woman whose little daughter had (was under the control of) an unclean spirit heard about Him and came and flung herself down at His feet.
Mark 7:26 Now the woman was a Greek (Gentile), a Syrophoenician by nationality. And she kept begging Him to drive the demon out of her little daughter.
Mark 7:27 And He said to her, First let the children be fed, for it is not becoming {or} proper {or} right to take the children's bread and throw it to the [little house] dogs.
Mark 7:28 But she answered Him, Yes, Lord, yet even the small pups under the table eat the little children's scraps of food.
Mark 7:29 And He said to her, Because of this saying, you may go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter [permanently].
Mark 7:30 And she went home and found the child thrown on the couch, and the demon departed.
Mark 7:31 Soon after this, Jesus, coming back from the region of Tyre, passed through Sidon on to the Sea of Galilee, through the region of Decapolis [the ten cities].
Mark 7:32 And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had difficulty in speaking, and they begged Jesus to place His hand upon him.
Mark 7:33 And taking him aside from the crowd [privately], He thrust His fingers into the man's ears and spat and touched his tongue;
Mark 7:34 And looking up to heaven, He sighed as He said, Ephphatha, which means, Be opened!
Mark 7:35 And his ears were opened, his tongue was loosed, and he began to speak distinctly {and} as he should.
Mark 7:36 And Jesus [in His own interest] admonished {and} ordered them sternly {and} expressly to tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.
Mark 7:37 And they were overwhelmingly astonished, saying, He has done everything excellently (commendably and nobly)! He even makes the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak!
Mark 8:1 IN THOSE days when [again] an immense crowd had gathered and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to Him and told them,
Mark 8:2 I have pity {and} sympathy for the people {and} My heart goes out to them, for they have been with Me now three days and have nothing [left] to eat;
Mark 8:3 And if I send them away to their homes hungry, they will be feeble through exhaustion {and} faint along the road; and some of them have come a long way.
Mark 8:4 And His disciples replied to Him, How can anyone fill {and} satisfy [these people] with loaves of bread here in [this] desolate {and} uninhabited region?
Mark 8:5 And He asked them, How many loaves have you? They said, Seven.
Mark 8:6 And He commanded the multitude to recline upon the ground, and He [then] took the seven loaves [of bread] and, having given thanks, He broke them and kept on giving them to His disciples to put before [the people], and they placed them before the crowd.
Mark 8:7 And they had a few small fish; and when He had praised God {and} given thanks {and} asked Him to bless them [to their use], He ordered that these also should be set before [them].
Mark 8:8 And they ate and were satisfied; and they took up seven [large provision] baskets full of the broken pieces left over.
Mark 8:9 And there were about 4,000 people. And He dismissed them,

Mark 8:10 And at once He got into the boat with His disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha (or Magdala).
Mark 8:11 The Pharisees came and began to argue with {and} question Him, demanding from Him a sign (an attesting miracle from heaven) [maliciously] to test Him.
Mark 8:12 And He groaned {and} sighed deeply in His spirit and said, Why does this generation demand a sign? Positively I say to you, no sign shall be given this generation.
Mark 8:13 And He went away {and} left them and, getting into the boat again, He departed to the other side.
Mark 8:14 Now they had [completely] forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat.
Mark 8:15 And Jesus [repeatedly and expressly] charged {and} admonished them, saying, Look out; keep on your guard {and} beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod {and the Herodians}.
Mark 8:16 And they discussed it {and} reasoned with one another, It is because we have no bread.
Mark 8:17 And being aware [of it], Jesus said to them, Why are you reasoning {and} saying it is because you have no bread? Do you not yet discern or understand? Are your hearts in [a settled state of] hardness?
Mark 8:18 Having eyes, do you not see [with them], and having ears, do you not hear {and} perceive {and} understand the sense of what is said? And do you not remember?
Mark 8:19 When I broke the five loaves for the 5,000, how many [small hand] baskets full of broken pieces did you take up? They said to Him, Twelve.
Mark 8:20 And [when I broke] the seven loaves for the 4,000, how many [large provision] baskets full of broken pieces did you take up? And they said to Him, Seven.
Mark 8:21 And He kept repeating, Do you not yet understand?
Mark 8:22 And they came to Bethsaida. And [people] brought to Him a blind man and begged Him to touch him.
Mark 8:23 And He caught the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands upon him, He asked him, Do you [possibly] see anything?
Mark 8:24 And he looked up and said, I see people, but [they look] like trees, walking.
Mark 8:25 Then He put His hands on his eyes again; and the man looked intently [that is, fixed his eyes on definite objects], and he was restored and saw everything distinctly [even what was at a distance].
Mark 8:26 And He sent him away to his house, telling [him], Do not [even] enter the village {or tell anyone there.}
Mark 8:27 And Jesus went on with His disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way He asked His disciples, Who do people say that I am?
Mark 8:28 And they answered [Him], John the Baptist; and others [say], Elijah; but others, one of the prophets.
Mark 8:29 And He asked them, But who do you yourselves say that I am? Peter replied to Him, You are the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
Mark 8:30 And He charged them sharply to tell no one about Him.
Mark 8:31 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must of necessity suffer many things and be tested {and} disapproved {and} rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be put to death, and after three days rise again [from death].
Mark 8:32 And He said this freely (frankly, plainly, and explicitly, making it unmistakable). And Peter took Him by the hand {and} led Him aside and then [facing Him] began to rebuke Him.
Mark 8:33 But turning around [His back to Peter] and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, Get behind Me, Satan! For you do not have a mind intent on promoting what God wills, but what pleases men [you are not on God's side, but that of men].
Mark 8:34 And Jesus called [to Him] the throng with His disciples and said to them, If anyone intends to come after Me, let him deny himself [forget, ignore, disown, and lose sight of himself and his own interests] and take up his cross, and [joining Me as a disciple and siding with My party] follow with Me [continually, cleaving steadfastly to Me].
Mark 8:35 For whoever wants to save his [higher, spiritual, eternal] life, will lose it [the lower, natural, temporal life which is lived only on earth]; and whoever gives up his life [which is lived only on earth] for My sake and the Gospel's will save it [his higher, spiritual life in the eternal kingdom of God].
Mark 8:36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his life [in the eternal kingdom of God]?
Mark 8:37 For what can a man give as an exchange (a compensation, a ransom, in return) for his [blessed] life [in the eternal kingdom of God]?
Mark 8:38 For whoever is ashamed [here and now] of Me and My words in this adulterous (unfaithful) and [preeminently] sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory (splendor and majesty) of His Father with the holy angels.
Mark 9:1 AND JESUS said to them, Truly {and} solemnly I say to you, there are some standing here who will in no way taste death before they see the kingdom of God come in [its] power.

Mark 9:2 Six days after this, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves. And He was transfigured before them {and} became resplendent with divine brightness.
Mark 9:3 And His garments became glistening, intensely white, as no fuller (cloth dresser, launderer) on earth could bleach them.
Mark 9:4 And Elijah appeared [there] to them, accompanied by Moses, and they were holding [a protracted] conversation with Jesus.
Mark 9:5 And Peter took up the conversation, saying, Master, it is good {and} suitable {and} beautiful for us to be here. Let us make three booths (tents)--one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah.
Mark 9:6 For he did not [really] know what to say, for they were in a violent fright (aghast with dread).
Mark 9:7 And a cloud threw a shadow upon them, and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the [most dearworthy] Beloved One. Be constantly listening to {and} obeying Him!
Mark 9:8 And looking around, they suddenly no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus only.
Mark 9:9 And as they were coming back down the mountain, He admonished {and} expressly ordered them to tell no one what they had seen until the Son of Man should rise from among the dead.
Mark 9:10 So they carefully {and} faithfully kept the matter to themselves, questioning {and} disputing with one another about what rising from among the dead meant.
Mark 9:11 And they asked Him, Why do the scribes say that it is necessary for Elijah to come first?
Mark 9:12 And He said to them, Elijah, it is true, does come first to restore all things {and} set them to rights. And how is it written of the Son of Man that He will suffer many things {and} be utterly despised {and} be treated with contempt {and} rejected?
Mark 9:13 But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and [people] did to him whatever they desired, as it is written of him.
Mark 9:14 And when they came to the [nine] disciples, they saw a great crowd around them and scribes questioning {and} disputing with them.
Mark 9:15 And immediately all the crowd, when they saw Jesus [returning from the holy mount, His face and person yet glistening], they were greatly amazed and ran up to Him [and] greeted Him.
Mark 9:16 And He asked them, About what are you questioning {and} discussing with them?
Mark 9:17 And one of the throng replied to Him, Teacher, I brought my son to You, for he has a dumb spirit.
Mark 9:18 And wherever it lays hold of him [so as to make him its own], it dashes him down {and} convulses him, and he foams [at the mouth] and grinds his teeth, {and} he [falls into a motionless stupor and] is wasting away. And I asked Your disciples to drive it out, and they were not able [to do it].
Mark 9:19 And He answered them, O unbelieving generation [without any faith]! How long shall I [have to do] with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me.
Mark 9:20 So they brought [the boy] to Him, and when the spirit saw Him, at once it completely convulsed the boy, and he fell to the ground and kept rolling about, foaming [at the mouth].
Mark 9:21 And [Jesus] asked his father, How long has he had this? And he answered, From the time he was a little boy.
Mark 9:22 And it has often thrown him both into fire and into water, intending to kill him. But if You can do anything, do have pity on us and help us.
Mark 9:23 And Jesus said, [You say to Me], If You can do anything? [Why,] all things can be (are possible) to him who believes!
Mark 9:24 At once the father of the boy gave [an eager, piercing, inarticulate] cry {with tears,} and he said, Lord, I believe! [Constantly] help my weakness of faith!
Mark 9:25 But when Jesus noticed that a crowd [of people] came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, You dumb and deaf spirit, I charge you to come out of him and never go into him again.
Mark 9:26 And after giving a [hoarse, clamoring, fear-stricken] shriek of anguish and convulsing him terribly, it came out; and the boy lay [pale and motionless] like a corpse, so that many of them said, He is dead.
Mark 9:27 But Jesus took [a strong grip of] his hand and began lifting him up, and he stood.
Mark 9:28 And when He had gone indoors, His disciples asked Him privately, Why could not we drive it out?
Mark 9:29 And He replied to them, This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer {and fasting.}
Mark 9:30 They went on from there and passed along through Galilee. And He did not wish to have anyone know it,
Mark 9:31 For He was [engaged for the time being in] teaching His disciples. He said to them, The Son of Man is being delivered into the hands of men, and they will put Him to death; and when He has been killed, after three days He will rise [from death].

Mark 9:32 But they did not comprehend what He was saying, and they were afraid to ask Him [what this statement meant].
Mark 9:33 And they arrived at Capernaum; and when [they were] in the house, He asked them, What were you discussing {and} arguing about on the road?
Mark 9:34 But they kept still, for on the road they had discussed {and} disputed with one another as to who was the greatest.
Mark 9:35 And He sat down and called the Twelve [apostles], and He said to them, If anyone desires to be first, he must be last of all, and servant of all.
Mark 9:36 And He took a little child and put him in the center of their group; and taking him in [His] arms, He said to them,
Mark 9:37 Whoever in My name {and} for My sake accepts {and} receives {and} welcomes one such child also accepts {and} receives {and} welcomes Me; and whoever so receives Me receives not only Me but Him Who sent Me.
Mark 9:38 John said to Him, Teacher, we saw a man who does not follow along with us driving out demons in Your name, and we forbade him to do it, because he is not one of our band [of Your disciples].
Mark 9:39 But Jesus said, Do not restrain {or} hinder {or} forbid him; for no one who does a mighty work in My name will soon afterward be able to speak evil of Me.
Mark 9:40 For he who is not against us is for us.
Mark 9:41 For I tell you truly, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to {and} bear the name of Christ will by no means fail to get his reward.
Mark 9:42 And whoever causes one of these little ones (these believers) who acknowledge {and} cleave to Me to stumble {and} sin, it would be better (more profitable and wholesome) for him if a [huge] millstone were hung about his neck, and he were thrown into the sea.
Mark 9:43 And if your hand puts a stumbling block before you {and} causes you to sin, cut it off! It is more profitable {and} wholesome for you to go into life [that is really worthwhile] maimed than with two hands to go to hell (Gehenna), into the fire that cannot be put out.
Mark 9:45 And if your foot is a cause of stumbling {and} sin to you, cut it off! It is more profitable {and} wholesome for you to enter into life [that is really worthwhile] crippled than, having two feet, to be cast into hell (Gehenna).
Mark 9:47 And if your eye causes you to stumble {and} sin, pluck it out! It is more profitable {and} wholesome for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell (Gehenna),
Mark 9:48 Where their worm [which preys on the inhabitants and is a symbol of the wounds inflicted on the man himself by his sins] does not die, and the fire is not put out.
Mark 9:49 For everyone shall be salted with fire.
Mark 9:50 Salt is good (beneficial), but if salt has lost its saltness, how will you restore [the saltness to] it? Have salt within yourselves, and be at peace {and} live in harmony with one another.
Mark 10:1 AND [Jesus] left there [Capernaum] and went to the region of Judea and beyond [east of] the Jordan; and crowds [constantly] gathered around Him again, and as was His custom, He began to teach them again.
Mark 10:2 And some Pharisees came up, and, in order to test Him {and} try to find a weakness in Him, asked, Is it lawful for a man to dismiss {and} repudiate {and} divorce his wife?
Mark 10:3 He answered them, What did Moses command you?
Mark 10:4 They replied, Moses allowed a man to write a bill of divorce and to put her away.
Mark 10:5 But Jesus said to them, Because of your hardness of heart [your condition of insensibility to the call of God] he wrote you this precept in your Law.
Mark 10:6 But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female.
Mark 10:7 For this reason a man shall leave [behind] his father and his mother {and be} {joined to his wife and cleave closely to her permanently,}
Mark 10:8 And the two shall become one flesh, so that they are no longer two, but one flesh.
Mark 10:9 What therefore God has united (joined together), let not man separate {or} divide.
Mark 10:10 And indoors the disciples questioned Him again about this subject.
Mark 10:11 And He said to them, Whoever dismisses (repudiates and divorces) his wife and marries another commits adultery against her;
Mark 10:12 And if a woman dismisses (repudiates and divorces) her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.
Mark 10:13 And they kept bringing young children to Him that He might touch them, and the disciples were reproving

them [for it].
Mark 10:14 But when Jesus saw [it], He was indignant {and} pained and said to them, Allow the children to come to Me--do not forbid {or} prevent {or} hinder them--for to such belongs the kingdom of God.
Mark 10:15 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive {and} accept {and} welcome the kingdom of God like a little child [does] positively shall not enter it at all.
Mark 10:16 And He took them [the children up one by one] in His arms and [fervently invoked a] blessing, placing His hands upon them.
Mark 10:17 And as He was setting out on His journey, a man ran up and knelt before Him and asked Him, Teacher, [You are essentially and perfectly morally] good, what must I do to inherit eternal life [that is, to partake of eternal salvation in the Messiah's kingdom]?
Mark 10:18 And Jesus said to him, Why do you call Me [essentially and perfectly morally] good? There is no one [essentially and perfectly morally] good--except God alone.
Mark 10:19 You know the commandments: Do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.
Mark 10:20 And he replied to Him, Teacher, I have carefully guarded {and} observed all these {and} taken care not to violate them from my boyhood.
Mark 10:21 And Jesus, looking upon him, loved him, and He said to him, You lack one thing; go and sell all you have and give [the money] to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come [and] accompany Me [walking the same road that I walk].
Mark 10:22 At that saying the man's countenance fell {and} was gloomy, and he went away grieved {and} sorrowing, for he was holding great possessions.
Mark 10:23 And Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, With what difficulty will those who possess wealth {and} keep on holding it enter the kingdom of God!
Mark 10:24 And the disciples were amazed {and} bewildered {and} perplexed at His words. But Jesus said to them again, Children, how hard it is {for those who trust (place their confidence, their sense of safety) in riches} to enter the kingdom of God!
Mark 10:25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.
Mark 10:26 And they were shocked {and} exceedingly astonished, and said to Him {and} {to one another}, Then who can be saved?
Mark 10:27 Jesus glanced around at them and said, With men [it is] impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.
Mark 10:28 Peter started to say to Him, Behold, we have yielded up {and} abandoned everything [once and for all and joined You as Your disciples, siding with Your party] and accompanied You [walking the same road that You walk].
Mark 10:29 Jesus said, Truly I tell you, there is no one who has given up {and} left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for My sake and for the Gospel's
Mark 10:30 Who will not receive a hundred times as much now in this time--houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions--and in the age to come, eternal life.
Mark 10:31 But many [who are now] first will be last [then], and many [who are now] last will be first [then].
Mark 10:32 They were on the way going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking on in front of them; and they were bewildered {and} perplexed {and} greatly astonished, and those [who were still] following were seized with alarm {and} were afraid. And He took the Twelve [apostles] again and began to tell them what was about to happen to Him,
Mark 10:33 [Saying], Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be turned over to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will condemn {and} sentence Him to death and turn Him over to the Gentiles.
Mark 10:34 And they will mock Him and spit on Him, and whip Him and put Him to death; but after three days He will rise again [from death].
Mark 10:35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Him and said to Him, Teacher, we desire You to do for us whatever we ask of You.
Mark 10:36 And He replied to them, What do you desire Me to do for you?
Mark 10:37 And they said to Him, Grant that we may sit, one at Your right hand and one at [Your] left hand, in Your glory (Your majesty and splendor).
Mark 10:38 But Jesus said to them, You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism [of affliction] with which I am baptized?
Mark 10:39 And they replied to Him, We are able. And Jesus told them, The cup that I drink you will drink, and you will be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized,

Mark 10:40 But to sit at My right hand or at My left hand is not Mine to give; but [it will be given to those] for whom it is ordained {and} prepared.
Mark 10:41 And when the other ten [apostles] heard it, they began to be indignant with James and John.
Mark 10:42 But Jesus called them to [Him] and said to them, You know that those who are recognized as governing {and} are supposed to rule the Gentiles (the nations) lord it over them [ruling with absolute power, holding them in subjection], and their great men exercise authority {and} dominion over them.
Mark 10:43 But this is not to be so among you; instead, whoever desires to be great among you must be your servant,
Mark 10:44 And whoever wishes to be most important {and} first in rank among you must be slave of all.
Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man came not to have service rendered to Him, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for (instead of) many.
Mark 10:46 Then they came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, a son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside.
Mark 10:47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, saying, Jesus, Son of David, have pity {and} mercy on me [now]!
Mark 10:48 And many severely censured {and} reproved him, telling him to keep still, but he kept on shouting out all the more, You Son of David, have pity {and} mercy on me [now]!
Mark 10:49 And Jesus stopped and said, Call him. And they called the blind man, telling him, Take courage! Get up! He is calling you.
Mark 10:50 And throwing off his outer garment, he leaped up and came to Jesus.
Mark 10:51 And Jesus said to him, What do you want Me to do for you? And the blind man said to Him, Master, let me receive my sight.
Mark 10:52 And Jesus said to him, Go your way; your faith has healed you. And at once he received his sight and accompanied Jesus on the road.
Mark 11:1 WHEN THEY were getting near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, He sent ahead two of His disciples
Mark 11:2 And instructed them, Go into the village in front of you, and as soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied, which has never been ridden by anyone; unfasten it and bring it [here].
Mark 11:3 If anyone asks you, Why are you doing this? answer, The Lord needs it, and He will send it back here presently.
Mark 11:4 So they went away and found a colt tied at the door out in the [winding] open street, and they loosed it.
Mark 11:5 And some who were standing there said to them, What are you doing, untying the colt?
Mark 11:6 And they replied as Jesus had directed them, and they allowed them to go.
Mark 11:7 And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their outer garments upon it, and He sat on it.
Mark 11:8 And many [of the people] spread their garments on the road, and others [scattered a layer of] leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.
Mark 11:9 And those who went before and those who followed cried out [with a cry of happiness], Hosanna! [Be graciously inclined and propitious to Him!] Praised {and} blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!
Mark 11:10 Praised {and} blessed {in the name of the Lord} is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna (O save us) in the highest [heaven]!
Mark 11:11 And Jesus went into Jerusalem and entered the temple [enclosure]; and when He had looked around, surveying {and} observing everything, as it was already late, He went out to Bethany together with the Twelve [apostles].
Mark 11:12 On the day following, when they had come away from Bethany, He was hungry.
Mark 11:13 And seeing in the distance a fig tree [covered] with leaves, He went to see if He could find any [fruit] on it [for in the fig tree the fruit appears at the same time as the leaves]. But when He came up to it, He found nothing but leaves, for the fig season had not yet come.
Mark 11:14 And He said to it, No one ever again shall eat fruit from you. And His disciples were listening [to what He said].
Mark 11:15 And they came to Jerusalem. And He went into the temple [area, the porches and courts] and began to drive out those who sold and bought in the temple area, and He overturned the [four-footed] tables of the money changers and the seats of those who dealt in doves;
Mark 11:16 And He would not permit anyone to carry any household equipment through the temple enclosure [thus making the temple area a short-cut traffic lane].
Mark 11:17 And He taught and said to them, Is it not written, My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the

nations? But you have turned it into a den of robbers.
Mark 11:18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard [of this] and kept seeking some way to destroy Him, for they feared Him, because the entire multitude was struck with astonishment at His teaching.
Mark 11:19 And when evening came on, {He and His disciples}, as accustomed, went out of the city.
Mark 11:20 In the morning, when they were passing along, they noticed that the fig tree was withered [completely] away to its roots.
Mark 11:21 And Peter remembered and said to Him, Master, look! The fig tree which You doomed has withered away!
Mark 11:22 And Jesus, replying, said to them, Have faith in God [constantly].
Mark 11:23 Truly I tell you, whoever says to this mountain, Be lifted up and thrown into the sea! and does not doubt at all in his heart but believes that what he says will take place, it will be done for him.
Mark 11:24 For this reason I am telling you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe (trust and be confident) that it is granted to you, and you will [get it].
Mark 11:25 And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him {and} let it drop (leave it, let it go), in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings {and} shortcomings {and} let them drop.
Mark 11:26 {But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your failings and shortcomings.}
Mark 11:27 And they came again to Jerusalem. And when Jesus was walking about in the [courts and porches of the] temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to Him,
Mark 11:28 And they kept saying to Him, By what [sort of] authority are You doing these things, or who gave You this authority to do them?
Mark 11:29 Jesus told them, I will ask you a question. Answer Me, and then I will tell you by what [sort of] authority I do these things.
Mark 11:30 Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men? Answer Me.
Mark 11:31 And they reasoned {and} argued with one another, If we say, From heaven, He will say, Why then did you not believe him?
Mark 11:32 But [on the other hand] can we say, From men? For they were afraid of the people, because everybody considered {and} held John actually to be a prophet.
Mark 11:33 So they replied to Jesus, We do not know. And Jesus said to them, Neither am I going to tell you what [sort of] authority I have for doing these things.
Mark 12:1 AND [Jesus] started to speak to them in parables [with comparisons and illustrations]. A man planted a vineyard and put a hedge around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower and let it out [for rent] to vinedressers and went into another country.
Mark 12:2 When the season came, he sent a bond servant to the tenants to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard.
Mark 12:3 But they took him and beat him and sent him away without anything.
Mark 12:4 Again he sent to them another bond servant, and they {stoned him and} wounded him in the head and treated him shamefully [sending him away with insults].
Mark 12:5 And he sent another, and that one they killed; then many others--some they beat, and some they put to death.
Mark 12:6 He had still one left [to send], a beloved son; last of all he sent him to them, saying, They will respect my son.
Mark 12:7 But those tenants said to one another, Here is the heir; come on, let us put him to death, and [then] the inheritance will be ours.
Mark 12:8 And they took him and killed him, and threw [his body] outside the vineyard.
Mark 12:9 Now what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants, and give the vineyard to others.
Mark 12:10 Have you not even read this [passage of] Scripture: The very Stone which [after putting It to the test] the builders rejected has become the Head of the corner [Cornerstone];
Mark 12:11 This is from the Lord {and} is His doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?
Mark 12:12 And they were trying to get hold of Him, but they were afraid of the people, for they knew that He spoke this parable with reference to {and} against them. So they left Him and departed.
Mark 12:13 But they sent some of the Pharisees and of the Herodians to Him for the purpose of entrapping Him in His speech.
Mark 12:14 And they came up and said to Him, Teacher, we know that You are sincere {and} what You profess to be,

that You cannot lie, {and} that You have no personal bias for anyone; for You are not influenced by partiality {and} have no regard for anyone's external condition {or} position, but in [and on the basis of] truth You teach the way of God. Is it lawful (permissible and right) to give tribute (poll taxes) to Caesar or not?
Mark 12:15 Should we pay [them] or should we not pay [them]? But knowing their hypocrisy, He asked them, Why do you put Me to the test? Bring Me a coin (a denarius), so I may see it.
Mark 12:16 And they brought [Him one]. Then He asked them, Whose image (picture) is this? And whose superscription (title)? They said to Him, Caesar's.
Mark 12:17 Jesus said to them, Pay to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. And they stood marveling {and} greatly amazed at Him.
Mark 12:18 And [some] Sadducees came to Him, [of that party] who say there is no resurrection, and they asked Him a question, saying,
Mark 12:19 Teacher, Moses gave us [a law] that if a man's brother died, leaving a wife but no child, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother.
Mark 12:20 Now there were seven brothers; the first one took a wife and died, leaving no children.
Mark 12:21 And the second [brother] married her, and died, leaving no children; and the third did the same;
Mark 12:22 And all seven, leaving no children. Last of all, the woman died also.
Mark 12:23 Now in the resurrection, whose wife will she be? For the seven were married to her.
Mark 12:24 Jesus said to them, Is not this where you wander out of the way {and} go wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God?
Mark 12:25 For when they arise from among the dead, [men] do not marry nor are [women] given in marriage, but are like the angels in heaven.
Mark 12:26 But concerning the dead being raised--have you not read in the book of Moses, [in the passage] about the [burning] bush, how God said to him, I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob?
Mark 12:27 He is not the God of [the] dead, but of [the] living! You are very wrong.
Mark 12:28 Then one of the scribes came up and listened to them disputing with one another, and, noticing that Jesus answered them fitly {and} admirably, he asked Him, Which commandment is first {and} most important of all [in its nature]?
Mark 12:29 Jesus answered, The first {and} principal {one of all commands} is: Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord;
Mark 12:30 And you shall love the Lord your God out of {and} with your whole heart and out of {and} with all your soul (your life) and out of {and} with all your mind (with your faculty of thought and your moral understanding) and out of {and} with all your strength. {This is the first and principal commandment.}
Mark 12:31 The second {is like it and} is this, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.
Mark 12:32 And the scribe said to Him, Excellently {and} fitly {and} admirably answered, Teacher! You have said truly that He is One, and there is no other but Him;
Mark 12:33 And to love Him out of {and} with all the heart and with all the understanding [with the faculty of quick apprehension and intelligence and keenness of discernment] and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. [I Sam. 15:22; Hos. 6:6; Mic. 6:6-8; Heb. 10:8.]
Mark 12:34 And when Jesus saw that he answered intelligently (discreetly and having his wits about him), He said to him, You are not far from the kingdom of God. And after that no one ventured {or} dared to ask Him any further question.
Mark 12:35 And as Jesus taught in [a porch or court of] the temple, He said, How can the scribes say that the Christ is David's Son?
Mark 12:36 David himself, [inspired] in the Holy Spirit, declared, The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies [a footstool] under Your feet.
Mark 12:37 David himself calls Him Lord; so how can it be that He is his Son? Now the great mass of the people heard [Jesus] gladly [listening to Him with delight].
Mark 12:38 And in [the course of] His teaching, He said, Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and [to get] greetings in the marketplaces [public forums],
Mark 12:39 And [have] the front seats in the synagogues and the chief couches (places of honor) at feasts,
Mark 12:40 Who devour widows' houses and to cover it up make long prayers. They will receive the heavier [sentence of] condemnation.

Mark 12:41 And He sat down opposite the treasury and saw how the crowd was casting money into the treasury. Many rich [people] were throwing in large sums.
Mark 12:42 And a widow who was poverty-stricken came and put in two copper mites [the smallest of coins], which together make half of a cent.
Mark 12:43 And He called His disciples [to Him] and said to them, Truly {and} surely I tell you, this widow, [she who is] poverty-stricken, has put in more than all those contributing to the treasury.
Mark 12:44 For they all threw in out of their abundance; but she, out of her deep poverty, has put in everything that she had--[even] all she had on which to live.
Mark 13:1 AND AS [Jesus] was coming out of the temple [area], one of His disciples said to Him, Look, Teacher! Notice the sort {and} quality of these stones and buildings!
Mark 13:2 And Jesus replied to him, You see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be loosened {and} torn down.
Mark 13:3 And as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple [enclosure], Peter and James and John and Andrew asked Him privately,
Mark 13:4 Tell us when is this to take place and what will be the sign when these things, all [of them], are about to be accomplished?
Mark 13:5 And Jesus began to tell them, Be careful {and} watchful that no one misleads you [about it].
Mark 13:6 Many will come in [appropriating to themselves] the name [of Messiah] which belongs to Me [basing their claims on the use of My name], saying, I am [He]! And they will mislead many.
Mark 13:7 And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not get alarmed (troubled and frightened); it is necessary [that these things] take place, but the end is not yet.
Mark 13:8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines {and calamities.} This is but the beginning of the intolerable anguish {and} suffering [only the first of the birth pangs].
Mark 13:9 But look to yourselves; for they will turn you over to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake as a testimony to them.
Mark 13:10 And the good news (the Gospel) must first be preached to all nations.
Mark 13:11 Now when they take you [to court] and put you under arrest, do not be anxious beforehand about what you are to say {nor} [{even}] {meditate about it;} but say whatever is given you in that hour {and} at the moment, for it is not you who will be speaking, but the Holy Spirit.
Mark 13:12 And brother will hand over brother to death, and the father his child; and children will take a stand against their parents and [have] them put to death.
Mark 13:13 And you will be hated {and} detested by everybody for My name's sake, but he who patiently perseveres {and} endures to the end will be saved (made a partaker of the salvation by Christ, and delivered from spiritual death).
Mark 13:14 But when you see the abomination of desolation {mentioned by Daniel the prophet} standing where it ought not to be--[and] let the one who reads take notice {and} consider {and} understand {and} heed [this]--then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.
Mark 13:15 Let him who is on the housetop not go down {into the house} nor go inside to take anything out of his house;
Mark 13:16 And let him who is in the field not turn back again to get his mantle (cloak).
Mark 13:17 And alas for those who are pregnant and for those who have nursing babies in those days!
Mark 13:18 Pray that it may not occur in winter,
Mark 13:19 For at that time there will be such affliction (oppression and tribulation) as has not been from the beginning of the creation which God created until this particular time--and positively never will be [again].
Mark 13:20 And unless the Lord had shortened the days, no human being would be saved (rescued); but for the sake of the elect, His chosen ones (those whom He picked out for Himself), He has shortened the days.
Mark 13:21 And then if anyone says to you, See, here is the Christ (the Messiah)! or, Look, there He is! do not believe it.
Mark 13:22 False Christs (Messiahs) and false prophets will arise and show signs and [work] miracles to deceive {and} lead astray, if possible, even the elect (those God has chosen out for Himself).
Mark 13:23 But look to yourselves {and} be on your guard; I have told you everything beforehand.
Mark 13:24 But in those days, after [the affliction and oppression and distress of] that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;
Mark 13:25 And the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Mark 13:26 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great (kingly) power and glory (majesty and splendor).
Mark 13:27 And then He will send out the angels and will gather together His elect (those He has picked out for Himself) from the four winds, from the farthest bounds of the earth to the farthest bounds of heaven.
Mark 13:28 Now learn a lesson from the fig tree: as soon as its branch becomes tender and it puts forth its leaves, you recognize {and} know that summer is near.
Mark 13:29 So also, when you see these things happening, you may recognize {and} know that He is near, at [the very] door.
Mark 13:30 Surely I say to you, this generation (the whole multitude of people living at that one time) positively will not perish {or} pass away before all these things take place.
Mark 13:31 Heaven and earth will perish {and} pass away, but My words will not perish {or} pass away.
Mark 13:32 But of that day or that hour not a [single] person knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
Mark 13:33 Be on your guard [constantly alert], and watch {and pray;} for you do not know when the time will come.
Mark 13:34 It is like a man [already] going on a journey; when he leaves home, he puts his servants in charge, each with his particular task, and he gives orders to the doorkeeper to be constantly alert {and} on the watch.
Mark 13:35 Therefore watch (give strict attention, be cautious and alert), for you do not know when the Master of the house is coming--in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrowing, or in the morning--
Mark 13:36 [Watch, I say] lest He come suddenly {and} unexpectedly and find you asleep.
Mark 13:37 And what I say to you I say to everybody: Watch (give strict attention, be cautious, active, and alert)!
Mark 14:1 IT WAS now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and the scribes were all the while seeking to arrest [Jesus] by secrecy {and} deceit and put [Him] to death,
Mark 14:2 For they kept saying, It must not be during the Feast, for fear that there might be a riot of the people.
Mark 14:3 And while He was in Bethany, [a guest] in the house of Simon the leper, as He was reclining [at table], a woman came with an alabaster jar of ointment (perfume) of pure nard, very costly {and} precious; and she broke the jar and poured [the perfume] over His head.
Mark 14:4 But there were some who were moved with indignation and said to themselves, To what purpose was the ointment (perfume) thus wasted?
Mark 14:5 For it was possible to have sold this [perfume] for more than 300 denarii [a laboring man's wages for a year] and to have given [the money] to the poor. And they censured {and} reproved her.
Mark 14:6 But Jesus said, Let her alone; why are you troubling her? She has done a good {and} beautiful thing to Me [praiseworthy and noble].
Mark 14:7 For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them; but you will not always have Me.
Mark 14:8 She has done what she could; she came beforehand to anoint My body for the burial.
Mark 14:9 And surely I tell you, wherever the good news (the Gospel) is proclaimed in the entire world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.
Mark 14:10 Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve [apostles], went off to the chief priests in order to betray {and} hand Him over to them.
Mark 14:11 And when they heard it, they rejoiced {and} were delighted, and they promised to give him money. And he [busying himself continually] sought an opportunity to betray Him.
Mark 14:12 On the first day [of the Feast] of Unleavened Bread, when [as was customary] they killed the Passover lamb, [Jesus'] disciples said to Him, Where do You wish us to go [and] prepare the Passover [supper] for You to eat?
Mark 14:13 And He sent two of His disciples and said to them, Go into the city, and a man carrying an [earthen] jar {or} pitcher of water will meet you; follow him.
Mark 14:14 And whatever [house] he enters, say to the master of the house, The Teacher says: Where is My guest room, where I may eat the Passover [supper] with My disciples?
Mark 14:15 And he will [himself] show you a large upper room, furnished [with carpets and with dining couches properly spread] and ready; there prepare for us.
Mark 14:16 Then the disciples set out and came to the city and found [everything] just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.
Mark 14:17 And when it was evening, He came with the Twelve [apostles].
Mark 14:18 And while they were at the table eating, Jesus said, Surely I say to you, one of you will betray Me, [one] who is eating [here] with Me.

Mark 14:19 And they began to show that they were sad {and} hurt, and to say to Him one after another, Is it I? {or,} It is not I, is it?
Mark 14:20 He replied to them, It is one of the Twelve [apostles], one who is dipping [bread] into the [same deep] dish with Me.
Mark 14:21 For the Son of Man is going as it stands written concerning Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good (profitable and wholesome) for that man if he had never been born.
Mark 14:22 And while they were eating, He took a loaf [of bread], praised God {and} gave thanks {and} asked Him to bless it to their use. [Then] He broke [it] and gave to them and said, Take. {Eat.} This is My body.
Mark 14:23 He also took a cup [of the juice of grapes], and when He had given thanks, He gave [it] to them, and they all drank of it.
Mark 14:24 And He said to them, This is My blood [which ratifies] the {new} covenant, [the blood] which is being poured out for (on account of) many.
Mark 14:25 Solemnly {and} surely I tell you, I shall not again drink of the fruit of the vine till that day when I drink it of a new {and} a higher quality in God's kingdom.
Mark 14:26 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
Mark 14:27 And Jesus said to them, You will all fall away {this night} [that is, you will be caused to stumble and will begin to distrust and desert Me], for it stands written, I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.
Mark 14:28 But after I am raised [to life], I will go before you into Galilee.
Mark 14:29 But Peter said to Him, Even if they all fall away {and} are caused to stumble {and} distrust {and} desert You, yet I will not [do so]!
Mark 14:30 And Jesus said to him, Truly I tell you, this very night, before a cock crows twice, you will utterly deny Me [disclaiming all connection with Me] three times.
Mark 14:31 But [Peter] said more vehemently {and} repeatedly, [Even] if it should be necessary for me to die with You, I will not deny {or} disown You! And they all kept saying the same thing.
Mark 14:32 Then they went to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, Sit down here while I pray.
Mark 14:33 And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be struck with terror {and} amazement and deeply troubled {and} depressed.
Mark 14:34 And He said to them, My soul is exceedingly sad (overwhelmed with grief) so that it almost kills Me! Remain here and keep awake {and} be watching.
Mark 14:35 And going a little farther, He fell on the ground and kept praying that if it were possible the [fatal] hour might pass from Him.
Mark 14:36 And He was saying, Abba, [which means] Father, everything is possible for You. Take away this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You [will].
Mark 14:37 And He came back and found them sleeping, and He said to Peter, Simon, are you asleep? Have you not the strength to keep awake {and} watch [with Me for] one hour?
Mark 14:38 Keep awake {and} watch and pray [constantly], that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
Mark 14:39 He went away again and prayed, saying the same words.
Mark 14:40 And again He came back and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what answer to give Him.
Mark 14:41 And He came back a third time and said to them, Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough [of that]! The hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinful men (men whose way or nature is to act in opposition to God).
Mark 14:42 Get up, let us be going! See, My betrayer is at hand!
Mark 14:43 And at once, while He was still speaking, Judas came, one of the Twelve [apostles], and with him a crowd of men with swords and clubs, [who came] from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders [of the Sanhedrin].
Mark 14:44 Now the betrayer had given them a signal, saying, The One I shall kiss is [the Man]; seize Him and lead [Him] away safely [so as to prevent His escape].
Mark 14:45 And when he came, he went up to Jesus immediately and said, Master! {Master!} and he embraced Him {and} kissed Him fervently.
Mark 14:46 And they threw their hands on Him and arrested Him.
Mark 14:47 But one of the bystanders drew his sword and struck the bond servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.
Mark 14:48 And Jesus said to them, Have you come out with swords and clubs as [you would] against a robber to

capture Me?
Mark 14:49 I was with you daily in the temple [porches and courts] teaching, and you did not seize Me; but [this has happened] that the Scriptures might be fulfilled.
Mark 14:50 Then [His disciples], forsaking Him, fled, all [of them].
Mark 14:51 And a young man was following Him, with nothing but a linen cloth (sheet) thrown about [his] naked [body]; and they laid hold of him,
Mark 14:52 But, leaving behind the linen cloth (sheet), he fled from them naked.
Mark 14:53 And they led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes were gathered together.
Mark 14:54 And Peter followed Him at a distance, even right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting [in the firelight] with the guards and warming himself at the fire.
Mark 14:55 Now the chief priests and the entire council (the Sanhedrin) were constantly seeking [to get] testimony against Jesus with a view to condemning Him {and} putting Him to death, but they did not find any.
Mark 14:56 For many were repeatedly bearing false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree.
Mark 14:57 And some stood up and were bearing false witness against Him, saying,
Mark 14:58 We heard Him say, I will destroy this temple (sanctuary) which is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, made without hands.
Mark 14:59 Still not even [in this] did their testimony agree.
Mark 14:60 And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, Have You not even one answer to make? What [about this which] these [men] are testifying against You?
Mark 14:61 But He kept still and did not answer at all. Again the high priest asked Him, Are You the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One), the Son of the Blessed?
Mark 14:62 And Jesus said, I AM; and you will [all] see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power (the Almighty) and coming on the clouds of heaven.
Mark 14:63 Then the high priest tore his garments and said, What need have we for more witnesses?
Mark 14:64 You have heard His blasphemy. What is your decision? And they all condemned Him as being guilty {and} deserving of death.
Mark 14:65 And some of them began to spit on Him and to blindfold Him and to strike Him with their fists, saying to Him, Prophesy! And the guards received Him with blows {and} by slapping Him.
Mark 14:66 While Peter was down below in the courtyard, one of the [serving] maids of the high priest came;
Mark 14:67 And when she saw Peter warming himself, she gazed intently at him and said, You were with Jesus of Nazareth too.
Mark 14:68 But he denied it falsely {and} disowned Him, saying, I neither know nor understand what you say. Then he went outside [the courtyard and was] into the vestibule. {And a cock crowed.}
Mark 14:69 And the maidservant saw him, and began again to say to the bystanders, This [man] is [one] of them.
Mark 14:70 But again he denied it falsely {and} disowned Him. And after a short while, again the bystanders said to Peter, Really, you are one of them, for you are a Galilean {and your dialect shows it.}
Mark 14:71 Then he commenced invoking a curse on himself [should he not be telling the truth] and swearing, I do not know the Man about Whom you are talking!
Mark 14:72 And at once for the second time a cock crowed. And Peter remembered how Jesus said to him, Before a cock crows twice, you will utterly deny Me [disclaiming all connection with Me] three times. And having put his thought upon it [and remembering], he broke down {and} wept aloud {and} lamented.
Mark 15:1 AND IMMEDIATELY when it was morning, the chief priests, with the elders and scribes and the whole council, held a consultation; and when they had bound Jesus, they took Him away [violently] and handed Him over to Pilate.
Mark 15:2 And Pilate inquired of Him, Are You the King of the Jews? And He replied, It is as you say.
Mark 15:3 And the chief priests kept accusing Him of many things.
Mark 15:4 And Pilate again asked Him, Have You no answer to make? See how many charges they are bringing against You!
Mark 15:5 But Jesus made no further answer at all, so that Pilate wondered {and} marveled.
Mark 15:6 Now at the Feast he [was accustomed to] set free for them any one prisoner whom they requested.
Mark 15:7 And among the rioters in the prison who had committed murder in the insurrection there was a man named Barabbas.
Mark 15:8 And the throng came up and began asking Pilate to do as he usually did for them.

Mark 15:9 And he replied to them, Do you wish me to set free for you the King of the Jews?
Mark 15:10 For he was aware that it was [because they were prompted] by envy that the chief priests had delivered Him up.
Mark 15:11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to get him to release for them Barabbas instead.
Mark 15:12 And again Pilate said to them, Then what shall I do with the Man Whom you call the King of the Jews?
Mark 15:13 And they shouted back again, Crucify Him!
Mark 15:14 But Pilate said to them, Why? What has He done that is evil? But they shouted with all their might all the more, Crucify Him [at once]!
Mark 15:15 So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, set Barabbas free for them; and after having Jesus whipped, he handed [Him] over to be crucified.
Mark 15:16 Then the soldiers led Him away to the courtyard inside the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and they called the entire detachment of soldiers together.
Mark 15:17 And they dressed Him in [a] purple [robe], and, weaving together a crown of thorns, they placed it on Him.
Mark 15:18 And they began to salute Him, Hail (greetings, good health to You, long life to You), King of the Jews!
Mark 15:19 And they struck His head with a staff made of a [bamboo-like] reed and spat on Him and kept bowing their knees in homage to Him.
Mark 15:20 And when they had [finished] making sport of Him, they took the purple [robe] off of Him and put His own clothes on Him. And they led Him out [of the city] to crucify Him.
Mark 15:21 And they forced a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the field (country), to carry His cross.
Mark 15:22 And they led Him to Golgotha [in Latin: Calvary], meaning The Place of a Skull.
Mark 15:23 And they [attempted to] give Him wine mingled with myrrh, but He would not take it.
Mark 15:24 And they crucified Him; and they divided His garments {and} distributed them among themselves, throwing lots for them to decide who should take what.
Mark 15:25 And it was the third hour (about nine o'clock in the morning) when they crucified Him.
Mark 15:26 And the inscription of the accusation against Him was written above, The King of the Jews.
Mark 15:27 And with Him they crucified two robbers, one on [His] right hand and one on His left.
Mark 15:28 {And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, He was counted among the transgressors.}
Mark 15:29 And those who passed by kept reviling Him {and} reproaching Him abusively in harsh {and} insolent language, wagging their heads and saying, Aha! You Who would destroy the temple and build it in three days,
Mark 15:30 Now rescue Yourself [from death], coming down from the cross!
Mark 15:31 So also the chief priests, with the scribes, made sport of Him to one another, saying, He rescued others [from death]; Himself He is unable to rescue.
Mark 15:32 Let the Christ (the Messiah), the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see [it] and trust in {and} rely on Him {and} adhere to Him! Those who were crucified with Him also reviled {and} reproached Him [speaking abusively, harshly, and insolently].
Mark 15:33 And when the sixth hour (about midday) had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour (about three o'clock).
Mark 15:34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?--which means, My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me [deserting Me and leaving Me helpless and abandoned]?
Mark 15:35 And some of those standing by, [and] hearing it, said, See! He is calling Elijah!
Mark 15:36 And one man ran, and, filling a sponge with vinegar (a mixture of sour wine and water), put it on a staff made of a [bamboo-like] reed and gave it to Him to drink, saying, Hold off! Let us see whether Elijah [does] come to take Him down.
Mark 15:37 And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed out His life.
Mark 15:38 And the curtain [of the Holy of Holies] of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.
Mark 15:39 And when the centurion who stood facing Him saw Him expire this way, he said, Really, this Man was God's Son!
Mark 15:40 Now some women were there also, looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome,
Mark 15:41 Who, when [Jesus] was in Galilee, were in the habit of accompanying and ministering to Him; and [there were] also many other [women] who had come up with Him to Jerusalem.
Mark 15:42 As evening had already come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, [the day] before the Sabbath,

Mark 15:43 Joseph, he of Arimathea, noble {and} honorable in rank {and} a respected member of the council (Sanhedrin), who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, daring the consequences, took courage {and} ventured to go to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.
Mark 15:44 But Pilate wondered whether He was dead so soon, and, having called the centurion, he asked him whether [Jesus] was already dead.
Mark 15:45 And when he learned from the centurion [that He was indeed dead], he gave the body to Joseph.
Mark 15:46 And Joseph bought a [fine] linen cloth [for swathing dead bodies], and, taking Him down from the cross, he rolled Him up in the [fine] linen cloth and placed Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of a rock. Then he rolled a [very large] stone against the door of the tomb.
Mark 15:47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary [the mother] of Joses were [attentively] observing where He was laid.
Mark 16:1 AND WHEN the Sabbath was past [that is, after the sun had set], Mary Magdalene, and Mary [the mother] of James, and Salome purchased sweet-smelling spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body].
Mark 16:2 And very early on the first day of the week they came to the tomb; [by then] the sun had risen.
Mark 16:3 And they said to one another, Who will roll back the stone for us out of [the groove across the floor at] the door of the tomb?
Mark 16:4 And when they looked up, they [distinctly] saw that the stone was already rolled back, for it was very large.
Mark 16:5 And going into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting [there] on the right [side], clothed in a [long, stately, sweeping] robe of white, and they were utterly amazed {and} struck with terror.
Mark 16:6 And he said to them, Do not be amazed {and} terrified; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.
Mark 16:7 But be going; tell the disciples and Peter, He goes before you into Galilee; you will see Him there, [just] as He told you.
Mark 16:8 Then they went out [and] fled from the tomb, for trembling and bewilderment {and} consternation had seized them. And they said nothing about it to anyone, for they were held by alarm {and} fear.
Mark 16:9 Now Jesus, having risen [from death] early on the first day of the week, appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had driven out seven demons.
Mark 16:10 She went and reported it to those who had been with Him, as they grieved and wept.
Mark 16:11 And when they heard that He was alive and that she had seen Him, they did not believe it.
Mark 16:12 After this, He appeared in a different form to two of them as they were walking [along the way] into the country.
Mark 16:13 And they returned [to Jerusalem] and told the others, but they did not believe them either.
Mark 16:14 Afterward He appeared to the Eleven [apostles themselves] as they reclined at table; and He reproved {and} reproached them for their unbelief (their lack of faith) and their hardness of heart, because they had refused to believe those who had seen Him {and} looked at Him attentively after He had risen [from death].
Mark 16:15 And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach {and} publish openly the good news (the Gospel) to every creature [of the whole human race].
Mark 16:16 He who believes [who adheres to and trusts in and relies on the Gospel and Him Whom it sets forth] and is baptized will be saved [from the penalty of eternal death]; but he who does not believe [who does not adhere to and trust in and rely on the Gospel and Him Whom it sets forth] will be condemned.
Mark 16:17 And these attesting signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages;
Mark 16:18 They will pick up serpents; and [even] if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will get well.
Mark 16:19 So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and He sat down at the right hand of God.
Mark 16:20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord kept working with them and confirming the message by the attesting signs {and} miracles that closely accompanied [it]. Amen (so be it).
Luke 1:1 SINCE [as is well known] many have undertaken to put in order {and} draw up a [thorough] narrative of the surely established deeds which have been accomplished {and} fulfilled in {and} among us,
Luke 1:2 Exactly as they were handed down to us by those who from the [official] beginning [of Jesus' ministry] were eyewitnesses and ministers of the Word [that is, of the doctrine concerning the attainment through Christ of salvation in the kingdom of God],
Luke 1:3 It seemed good {and} desirable to me, [and so I have determined] also after having searched out diligently {and} followed all things closely {and} traced accurately the course from the highest to the minutest detail from the

very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus,
Luke 1:4 [My purpose is] that you may know the full truth {and} understand with certainty {and} security against error the accounts (histories) {and} doctrines of the faith of which you have been informed {and} in which you have been orally instructed.
Luke 1:5 In the days when Herod was king of Judea there was a certain priest whose name was Zachariah, of the daily service (the division) of Abia; and his wife was also a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.
Luke 1:6 And they both were righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord.
Luke 1:7 But they had no child, for Elizabeth was barren; and both were far advanced in years.
Luke 1:8 Now while on duty, serving as priest before God in the order of his division,
Luke 1:9 As was the custom of the priesthood, it fell to him by lot to enter [the sanctuary of] the temple of the Lord and burn incense.
Luke 1:10 And all the throng of people were praying outside [in the court] at the hour of incense [burning].
Luke 1:11 And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense.
Luke 1:12 And when Zachariah saw him, he was troubled, and fear took possession of him.
Luke 1:13 But the angel said to him, Do not be afraid, Zachariah, because your petition was heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you must call his name John [God is favorable].
Luke 1:14 And you shall have joy and exultant delight, and many will rejoice over his birth,
Luke 1:15 For he will be great {and} distinguished in the sight of the Lord. And he must drink no wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with {and} controlled by the Holy Spirit even in {and} from his mother's womb.
Luke 1:16 And he will turn back {and} cause to return many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God,
Luke 1:17 And he will [himself] go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn back the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient {and} incredulous {and} unpersuadable to the wisdom of the upright [which is the knowledge and holy love of the will of God]--in order to make ready for the Lord a people [perfectly] prepared [in spirit, adjusted and disposed and placed in the right moral state].
Luke 1:18 And Zachariah said to the angel, By what shall I know {and} be sure of this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.
Luke 1:19 And the angel replied to him, I am Gabriel. I stand in the [very] presence of God, and I have been sent to talk to you and to bring you this good news.
Luke 1:20 Now behold, you will be {and} will continue to be silent and not able to speak till the day when these things take place, because you have not believed what I told you; but my words are of a kind which will be fulfilled in the appointed {and} proper time.
Luke 1:21 Now the people kept waiting for Zachariah, and they wondered at his delaying [so long] in the sanctuary.
Luke 1:22 But when he did come out, he was unable to speak to them; and they [clearly] perceived that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary; and he kept making signs to them, still he remained dumb.
Luke 1:23 And when his time of performing priestly functions was ended, he returned to his [own] house.
Luke 1:24 Now after this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant, and for five months she secluded herself entirely, saying, [I have hid myself]
Luke 1:25 Because thus the Lord has dealt with me in the days when He deigned to look on me to take away my reproach among men.
Luke 1:26 Now in the sixth month [after that], the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth,
Luke 1:27 To a girl never having been married {and} a virgin engaged to be married to a man whose name was Joseph, a descendant of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.
Luke 1:28 And he came to her and said, Hail, O favored one [endued with grace]! The Lord is with you! {Blessed (favored of God) are you before all other women!}
Luke 1:29 But {when she saw him,} she was greatly troubled {and} disturbed {and} confused at what he said and kept revolving in her mind what such a greeting might mean.
Luke 1:30 And the angel said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found grace (free, spontaneous, absolute favor and loving-kindness) with God.
Luke 1:31 And listen! You will become pregnant and will give birth to a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus.
Luke 1:32 He will be great (eminent) and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His forefather David,
Luke 1:33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob throughout the ages; and of His reign there will be no end.

Luke 1:34 And Mary said to the angel, How can this be, since I have no [intimacy with any man as a] husband?
Luke 1:35 Then the angel said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you [like a shining cloud]; and so the holy (pure, sinless) Thing (Offspring) which shall be born {of you} will be called the Son of God.
Luke 1:36 And listen! Your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is now the sixth month with her who was called barren.
Luke 1:37 For with God nothing is ever impossible {and} no word from God shall be without power {or} impossible of fulfillment.
Luke 1:38 Then Mary said, Behold, I am the handmaiden of the Lord; let it be done to me according to what you have said. And the angel left her.
Luke 1:39 And at that time Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country to a town of Judah,
Luke 1:40 And she went to the house of Zachariah and, entering it, saluted Elizabeth.
Luke 1:41 And it occurred that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with {and} controlled by the Holy Spirit.
Luke 1:42 And she cried out with a loud cry, and then exclaimed, Blessed (favored of God) above all other women are you! And blessed (favored of God) is the Fruit of your womb!
Luke 1:43 And how [have I deserved that this honor should] be granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
Luke 1:44 For behold, the instant the sound of your salutation reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.
Luke 1:45 And blessed (happy, to be envied) is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of the things that were spoken to her from the Lord.
Luke 1:46 And Mary said, My soul magnifies {and} extols the Lord,
Luke 1:47 And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
Luke 1:48 For He has looked upon the low station {and} humiliation of His handmaiden. For behold, from now on all generations [of all ages] will call me blessed {and} declare me happy {and} to be envied!
Luke 1:49 For He Who is almighty has done great things for me--and holy is His name [to be venerated in His purity, majesty and glory]!
Luke 1:50 And His mercy (His compassion and kindness toward the miserable and afflicted) is on those who fear Him with godly reverence, from generation to generation {and} age to age.
Luke 1:51 He has shown strength {and} made might with His arm; He has scattered the proud {and} haughty in {and} by the imagination {and} purpose {and} designs of their hearts.
Luke 1:52 He has put down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of low degree.
Luke 1:53 He has filled {and} satisfied the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty-handed [without a gift].
Luke 1:54 He has laid hold on His servant Israel [to help him, to espouse his cause], in remembrance of His mercy,
Luke 1:55 Even as He promised to our forefathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.
Luke 1:56 And Mary remained with her [Elizabeth] for about three months and [then] returned to her [own] home.
Luke 1:57 Now the time that Elizabeth should be delivered came, and she gave birth to a son.
Luke 1:58 And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy on her, and they rejoiced with her.
Luke 1:59 And it occurred that on the eighth day, when they came to circumcise the child, they were intending to call him Zachariah after his father,
Luke 1:60 But his mother answered, Not so! But he shall be called John.
Luke 1:61 And they said to her, None of your relatives is called by that name.
Luke 1:62 And they inquired with signs to his father [as to] what he wanted to have him called.
Luke 1:63 Then Zachariah asked for a writing tablet and wrote, His name is John. And they were all astonished.
Luke 1:64 And at once his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he began to speak, blessing {and} praising {and} thanking God.
Luke 1:65 And awe {and} reverential fear came on all their neighbors; and all these things were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea.
Luke 1:66 And all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, Whatever will this little boy be then? For the hand of the Lord was [so evidently] with him [protecting and aiding him].
Luke 1:67 Now Zachariah his father was filled with {and} controlled by the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,
Luke 1:68 Blessed (praised and extolled and thanked) be the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has come and

brought deliverance {and} redemption to His people!
Luke 1:69 And He has raised up a Horn of salvation [a mighty and valiant Helper, the Author of salvation] for us in the house of David His servant--
Luke 1:70 This is as He promised by the mouth of His holy prophets from the most ancient times [in the memory of man]--
Luke 1:71 That we should have deliverance {and} be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who detest {and} pursue us with hatred;
Luke 1:72 To make true {and} show the mercy {and} compassion {and} kindness [promised] to our forefathers and to remember {and} carry out His holy covenant [to bless, which is all the more sacred because it is made by God Himself],
Luke 1:73 That covenant He sealed by oath to our forefather Abraham:
Luke 1:74 To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our foes, might serve Him fearlessly
Luke 1:75 In holiness (divine consecration) and righteousness [in accordance with the everlasting principles of right] within His presence all the days of our lives.
Luke 1:76 And you, little one, shall be called a prophet of the Most High; for you shall go on before the face of the Lord to make ready His ways,
Luke 1:77 To bring {and} give the knowledge of salvation to His people in the forgiveness {and} remission of their sins.
Luke 1:78 Because of {and} through the heart of tender mercy {and} loving-kindness of our God, a Light from on high will dawn upon us {and} visit [us]
Luke 1:79 To shine upon {and} give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to direct {and} guide our feet in a straight line into the way of peace.
Luke 1:80 And the little boy grew and became strong in spirit; and he was in the deserts (wilderness) until the day of his appearing to Israel [the commencement of his public ministry].
Luke 2:1 IN THOSE days it occurred that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole Roman empire should be registered.
Luke 2:2 This was the first enrollment, and it was made when Quirinius was governor of Syria.
Luke 2:3 And all the people were going to be registered, each to his own city {or} town.
Luke 2:4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David,
Luke 2:5 To be enrolled with Mary, his espoused (married) wife, who was about to become a mother.
Luke 2:6 And while they were there, the time came for her delivery,
Luke 2:7 And she gave birth to her Son, her Firstborn; and she wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room {or} place for them in the inn.
Luke 2:8 And in that vicinity there were shepherds living [out under the open sky] in the field, watching [in shifts] over their flock by night.
Luke 2:9 And {behold,} an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord flashed {and} shone all about them, and they were terribly frightened.
Luke 2:10 But the angel said to them, Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people.
Luke 2:11 For to you is born this day in the town of David a Savior, Who is Christ (the Messiah) the Lord!
Luke 2:12 And this will be a sign for you [by which you will recognize Him]: you will find [after searching] a Baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. [I Sam. 2:34; II Kings 19:29; Isa. 7:14.]
Luke 2:13 Then suddenly there appeared with the angel an army of the troops of heaven (a heavenly knighthood), praising God and saying,
Luke 2:14 Glory to God in the highest [heaven], and on earth peace among men with whom He is well pleased [men of goodwill, of His favor].
Luke 2:15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing (saying) that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.
Luke 2:16 So they went with haste and [by searching] found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby lying in a manger.
Luke 2:17 And when they saw it, they made known what had been told them concerning this Child,
Luke 2:18 And all who heard it were astounded {and} marveled at what the shepherds told them.
Luke 2:19 But Mary was keeping within herself all these things (sayings), weighing {and} pondering them in her heart.
Luke 2:20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, just as it

had been told them.
Luke 2:21 And at the end of eight days, when [the Baby] was to be circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.
Luke 2:22 And when the time for their purification [the mother's purification and the Baby's dedication] came according to the Law of Moses, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord--
Luke 2:23 As it is written in the Law of the Lord, Every [firstborn] male that opens the womb shall be set apart {and} dedicated {and} called holy to the Lord--
Luke 2:24 And [they came also] to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord: a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.
Luke 2:25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout [cautiously and carefully observing the divine Law], and looking for the Consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him.
Luke 2:26 And it had been divinely revealed (communicated) to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
Luke 2:27 And prompted by the [Holy] Spirit, he came into the temple [enclosure]; and when the parents brought in the little child Jesus to do for Him what was customary according to the Law,
Luke 2:28 [Simeon] took Him up in his arms and praised {and} thanked God and said,
Luke 2:29 And now, Lord, You are releasing Your servant to depart (leave this world) in peace, according to Your word.
Luke 2:30 For with my [own] eyes I have seen Your Salvation,
Luke 2:31 Which You have ordained {and} prepared before (in the presence of) all peoples,
Luke 2:32 A Light for revelation to the Gentiles [to disclose what was before unknown] and [to bring] praise {and} honor {and} glory to Your people Israel.
Luke 2:33 And His [legal] father and [His] mother were marveling at what was said about Him.
Luke 2:34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, Behold, this Child is appointed {and} destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against--
Luke 2:35 And a sword will pierce through your own soul also--that the secret thoughts {and} purposes of many hearts may be brought out {and} disclosed.
Luke 2:36 And there was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old, having lived with her husband seven years from her maidenhood,
Luke 2:37 And as a widow even for eighty-four years. She did not go out from the temple enclosure, but was worshiping night and day with fasting and prayer.
Luke 2:38 And she too came up at that same hour, and she returned thanks to God and talked of [Jesus] to all who were looking for the redemption (deliverance) of Jerusalem.
Luke 2:39 And when they had done everything according to the Law of the Lord, they went back into Galilee to their own town, Nazareth.
Luke 2:40 And the Child grew and became strong {in spirit,} filled with wisdom; and the grace (favor and spiritual blessing) of God was upon Him.
Luke 2:41 Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year to the Passover Feast.
Luke 2:42 And when He was twelve years [old], they went up, as was their custom.
Luke 2:43 And when the Feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem. Now His parents did not know this,
Luke 2:44 But, supposing Him to be in the caravan, they traveled on a day's journey; and [then] they sought Him [diligently, looking up and down for Him] among their kinsfolk and acquaintances.
Luke 2:45 And when they failed to find Him, they went back to Jerusalem, looking for Him [up and down] all the way.
Luke 2:46 After three days they found Him [came upon Him] in the [court of the] temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.
Luke 2:47 And all who heard Him were astonished {and} overwhelmed with bewildered wonder at His intelligence {and} understanding and His replies.
Luke 2:48 And when they [Joseph and Mary] saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, Child, why have You treated us like this? Here Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You [distressed and tormented].
Luke 2:49 And He said to them, How is it that you had to look for Me? Did you not see {and} know that it is necessary [as a duty] for Me to be in My Father's house {and} [occupied] about My Father's business?
Luke 2:50 But they did not comprehend what He was saying to them.

Luke 2:51 And He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was [habitually] obedient to them; and his mother kept {and} closely and persistently guarded all these things in her heart.
Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom (in broad and full understanding) and in stature {and} years, and in favor with God and man.
Luke 3:1 IN THE fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign--when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene--
Luke 3:2 In the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the Word of God [concerning the attainment through Christ of salvation in the kingdom of God] came to John son of Zachariah in the wilderness (desert).
Luke 3:3 And he went into all the country round about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance (of hearty amending of their ways, with abhorrence of past wrongdoing) unto the forgiveness of sin.
Luke 3:4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, The voice of one crying in the wilderness [shouting in the desert]: Prepare the way of the Lord, make His beaten paths straight.
Luke 3:5 Every valley {and} ravine shall be filled up, and every mountain and hill shall be leveled; and the crooked places shall be made straight, and the rough roads shall be made smooth;
Luke 3:6 And all mankind shall see (behold and understand and at last acknowledge) the salvation of God (the deliverance from eternal death decreed by God).
Luke 3:7 So he said to the crowds who came out to be baptized by him, You offspring of vipers! Who secretly warned you to flee from the coming wrath?
Luke 3:8 Bear fruits that are deserving {and} consistent with [your] repentance [that is, conduct worthy of a heart changed, a heart abhorring sin]. And do not begin to say to yourselves, We have Abraham as our father; for I tell you that God is able from these stones to raise up descendants for Abraham.
Luke 3:9 Even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees, so that every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire.
Luke 3:10 And the multitudes asked him, Then what shall we do?
Luke 3:11 And he replied to them, He who has two tunics (undergarments), let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do it the same way.
Luke 3:12 Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they said to him, Teacher, what shall we do?
Luke 3:13 And he said to them, Exact {and} collect no more than the fixed amount appointed you.
Luke 3:14 Those serving as soldiers also asked him, And we, what shall we do? And he replied to them, Never demand {or} enforce by terrifying people or by accusing wrongfully, and always be satisfied with your rations (supplies) {and} with your allowance (wages).
Luke 3:15 As the people were in suspense {and} waiting expectantly, and everybody reasoned {and} questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether he perhaps might be the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
Luke 3:16 John answered them all by saying, I baptize you with water; but He Who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of Whose sandals I am not fit to unfasten. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
Luke 3:17 His winnowing shovel (fork) is in His hand to thoroughly clear {and} cleanse His [threshing] floor and to gather the wheat {and} store it in His granary, but the chaff He will burn with fire that cannot be extinguished.
Luke 3:18 So with many other [various] appeals and admonitions he preached the good news (the Gospel) to the people.
Luke 3:19 But Herod the tetrarch, who had been [repeatedly] told about his fault {and} reproved {with} rebuke producing conviction by [John] for [having] Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the wicked things that Herod had done,
Luke 3:20 Added this to them all--that he shut up John in prison.
Luke 3:21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized, and [while He was still] praying, the [visible] heaven was opened
Luke 3:22 And the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, {saying,} You are My Son, My Beloved! In You I am well pleased {and} find delight!
Luke 3:23 Jesus Himself, when He began [His ministry], was about thirty years of age, being the Son, as was supposed, of Joseph, the son of Heli,
Luke 3:24 The son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph,
Luke 3:25 The son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai,
Luke 3:26 The son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda,
Luke 3:27 The son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri,

Luke 3:28 The son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er,
Luke 3:29 The son of Jesus, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi,
Luke 3:30 The son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim,
Luke 3:31 The son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David,
Luke 3:32 The son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon (Sala), the son of Nahshon,
Luke 3:33 The son of Aminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah,
Luke 3:34 The son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,
Luke 3:35 The son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah,
Luke 3:36 The son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,
Luke 3:37 The son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan,
Luke 3:38 The son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.
Luke 4:1 THEN JESUS, full of {and} controlled by the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led in [by] the [Holy] Spirit
Luke 4:2 For (during) forty days in the wilderness (desert), where He was tempted (tried, tested exceedingly) by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they were completed, He was hungry.
Luke 4:3 Then the devil said to Him, If You are the Son of God, order this stone to turn into a loaf [of bread].
Luke 4:4 And Jesus replied to him, It is written, Man shall not live {and} be sustained by (on) bread alone {but by every word and expression of God.}
Luke 4:5 Then the devil took Him up to a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the habitable world in a moment of time [in the twinkling of an eye].
Luke 4:6 And he said to Him, To You I will give all this power {and} authority and their glory (all their magnificence, excellence, preeminence, dignity, and grace), for it has been turned over to me, and I give it to whomever I will.
Luke 4:7 Therefore if You will do homage to {and} worship me [just once], it shall all be Yours.
Luke 4:8 And Jesus replied to him, {Get behind Me, Satan!} It is written, You shall do homage to {and} worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.
Luke 4:9 Then he took Him to Jerusalem and set Him on a gable of the temple, and said to Him, If You are the Son of God, cast Yourself down from here;
Luke 4:10 For it is written, He will give His angels charge over you to guard {and} watch over you closely {and} carefully;
Luke 4:11 And on their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
Luke 4:12 And Jesus replied to him, [The Scripture] says, You shall not tempt (try, test exceedingly) the Lord your God.
Luke 4:13 And when the devil had ended every [the complete cycle of] temptation, he [temporarily] left Him [that is, stood off from Him] until another more opportune {and} favorable time.
Luke 4:14 Then Jesus went back full of {and} under the power of the [Holy] Spirit into Galilee, and the fame of Him spread through the whole region round about.
Luke 4:15 And He Himself conducted [a course of] teaching in their synagogues, being recognized {and} honored {and} praised by all.
Luke 4:16 So He came to Nazareth, [that Nazareth] where He had been brought up, and He entered the synagogue, as was His custom on the Sabbath day. And He stood up to read.
Luke 4:17 And there was handed to Him [the roll of] the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened (unrolled) the book and found the place where it was written,
Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon Me, because He has anointed Me [the Anointed One, the Messiah] to preach the good news (the Gospel) to the poor; He has sent Me to announce release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send forth as delivered those who are oppressed [who are downtrodden, bruised, crushed, and broken down by calamity],
Luke 4:19 To proclaim the accepted {and} acceptable year of the Lord [the day when salvation and the free favors of God profusely abound].
Luke 4:20 Then He rolled up the book and gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were gazing [attentively] at Him.
Luke 4:21 And He began to speak to them: Today this Scripture has been fulfilled while you are present {and} hearing.
Luke 4:22 And all spoke well of Him and marveled at the words of grace that came forth from His mouth; and they

said, Is not this Joseph's Son?
Luke 4:23 So He said to them, You will doubtless quote to Me this proverb: Physician, heal Yourself! What we have learned by hearsay that You did in Capernaum, do here also in Your [own] town.
Luke 4:24 Then He said, Solemnly I say to you, no prophet is acceptable {and} welcome in his [own] town (country).
Luke 4:25 But in truth I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were closed up for three years and six months, so that there came a great famine over all the land;
Luke 4:26 And yet Elijah was not sent to a single one of them, but only to Zarephath in the country of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. [I Kings 17:1, 8-16; 18:1.]
Luke 4:27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and yet not one of them was cleansed [by being healed]--but only Naaman the Syrian. [II Kings 5:1-14.]
Luke 4:28 When they heard these things, all the people in the synagogue were filled with rage.
Luke 4:29 And rising up, they pushed {and} drove Him out of the town, and [laying hold of Him] they led Him to the [projecting] upper part of the hill on which their town was built, that they might hurl Him headlong down [over the cliff].
Luke 4:30 But passing through their midst, He went on His way.
Luke 4:31 And He descended to Capernaum, a town of Galilee, and there He continued to teach the people on the Sabbath days.
Luke 4:32 And they were amazed at His teaching, for His word was with authority {and} ability {and} weight {and} power.
Luke 4:33 Now in the synagogue there was a man who was possessed by the foul spirit of a demon; and he cried out with a loud (deep, terrible) cry,
Luke 4:34 Ah, {let us alone!} What have You to do with us [What have we in common], Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know Who You are--the Holy One of God!
Luke 4:35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be silent (muzzled, gagged), and come out of him! And when the demon had thrown the man down in their midst, he came out of him without injuring him in any possible way.
Luke 4:36 And they were all amazed and said to one another, What kind of talk is this? For with authority and power He commands the foul spirits and they come out!
Luke 4:37 And a rumor about Him spread into every place in the surrounding country.
Luke 4:38 Then He arose and left the synagogue and went into Simon's (Peter's) house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering in the grip of a burning fever, and they pleaded with Him for her.
Luke 4:39 And standing over her, He rebuked the fever, and it left her; and immediately she got up and began waiting on them.
Luke 4:40 Now at the setting of the sun [indicating the end of the Sabbath], all those who had any [who were] sick with various diseases brought them to Him, and He laid His hands upon every one of them and cured them.
Luke 4:41 And demons even came out of many people, screaming {and} crying out, You are the Son of God! But He rebuked them and would not permit them to speak, because they knew that He was the Christ (the Messiah).
Luke 4:42 And when daybreak came, He left [Peter's house] and went into an isolated [desert] place. And the people looked for Him until they came up to Him and tried to prevent Him from leaving them.
Luke 4:43 But He said to them, I must preach the good news (the Gospel) of the kingdom of God to the other cities [and towns] also, for I was sent for this [purpose].
Luke 4:44 And He continued to preach in the synagogues of Galilee.
Luke 5:1 NOW IT occurred that while the people pressed upon Jesus to hear the message of God, He was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret (Sea of Galilee).
Luke 5:2 And He saw two boats drawn up by the lake, but the fishermen had gone down from them and were washing their nets.
Luke 5:3 And getting into one of the boats, [the one] that belonged to Simon (Peter), He requested him to draw away a little from the shore. Then He sat down and continued to teach the crowd [of people] from the boat.
Luke 5:4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon (Peter), Put out into the deep [water], and lower your nets for a haul.
Luke 5:5 And Simon (Peter) answered, Master, we toiled all night [exhaustingly] and caught nothing [in our nets]. But on the ground of Your word, I will lower the nets [again].
Luke 5:6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish; and as their nets were [at the point of] breaking,
Luke 5:7 They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and take hold with them. And they came and filled

both the boats, so that they began to sink.
Luke 5:8 But when Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.
Luke 5:9 For he was gripped with bewildering amazement [allied to terror], and all who were with him, at the haul of fish which they had made;
Luke 5:10 And so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon (Peter). And Jesus said to Simon, Have no fear; from now on you will be catching men!
Luke 5:11 And after they had run their boats on shore, they left everything and joined Him as His disciples {and} sided with His party {and} accompanied Him.
Luke 5:12 While He was in one of the towns, there came a man full of (covered with) leprosy; and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, Lord, if You are willing, You are able to cure me {and} make me clean.
Luke 5:13 And [Jesus] reached out His hand and touched him, saying, I am willing; be cleansed! And immediately the leprosy left him.
Luke 5:14 And [Jesus] charged him to tell no one [that he might chance to meet], until [He said] you go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your purification, as Moses commanded, for a testimony {and} proof to the people, that they may have evidence [of your healing].
Luke 5:15 But so much the more the news spread abroad concerning Him, and great crowds kept coming together to hear [Him] and to be healed by Him of their infirmities.
Luke 5:16 But He Himself withdrew [in retirement] to the wilderness (desert) and prayed.
Luke 5:17 One of those days, as He was teaching, there were Pharisees and teachers of the Law sitting by, who had come from every village {and} town of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was [present] with Him to heal {them}.
Luke 5:18 And behold, some men were bringing on a stretcher a man who was paralyzed, and they tried to carry him in and lay him before [Jesus].
Luke 5:19 But finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him with his stretcher through the tiles into the midst, in front of Jesus.
Luke 5:20 And when He saw [their confidence in Him, springing from] their faith, He said, Man, your sins are forgiven you!
Luke 5:21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason {and} question {and} argue, saying, Who is this [Man] Who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?
Luke 5:22 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts {and} questionings, answered them, Why do you question in your hearts?
Luke 5:23 Which is easier: to say, Your sins are forgiven you, or to say, Arise and walk [about]?
Luke 5:24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has the [power of] authority {and} right on earth to forgive sins, He said to the paralyzed man, I say to you, arise, pick up your litter (stretcher), and go to your own house!
Luke 5:25 And instantly [the man] stood up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went away to his house, recognizing {and} praising {and} thanking God.
Luke 5:26 And overwhelming astonishment {and} ecstasy seized them all, and they recognized {and} praised {and} thanked God; and they were filled with {and} controlled by reverential fear and kept saying, We have seen wonderful {and} strange {and} incredible {and} unthinkable things today!
Luke 5:27 And after this, Jesus went out and looked [attentively] at a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax office; and He said to him, Join Me as a disciple {and} side with My party {and} accompany Me.
Luke 5:28 And he forsook everything and got up and followed Him [becoming His disciple and siding with His party].
Luke 5:29 And Levi (Matthew) made a great banquet for Him in his own house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others who were reclining [at the table] with them.
Luke 5:30 Now the Pharisees and their scribes were grumbling against Jesus' disciples, saying, Why are you eating and drinking with tax collectors and [preeminently] sinful people?
Luke 5:31 And Jesus replied to them, It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick.
Luke 5:32 I have not come to arouse {and} invite {and} call the righteous, but the erring ones (those not free from sin) to repentance [to change their minds for the better and heartily to amend their ways, with abhorrence of their past sins].
Luke 5:33 Then they said to Him, The disciples of John practice fasting often and offer up prayers of [special] petition, and so do [the disciples] of the Pharisees also, but Yours eat and drink.
Luke 5:34 And Jesus said to them, Can you make the wedding guests fast as long as the bridegroom is with them?
Luke 5:35 But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; and then they will fast in those days.

Luke 5:36 He told them a proverb also: No one puts a patch from a new garment on an old garment; if he does, he will both tear the new one, and the patch from the new [one] will not match the old [garment].
Luke 5:37 And no one pours new wine into old wineskins; if he does, the fresh wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled and the skins will be ruined (destroyed).
Luke 5:38 But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.
Luke 5:39 And no one after drinking old wine immediately desires new wine, for he says, The old is good {or} {better}.
Luke 6:1 ONE SABBATH while Jesus was passing through the fields of standing grain, it occurred that His disciples picked some of the spikes and ate [of the grain], rubbing it out in their hands.
Luke 6:2 But some of the Pharisees asked them, Why are you doing what is not permitted to be done on the Sabbath days?
Luke 6:3 And Jesus replied to them, saying, Have you never so much as read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him?--[I Sam. 21:1-6.]
Luke 6:4 How he went into the house of God and took and ate the [sacred] loaves of the showbread, which it is not permitted for any except only the priests to eat, and also gave to those [who were] with him?
Luke 6:5 And He said to them, The Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.
Luke 6:6 And it occurred on another Sabbath that when He went into the synagogue and taught, a man was present whose right hand was withered.
Luke 6:7 And the scribes and the Pharisees kept watching Jesus to see whether He would [actually] heal on the Sabbath, in order that they might get [some ground for] accusation against Him.
Luke 6:8 But He was aware all along of their thoughts, and He said to the man with the withered hand, Come and stand here in the midst. And he arose and stood there.
Luke 6:9 Then Jesus said to them, I ask you, is it lawful {and} right on the Sabbath to do good [so that someone derives advantage from it] or to do evil, to save a life [and make a soul safe] or to destroy it?
Luke 6:10 Then He glanced around at them all and said to the man, Stretch out your hand! And he did so, and his hand was fully restored {like the other one.}
Luke 6:11 But they were filled with lack of understanding {and} senseless rage and discussed (consulted) with one another what they might do to Jesus.
Luke 6:12 Now in those days it occurred that He went up into a mountain to pray, and spent the whole night in prayer to God.
Luke 6:13 And when it was day, He summoned His disciples and selected from them twelve, whom He named apostles (special messengers):
Luke 6:14 They were Simon, whom He named Peter, and his brother Andrew; and James and John; and Philip and Bartholomew;
Luke 6:15 And Matthew and Thomas; and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot,
Luke 6:16 And Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor (a treacherous, basely faithless person).
Luke 6:17 And Jesus came down with them and took His stand on a level spot, with a great crowd of His disciples and a vast throng of people from all over Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to listen to Him and to be cured of their diseases--
Luke 6:18 Even those who were disturbed {and} troubled with unclean spirits, and they were being healed [also].
Luke 6:19 And all the multitude were seeking to touch Him, for healing power was all the while going forth from Him and curing them all [saving them from severe illnesses or calamities].
Luke 6:20 And solemnly lifting up His eyes on His disciples, He said: Blessed (happy--with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, apart from your outward condition--and to be envied) are you poor {and} lowly {and} afflicted (destitute of wealth, influence, position, and honor), for the kingdom of God is yours!
Luke 6:21 Blessed (happy--with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, apart from your outward condition--and to be envied) are you who hunger {and} seek with eager desire now, for you shall be filled {and} completely satisfied! Blessed (happy--with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, apart from your outward condition--and to be envied) are you who weep {and} sob now, for you shall laugh!
Luke 6:22 Blessed (happy--with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, apart from your outward condition--and to be envied) are you when people despise (hate) you, and when they exclude {and} excommunicate you [as disreputable] and revile {and} denounce you and defame {and} cast out {and} spurn your name as evil (wicked) on account of the Son of Man.
Luke 6:23 Rejoice {and} be glad at such a time and exult {and} leap for joy, for behold, your reward is rich {and}

great {and} strong {and} intense {and} abundant in heaven; for even so their forefathers treated the prophets.
Luke 6:24 But woe to (alas for) you who are rich (abounding in material resources), for you already are receiving your consolation (the solace and sense of strengthening and cheer that come from prosperity) {and} have taken and enjoyed your comfort in full [having nothing left to be awarded you].
Luke 6:25 Woe to (alas for) you who are full now (completely filled, luxuriously gorged and satiated), for you shall hunger {and} suffer want! Woe to (alas for) you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep {and} wail!
Luke 6:26 Woe to (alas for) you when everyone speaks fairly {and} handsomely of you {and} praises you, for even so their forefathers did to the false prophets.
Luke 6:27 But I say to you who are listening now to Me: [in order to heed, make it a practice to] love your enemies, treat well (do good to, act nobly toward) those who detest you {and} pursue you with hatred,
Luke 6:28 Invoke blessings upon {and} pray for the happiness of those who curse you, implore God's blessing (favor) upon those who abuse you [who revile, reproach, disparage, and high-handedly misuse you].
Luke 6:29 To the one who strikes you on the jaw {or} cheek, offer the other jaw {or} cheek also; and from him who takes away your outer garment, do not withhold your undergarment as well.
Luke 6:30 Give away to everyone who begs of you [who is in want of necessities], and of him who takes away from you your goods, do not demand {or} require them back again.
Luke 6:31 And as you would like {and} desire that men would do to you, do exactly so to them.
Luke 6:32 If you [merely] love those who love you, what quality of credit {and} thanks is that to you? For even the [very] sinners love their lovers (those who love them).
Luke 6:33 And if you are kind {and} good {and} do favors to {and} benefit those who are kind {and} good {and} do favors to {and} benefit you, what quality of credit {and} thanks is that to you? For even the preeminently sinful do the same.
Luke 6:34 And if you lend money at interest to those from whom you hope to receive, what quality of credit {and} thanks is that to you? Even notorious sinners lend money at interest to sinners, so as to recover as much again.
Luke 6:35 But love your enemies and be kind {and} do good [doing favors so that someone derives benefit from them] and lend, expecting {and} hoping for nothing in return {but} considering nothing as lost {and} despairing of no one; and then your recompense (your reward) will be great (rich, strong, intense, and abundant), and you will be sons of the Most High, for He is kind {and} charitable {and} good to the ungrateful {and} the selfish and wicked.
Luke 6:36 So be merciful (sympathetic, tender, responsive, and compassionate) even as your Father is [all these].
Luke 6:37 Judge not [neither pronouncing judgment nor subjecting to censure], and you will not be judged; do not condemn {and} pronounce guilty, and you will not be condemned {and} pronounced guilty; acquit {and} forgive {and} release (give up resentment, let it drop), and you will be acquitted {and} forgiven {and} released.
Luke 6:38 Give, and [gifts] will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will they pour into [the pouch formed by] the bosom [of your robe and used as a bag]. For with the measure you deal out [with the measure you use when you confer benefits on others], it will be measured back to you.
Luke 6:39 He further told them a proverb: Can a blind [man] guide {and} direct a blind [man]? Will they not both stumble into a ditch {or} a hole in the ground?
Luke 6:40 A pupil is not superior to his teacher, but everyone [when he is] completely trained (readjusted, restored, set to rights, and perfected) will be like his teacher.
Luke 6:41 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye but do not notice {or} consider the beam [of timber] that is in your own eye?
Luke 6:42 Or how can you say to your brother, Brother, allow me to take out the speck that is in your eye, when you yourself do not see the beam that is in your own eye? You actor (pretender, hypocrite)! First take the beam out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.
Luke 6:43 For there is no good (healthy) tree that bears decayed (worthless, stale) fruit, nor on the other hand does a decayed (worthless, sickly) tree bear good fruit.
Luke 6:44 For each tree is known {and} identified by its own fruit; for figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor is a cluster of grapes picked from a bramblebush.
Luke 6:45 The upright (honorable, intrinsically good) man out of the good treasure [stored] in his heart produces what is upright (honorable and intrinsically good), and the evil man out of the evil storehouse brings forth that which is depraved (wicked and intrinsically evil); for out of the abundance (overflow) of the heart his mouth speaks.
Luke 6:46 Why do you call Me, Lord, Lord, and do not [practice] what I tell you?
Luke 6:47 For everyone who comes to Me and listens to My words [in order to heed their teaching] and does them, I will show you what he is like:

Luke 6:48 He is like a man building a house, who dug and went down deep and laid a foundation upon the rock; and when a flood arose, the torrent broke against that house and could not shake {or} move it, because it had been securely built {or founded on a rock}.
Luke 6:49 But he who merely hears and does not practice doing My words is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation, against which the torrent burst, and immediately it collapsed {and} fell, and the breaking {and} ruin of that house was great.
Luke 7:1 AFTER JESUS had finished all that He had to say in the hearing of the people [on the mountain], He entered Capernaum.
Luke 7:2 Now a centurion had a bond servant who was held in honor {and} highly valued by him, who was sick and at the point of death.
Luke 7:3 And when the centurion heard of Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to Him, requesting Him to come and make his bond servant well.
Luke 7:4 And when they reached Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying, He is worthy that You should do this for him,
Luke 7:5 For he loves our nation and he built us our synagogue [at his own expense].
Luke 7:6 And Jesus went with them. But when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent [some] friends to Him, saying, Lord, do not trouble [Yourself], for I am not sufficiently worthy to have You come under my roof;
Luke 7:7 Neither did I consider myself worthy to come to You. But [just] speak a word, and my servant boy will be healed.
Luke 7:8 For I also am a man [daily] subject to authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my bond servant, Do this, and he does it.
Luke 7:9 Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and He turned and said to the crowd that followed Him, I tell you, not even in [all] Israel have I found such great faith [as this].
Luke 7:10 And when the messengers who had been sent returned to the house, they found the bond servant {who had been ill} quite well again.
Luke 7:11 Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a great throng accompanied Him.
Luke 7:12 [Just] as He drew near the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out--the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large gathering from the town was accompanying her.
Luke 7:13 And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, Do not weep.
Luke 7:14 And He went forward and touched the funeral bier, and the pallbearers stood still. And He said, Young man, I say to you, arise [from death]!
Luke 7:15 And the man [who was] dead sat up and began to speak. And [Jesus] gave him [back] to his mother.
Luke 7:16 Profound {and} reverent fear seized them all, and they began to recognize God {and} praise {and} give thanks, saying, A great Prophet has appeared among us! And God has visited His people [in order to help and care for and provide for them]!
Luke 7:17 And this report concerning [Jesus] spread through the whole of Judea and all the country round about. [I Kings 17:17-24; II Kings 4:32-37.]
Luke 7:18 And John's disciples brought him [who was now in prison] word of all these things.
Luke 7:19 And John summoned to him a certain two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord, saying, Are You He Who is to come, or shall we [continue to] look for another?
Luke 7:20 So the men came to Jesus and said, John the Baptist sent us to You to ask, Are You the One Who is to come, or shall we [continue to] look for another?
Luke 7:21 In that very hour Jesus was healing many [people] of sicknesses and distressing bodily plagues and evil spirits, and to many who were blind He gave [a free, gracious, joy-giving gift of] sight.
Luke 7:22 So He replied to them, Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the good news (the Gospel) preached to them.
Luke 7:23 And blessed (happy--with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, apart from outward conditions--and to be envied) is he who takes no offense in Me {and} who is not hurt {or} resentful {or} annoyed {or} repelled {or} made to stumble [whatever may occur].
Luke 7:24 And the messengers of John having departed, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: What did you go out into the desert to gaze on? A reed shaken {and} swayed by the wind?
Luke 7:25 Then what did you go out to see? A man dressed up in soft garments? Behold, those who wear fine apparel and live in luxury are in the courts {or} palaces of kings.

Luke 7:26 What then did you go out to see? A prophet (a forthteller)? Yes, I tell you, and far more than a prophet.
Luke 7:27 This is the one of whom it is written, Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who shall make ready Your way before You.
Luke 7:28 I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; but he that is inferior [to the other citizens] in the kingdom of God is greater [in incomparable privilege] than he.
Luke 7:29 And all the people who heard Him, even the tax collectors, acknowledged the justice of God [in calling them to repentance and in pronouncing future wrath on the impenitent], being baptized with the baptism of John.
Luke 7:30 But the Pharisees and the lawyers [of the Mosaic Law] annulled {and} rejected {and} brought to nothing God's purpose concerning themselves, by [refusing and] not being baptized by him [John].
Luke 7:31 So to what shall I compare the men of this generation? And what are they like?
Luke 7:32 They are like little children sitting in the marketplace, calling to one another and saying, We piped to you [playing wedding], and you did not dance; we sang dirges {and} wailed [playing funeral], and you did not weep.
Luke 7:33 For John the Baptist has come neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, He has a demon.
Luke 7:34 The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, Behold, a Man Who is a glutton and a wine drinker, a friend of tax collectors and notorious sinners.
Luke 7:35 Yet wisdom is vindicated (shown to be true and divine) by all her children [by their life, character, and deeds].
Luke 7:36 One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to dine with him, and He went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table.
Luke 7:37 And behold, a woman of the town who was an especially wicked sinner, when she learned that He was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment (perfume).
Luke 7:38 And standing behind Him at His feet weeping, she began to wet His feet with [her] tears; and she wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed His feet [affectionately] and anointed them with the ointment (perfume).
Luke 7:39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw it, he said to himself, If this Man were a prophet, He would surely know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching Him--for she is a notorious sinner (a social outcast, devoted to sin).
Luke 7:40 And Jesus, replying, said to him, Simon, I have something to say to you. And he answered, Teacher, say it.
Luke 7:41 A certain lender of money [at interest] had two debtors: one owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.
Luke 7:42 When they had no means of paying, he freely forgave them both. Now which of them will love him more?
Luke 7:43 Simon answered, The one, I take it, for whom he forgave {and} cancelled more. And Jesus said to him, You have decided correctly.
Luke 7:44 Then turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, Do you see this woman? When I came into your house, you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.
Luke 7:45 You gave Me no kiss, but she from the moment I came in has not ceased [intermittently] to kiss My feet tenderly {and} caressingly.
Luke 7:46 You did not anoint My head with [cheap, ordinary] oil, but she has anointed My feet with [costly, rare] perfume.
Luke 7:47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, many [as they are], are forgiven her--because she has loved much. But he who is forgiven little loves little.
Luke 7:48 And He said to her, Your sins are forgiven!
Luke 7:49 Then those who were at table with Him began to say among themselves, Who is this Who even forgives sins?
Luke 7:50 But Jesus said to the woman, Your faith has saved you; go (enter) into peace [in freedom from all the distresses that are experienced as the result of sin].
Luke 8:1 SOON AFTERWARD, [Jesus] went on through towns and villages, preaching and bringing the good news (the Gospel) of the kingdom of God. And the Twelve [apostles] were with Him,
Luke 8:2 And also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had been expelled;
Luke 8:3 And Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager; and Susanna; and many others, who ministered to {and} provided for {Him and} them out of their property {and} personal belongings.
Luke 8:4 And when a very great throng was gathering together and people from town after town kept coming to Jesus, He said in a parable:
Luke 8:5 A sower went out to sow seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the traveled path and was trodden

underfoot, and the birds of the air ate it up.
Luke 8:6 And some [seed] fell on the rock, and as soon as it sprouted, it withered away because it had no moisture.
Luke 8:7 And other [seed] fell in the midst of the thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it [off].
Luke 8:8 And some seed fell into good soil, and grew up and yielded a crop a hundred times [as great]. As He said these things, He called out, He who has ears to hear, let him be listening {and} let him consider {and} understand by hearing!
Luke 8:9 And when His disciples asked Him the meaning of this parable,
Luke 8:10 He said to them, To you it has been given to [come progressively to] know (to recognize and understand more strongly and clearly) the mysteries {and} secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that, [though] looking, they may not see; and hearing, they may not comprehend.
Luke 8:11 Now the meaning of the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God.
Luke 8:12 Those along the traveled road are the people who have heard; then the devil comes and carries away the message out of their hearts, that they may not believe (acknowledge Me as their Savior and devote themselves to Me) and be saved [here and hereafter].
Luke 8:13 And those upon the rock [are the people] who, when they hear [the Word], receive {and} welcome it with joy; but these have no root. They believe for a while, and in time of trial {and} temptation fall away (withdraw and stand aloof).
Luke 8:14 And as for what fell among the thorns, these are [the people] who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked {and} suffocated with the anxieties {and} cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not ripen (come to maturity and perfection).
Luke 8:15 But as for that [seed] in the good soil, these are [the people] who, hearing the Word, hold it fast in a just (noble, virtuous) and worthy heart, and steadily bring forth fruit with patience.
Luke 8:16 No one after he has lighted a lamp covers it with a vessel or puts it under a [dining table] couch; but he puts it on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light.
Luke 8:17 For there is nothing hidden that shall not be disclosed, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come out into the open.
Luke 8:18 Be careful therefore how you listen. For to him who has [spiritual knowledge] will more be given; and from him who does not have [spiritual knowledge], even what he thinks {and} guesses {and} supposes that he has will be taken away.
Luke 8:19 Then Jesus' mother and His brothers came along toward Him, but they could not get to Him because of the crowd.
Luke 8:20 And it was told Him, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to have an interview with You.
Luke 8:21 But He answered them, My mother and My brothers are those who listen to the Word of God and do it!
Luke 8:22 One of those days He and His disciples got into a boat, and He said to them, Let us go across to the other side of the lake. So they put out to sea.
Luke 8:23 But as they were sailing, He fell off to sleep. And a whirlwind revolving from below upwards swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in great danger.
Luke 8:24 And the disciples came and woke Him, saying, Master, Master, we are perishing! And He, being thoroughly awakened, censured {and} blamed {and} rebuked the wind and the raging waves; and they ceased, and there came a calm.
Luke 8:25 And He said to them, [Why are you so fearful?] Where is your faith (your trust, your confidence in Me--in My veracity and My integrity)? And they were seized with alarm {and} profound {and} reverent dread, and they marveled, saying to one another, Who then is this, that He commands even wind and sea, and they obey Him?
Luke 8:26 Then they came to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.
Luke 8:27 Now when Jesus stepped out on land, there met Him a certain man out of the town who had [was possessed by] demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but in the tombs.
Luke 8:28 And when he saw Jesus, he raised a deep (terrible) cry [from the depths of his throat] and fell down before Him [in terror] and shouted loudly, What have You [to do] with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? [What have we in common?] I beg You, do not torment me!
Luke 8:29 For Jesus was already commanding the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For many times it had snatched {and} held him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and fetters, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilderness (desert).
Luke 8:30 Jesus then asked him, What is your name? And he answered, Legion; for many demons had entered him.

Luke 8:31 And they begged [Jesus] not to command them to depart into the Abyss (bottomless pit).
Luke 8:32 Now a great herd of swine was there feeding on the hillside; and [the demons] begged Him to give them leave to enter these. And He allowed them [to do so].
Luke 8:33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered into the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep cliff into the lake and were drowned.
Luke 8:34 When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they ran away and told it in the town and in the country.
Luke 8:35 And [people] went out to see what had occurred, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right (sound) mind; and they were seized with alarm {and} fear.
Luke 8:36 And those [also] who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was restored [to health].
Luke 8:37 Then all the people of the country surrounding the Gerasenes' district asked [Jesus] to depart from them, for they were possessed {and} suffering with dread {and} terror; so He entered a boat and returned [to the west side of the Sea of Galilee].
Luke 8:38 But the man from whom the demons had gone out kept begging {and} praying that he might accompany Him {and} be with Him, but [Jesus] sent him away, saying,
Luke 8:39 Return to your home, and recount [the story] of how many {and} great things God has done for you. And [the man] departed, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.
Luke 8:40 Now when Jesus came back [to Galilee], the crowd received {and} welcomed Him gladly, for they were all waiting {and} looking for Him.
Luke 8:41 And there came a man named Jairus, who had [for a long time] been a director of the synagogue; and falling at the feet of Jesus, he begged Him to come to his house,
Luke 8:42 For he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As [Jesus] went, the people pressed together around Him [almost suffocating Him].
Luke 8:43 And a woman who had suffered from a flow of blood for twelve years {and had spent all her living upon physicians}, and could not be healed by anyone,
Luke 8:44 Came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His garment, and immediately her flow of blood ceased.
Luke 8:45 And Jesus said, Who is it who touched Me? When all were denying it, Peter {and those who were with him} said, Master, the multitudes surround You {and} press You on every side!
Luke 8:46 But Jesus said, Someone did touch Me; for I perceived that [healing] power has gone forth from Me.
Luke 8:47 And when the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came up trembling, and, falling down before Him, she declared in the presence of all the people for what reason she had touched Him and how she had been instantly cured.
Luke 8:48 And He said to her, Daughter, your faith (your confidence and trust in Me) has made you well! Go (enter) into peace (untroubled, undisturbed well-being).
Luke 8:49 While He was still speaking, a man from the house of the director of the synagogue came and said [to Jairus], Your daughter is dead; do not weary {and} trouble the Teacher any further.
Luke 8:50 But Jesus, on hearing this, answered him, Do not be seized with alarm {or} struck with fear; simply believe [in Me as able to do this], and she shall be made well.
Luke 8:51 And when He came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him except Peter and John and James, and the girl's father and mother.
Luke 8:52 And all were weeping for and bewailing her; but He said, Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping.
Luke 8:53 And they laughed Him to scorn, knowing full well that she was dead.
Luke 8:54 And grasping her hand, He called, saying, Child, arise [from the sleep of death]!
Luke 8:55 And her spirit returned [from death], and she arose immediately; and He directed that she should be given something to eat.
Luke 8:56 And her parents were amazed, but He charged them to tell no one what had occurred.
Luke 9:1 THEN JESUS called together the Twelve [apostles] and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases,
Luke 9:2 And He sent them out to announce {and} preach the kingdom of God and to bring healing.
Luke 9:3 And He said to them, Do not take anything for your journey--neither walking stick, nor wallet [for a collection bag], nor food of any kind, nor money, and do not have two undergarments (tunics).
Luke 9:4 And whatever house you enter, stay there until you go away [from that place].
Luke 9:5 And wherever they do not receive {and} accept {and} welcome you, when you leave that town shake off

[even] the dust from your feet, as a testimony against them.
Luke 9:6 And departing, they went about from village to village, preaching the Gospel and restoring the afflicted to health everywhere.
Luke 9:7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was being done by [Jesus], and he was [thoroughly] perplexed {and} troubled, because it was said by some that John [the Baptist] had been raised from the dead,
Luke 9:8 And by others that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had come back to life.
Luke 9:9 But Herod said, John I beheaded; but Who is this about Whom I [learn] such things by hearsay? And he sought to see Him.
Luke 9:10 Upon their return, the apostles reported to Jesus all that they had done. And He took them [along with Him] and withdrew into privacy near a town called Bethsaida.
Luke 9:11 But when the crowds learned of it, [they] followed Him; and He welcomed them and talked to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed restoration to health.
Luke 9:12 Now the day began to decline, and the Twelve came and said to Him, Dismiss the crowds {and} send them away, so that they may go to the neighboring hamlets {and} villages and the surrounding country and find lodging and get a supply of provisions, for we are here in an uninhabited (barren, solitary) place.
Luke 9:13 But He said to them, You [yourselves] give them [food] to eat. They said, We have no more than five loaves and two fish--unless we are to go and buy food for all this crowd, [II Kings 4:42-44.]
Luke 9:14 For there were about 5,000 men. And [Jesus] said to His disciples, Have them [sit down] reclining in table groups (companies) of about fifty each.
Luke 9:15 And they did so, and made them all recline.
Luke 9:16 And taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and [praising God] gave thanks {and} asked Him to bless them [to their use]. Then He broke them and gave them to the disciples to place before the multitude.
Luke 9:17 And all the people ate and were satisfied. And they gathered up what remained over--twelve [small hand] baskets of broken pieces.
Luke 9:18 Now it occurred that as Jesus was praying privately, the disciples were with Him, and He asked them, Who do men say that I am?
Luke 9:19 And they answered, John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, that one of the ancient prophets has come back to life.
Luke 9:20 And He said to them, But who do you [yourselves] say that I am? And Peter replied, The Christ of God!
Luke 9:21 But He strictly charged and sharply commanded them [under penalty] to tell this to no one [no one, whoever he might be],
Luke 9:22 Saying, The Son of Man must suffer many things and be [deliberately] disapproved {and} repudiated {and} rejected on the part of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be put to death and on the third day be raised [again].
Luke 9:23 And He said to all, If any person wills to come after Me, let him deny himself [disown himself, forget, lose sight of himself and his own interests, refuse and give up himself] and take up his cross daily and follow Me [cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying also].
Luke 9:24 For whoever would preserve his life {and} save it will lose {and} destroy it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he will preserve {and} save it [from the penalty of eternal death].
Luke 9:25 For what does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and ruins or forfeits (loses) himself?
Luke 9:26 Because whoever is ashamed of Me and of My teachings, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when He comes in the [threefold] glory (the splendor and majesty) of Himself and of the Father and of the holy angels.
Luke 9:27 However I tell you truly, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.
Luke 9:28 Now about eight days after these teachings, Jesus took with Him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.
Luke 9:29 And as He was praying, the appearance of His countenance became altered (different), and His raiment became dazzling white [flashing with the brilliance of lightning].
Luke 9:30 And behold, two men were conversing with Him--Moses and Elijah,
Luke 9:31 Who appeared in splendor {and} majesty {and} brightness and were speaking of His exit [from life], which He was about to bring to realization at Jerusalem.
Luke 9:32 Now Peter and those with him were weighed down with sleep, but when they fully awoke, they saw His glory (splendor and majesty and brightness) and the two men who stood with Him.

Luke 9:33 And it occurred as the men were parting from Him that Peter said to Jesus, Master, it is delightful {and} good that we are here; and let us construct three booths {or} huts--one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah! not noticing {or} knowing what he was saying.
Luke 9:34 But even as he was saying this, a cloud came and began to overshadow them, and they were seized with alarm {and} struck with fear as they entered into the cloud.
Luke 9:35 Then there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, My Chosen One {or} {My Beloved}; listen to {and} yield to {and} obey Him!
Luke 9:36 And when the voice had died away, Jesus was found there alone. And they kept still, and told no one at that time any of these things that they had seen.
Luke 9:37 Now it occurred the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, that a great multitude met Him.
Luke 9:38 And behold, a man from the crowd shouted out, Master, I implore You to look at my son, for he is my only child;
Luke 9:39 And behold, a spirit seizes him and suddenly he cries out; it convulses him so that he foams at the mouth; and he is sorely shattered, and it will scarcely leave him.
Luke 9:40 And I implored Your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.
Luke 9:41 Jesus answered, O [faithless ones] unbelieving {and} without trust in God, a perverse (wayward, crooked and warped) generation! Until when {and} how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here [to Me].
Luke 9:42 And even while he was coming, the demon threw him down and [completely] convulsed him. But Jesus censured {and} severely rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the child and restored him to his father.
Luke 9:43 And all were astounded at the evidence of God's mighty power {and} His majesty {and} magnificence. But [while] they were all marveling at everything Jesus was doing, He said to His disciples,
Luke 9:44 Let these words sink into your ears: the Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men [whose conduct is opposed to God].
Luke 9:45 However, they did not comprehend this saying; and it was kept hidden from them, so that they should not grasp it {and} understand, and they were afraid to ask Him about the statement.
Luke 9:46 But a controversy arose among them as to which of them might be the greatest [surpassing the others in excellence, worth, and authority].
Luke 9:47 But Jesus, as He perceived the thoughts of their hearts, took a little child and put him at His side
Luke 9:48 And told them, Whoever receives {and} accepts {and} welcomes this child in My name {and} for My sake receives {and} accepts {and} welcomes Me; and whoever so receives Me so also receives Him Who sent Me. For he who is least {and} lowliest among you all--he is [the one who is truly] great.
Luke 9:49 John said, Master, we saw a man driving out demons in Your name and we commanded him to stop it, for he does not follow along with us.
Luke 9:50 But Jesus told him, Do not forbid [such people]; for whoever is not against you is for you.
Luke 9:51 Now when the time was almost come for Jesus to be received up [to heaven], He steadfastly {and} determinedly set His face to go to Jerusalem.
Luke 9:52 And He sent messengers before Him; and they reached and entered a Samaritan village to make [things] ready for Him;
Luke 9:53 But [the people] would not welcome {or} receive {or} accept Him, because His face was [set as if He was] going to Jerusalem.
Luke 9:54 And when His disciples James and John observed this, they said, Lord, do You wish us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, {even as Elijah did} ? [II Kings 1:9-16.]
Luke 9:55 But He turned and rebuked {and} severely censured them. {He said, You do not know of what sort of spirit you are,}
Luke 9:56 {For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them [from the penalty of eternal death]. And they journeyed on to another village.
Luke 9:57 And it occurred that as they were going along the road, a man said to Him, {Lord,} I will follow You wherever You go.
Luke 9:58 And Jesus told him, Foxes have lurking holes and the birds of the air have roosts {and} nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head.
Luke 9:59 And He said to another, Become My disciple, side with My party, and accompany Me! But he replied, {Lord,} permit me first to go and bury (await the death of) my father.

Luke 9:60 But Jesus said to him, Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go {and} publish abroad throughout all regions the kingdom of God.
Luke 9:61 Another also said, I will follow You, Lord, {and} become Your disciple {and} side with Your party; but let me first say good-bye to those at my home.
Luke 9:62 Jesus said to him, No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back [to the things behind] is fit for the kingdom of God.
Luke 10:1 NOW AFTER this the Lord chose {and} appointed seventy others and sent them out ahead of Him, two by two, into every town and place where He Himself was about to come (visit).
Luke 10:2 And He said to them, The harvest indeed is abundant [there is much ripe grain], but the farmhands are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.
Luke 10:3 Go your way; behold, I send you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.
Luke 10:4 Carry no purse, no provisions bag, no [change of] sandals; refrain from [retarding your journey by] saluting {and} wishing anyone well along the way.
Luke 10:5 Whatever house you enter, first say, Peace be to this household! [Freedom from all the distresses that result from sin be with this family].
Luke 10:6 And if anyone [worthy] of peace {and} blessedness is there, the peace {and} blessedness you wish shall come upon him; but if not, it shall come back to you.
Luke 10:7 And stay on in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house.
Luke 10:8 Whenever you go into a town and they receive {and} accept {and} welcome you, eat what is set before you;
Luke 10:9 And heal the sick in it and say to them, The kingdom of God has come close to you.
Luke 10:10 But whenever you go into a town and they do not receive {and} accept {and} welcome you, go out into its streets and say,
Luke 10:11 Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we are wiping off against you; yet know {and} understand this: the kingdom of God has come near {you}.
Luke 10:12 I tell you, it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that town.
Luke 10:13 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty miracles performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.
Luke 10:14 However, it shall be more tolerable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you.
Luke 10:15 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted unto heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades (the regions of the dead).
Luke 10:16 He who hears {and} heeds you [disciples] hears {and} heeds Me; and he who slights {and} rejects you slights {and} rejects Me; and he who slights {and} rejects Me slights {and} rejects Him who sent Me.
Luke 10:17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name!
Luke 10:18 And He said to them, I saw Satan falling like a lightning [flash] from heaven.
Luke 10:19 Behold! I have given you authority {and} power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy [possesses]; and nothing shall in any way harm you.
Luke 10:20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are enrolled in heaven.
Luke 10:21 In that same hour He rejoiced {and} gloried in the Holy Spirit and said, I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have concealed these things [relating to salvation] from the wise and understanding {and} learned, and revealed them to babes (the childish, unskilled, and untaught). Yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will {and} choice {and} good pleasure.
Luke 10:22 All things have been given over into My power by My Father; and no one knows Who the Son is except the Father, or Who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son may choose to reveal {and} make Him known.
Luke 10:23 Then turning to His disciples, He said privately, Blessed (happy, to be envied) are those whose eyes see what you see!
Luke 10:24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings longed to see what you see and they did not see it, and to hear what you hear and they did not hear it.
Luke 10:25 And then a certain lawyer arose to try (test, tempt) Him, saying, Teacher, what am I to do to inherit everlasting life [that is, to partake of eternal salvation in the Messiah's kingdom]?
Luke 10:26 Jesus said to him, What is written in the Law? How do you read it?
Luke 10:27 And he replied, You must love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all

your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.
Luke 10:28 And Jesus said to him, You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live [enjoy active, blessed, endless life in the kingdom of God].
Luke 10:29 And he, determined to acquit himself of reproach, said to Jesus, And who is my neighbor?
Luke 10:30 Jesus, taking him up, replied, A certain man was going from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him of his clothes and belongings and beat him and went their way, [unconcernedly] leaving him half dead, as it happened.
Luke 10:31 Now by coincidence a certain priest was going down along that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
Luke 10:32 A Levite likewise came down to the place and saw him, and passed by on the other side [of the road].
Luke 10:33 But a certain Samaritan, as he traveled along, came down to where he was; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity {and} sympathy [for him],
Luke 10:34 And went to him and dressed his wounds, pouring on [them] oil and wine. Then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn and took care of him.
Luke 10:35 And the next day he took out two denarii [two day's wages] and gave [them] to the innkeeper, saying, Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I [myself] will repay you when I return.
Luke 10:36 Which of these three do you think proved himself a neighbor to him who fell among the robbers?
Luke 10:37 He answered, The one who showed pity {and} mercy to him. And Jesus said to him, Go and do likewise.
Luke 10:38 Now while they were on their way, it occurred that Jesus entered a certain village, and a woman named Martha received {and} welcomed Him into her house.
Luke 10:39 And she had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at the Lord's feet and was listening to His teaching.
Luke 10:40 But Martha [overly occupied and too busy] was distracted with much serving; and she came up to Him and said, Lord, is it nothing to You that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me [to lend a hand and do her part along with me]!
Luke 10:41 But the Lord replied to her by saying, Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things;
Luke 10:42 There is need of only one {or but a few things.} Mary has chosen the good portion [that which is to her advantage], which shall not be taken away from her.
Luke 11:1 THEN HE was praying in a certain place; and when He stopped, one of His disciples said to Him, Lord, teach us to pray, [just] as John taught his disciples.
Luke 11:2 And He said to them, When you pray, say: {Our} Father {Who is in heaven,} hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come. {Your will be done [held holy and revered] on earth as it is in heaven.}
Luke 11:3 Give us daily our bread [food for the morrow].
Luke 11:4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us [who has offended us or done us wrong]. And bring us not into temptation {but rescue us from evil.}
Luke 11:5 And He said to them, Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and will say to him, Friend, lend me three loaves [of bread],
Luke 11:6 For a friend of mine who is on a journey has just come, and I have nothing to put before him;
Luke 11:7 And he from within will answer, Do not disturb me; the door is now closed, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and supply you [with anything]?
Luke 11:8 I tell you, although he will not get up and supply him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his shameless persistence {and} insistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.
Luke 11:9 So I say to you, Ask {and} keep on asking and it shall be given you; seek {and} keep on seeking and you shall find; knock {and} keep on knocking and the door shall be opened to you.
Luke 11:10 For everyone who asks {and} keeps on asking receives; and he who seeks {and} keeps on seeking finds; and to him who knocks {and} keeps on knocking, the door shall be opened.
Luke 11:11 What father among you, if his son asks for {a loaf of bread, will give him a stone; or if he asks for} a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?
Luke 11:12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?
Luke 11:13 If you then, evil as you are, know how to give good gifts [gifts that are to their advantage] to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask {and} continue to ask Him!
Luke 11:14 Now Jesus was driving out a demon that was dumb; and it occurred that when the demon had gone out, the dumb man spoke. And the crowds marveled.
Luke 11:15 But some of them said, He drives out demons [because He is in league with and] by Beelzebub, the prince of demons,

Luke 11:16 While others, to try {and} test {and} tempt Him, demanded a sign of Him from heaven.
Luke 11:17 But He, [well] aware of their intent {and} purpose, said to them, Every kingdom split up against itself is doomed {and} brought to desolation, and so house falls upon house. [The disunited household will collapse.]
Luke 11:18 And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom last? For you say that I expel demons with the help of {and} by Beelzebub.
Luke 11:19 Now if I expel demons with the help of {and} by Beelzebub, with whose help {and} by whom do your sons drive them out? Therefore they shall be your judges.
Luke 11:20 But if I drive out the demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has [already] come upon you.
Luke 11:21 When the strong man, fully armed, [from his courtyard] guards his own dwelling, his belongings are undisturbed [his property is at peace and is secure].
Luke 11:22 But when one stronger than he attacks him and conquers him, he robs him of his whole armor on which he had relied and divides up {and} distributes all his goods as plunder (spoil).
Luke 11:23 He who is not with Me [siding and believing with Me] is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me [engage in My interest], scatters.
Luke 11:24 When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it roams through waterless places in search [of a place] of rest (release, refreshment, ease); and finding none it says, I will go back to my house from which I came.
Luke 11:25 And when it arrives, it finds [the place] swept {and} put in order and furnished {and} decorated.
Luke 11:26 And it goes and brings other spirits, seven [of them], more evil than itself, and they enter in, settle down, {and} dwell there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first.
Luke 11:27 Now it occurred that as He was saying these things, a certain woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, Blessed (happy and to be envied) is the womb that bore You and the breasts that You sucked!
Luke 11:28 But He said, Blessed (happy and to be envied) rather are those who hear the Word of God and obey {and} practice it!
Luke 11:29 Now as the crowds were [increasingly] thronging Him, He began to say, This present generation is a wicked one; it seeks {and} demands a sign (miracle), but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of Jonah [the prophet].
Luke 11:30 For [just] as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will also the Son of Man be [a sign] to this age {and} generation.
Luke 11:31 The queen of the South will arise in the judgment with the people of this age {and} generation and condemn them; for she came from the ends of the [inhabited] earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and notice, here is more than Solomon. [I Kings 10:1-13; II Chron. 9:1-12.]
Luke 11:32 The men of Nineveh will appear as witnesses at the judgment with this generation and will condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, here is more than Jonah.
Luke 11:33 No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar {or} crypt or under a bushel measure, but on a lampstand, that those who are coming in may see the light.
Luke 11:34 Your eye is the lamp of your body; when your eye (your conscience) is sound {and} fulfilling its office, your whole body is full of light; but when it is not sound {and} is not fulfilling its office, your body is full of darkness.
Luke 11:35 Be careful, therefore, that the light that is in you is not darkness.
Luke 11:36 If then your entire body is illuminated, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright [with light], as when a lamp with its bright rays gives you light.
Luke 11:37 Now while Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee invited Him to take dinner with him, so He entered and reclined at table.
Luke 11:38 The Pharisee noticed and was astonished [to see] that Jesus did not first wash before dinner.
Luke 11:39 But the Lord said to him, Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside you yourselves are full of greed {and} robbery {and} extortion and malice {and} wickedness.
Luke 11:40 You senseless (foolish, stupid) ones [acting without reflection or intelligence]! Did not He Who made the outside make the inside also?
Luke 11:41 But [dedicate your inner self and] give as donations to the poor of those things which are within [of inward righteousness] and behold, everything is purified {and} clean for you.
Luke 11:42 But woe to you, Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every [little] herb, but disregard {and} neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done without leaving the others undone.
Luke 11:43 Woe to you, Pharisees! For you love the best seats in the synagogues and [you love] to be greeted {and} bowed down to in the [public] marketplaces.
Luke 11:44 Woe to you! For you are like graves which are not marked {or} seen, and men walk over them without

being aware of it [and are ceremonially defiled].
Luke 11:45 One of the experts in the [Mosaic] Law answered Him, Teacher, in saying this, You reproach {and} outrage {and} affront even us!
Luke 11:46 But He said, Woe to you, the lawyers, also! For you load men with oppressive burdens hard to bear, and you do not personally [even gently] touch the burdens with one of your fingers.
Luke 11:47 Woe to you! For you are rebuilding {and} repairing the tombs of the prophets, whom your fathers killed (destroyed).
Luke 11:48 So you bear witness and give your full approval {and} consent to the deeds of your fathers; for they actually killed them, and you rebuild {and} repair monuments to them.
Luke 11:49 For this reason also the wisdom of God said, I will send them prophets and apostles, [some] of whom they will put to death and persecute,
Luke 11:50 So that the blood of all the prophets shed from the foundation of the world may be charged against {and} required of this age {and} generation,
Luke 11:51 From the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was slain between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it shall be charged against {and} required of this age {and} generation.
Luke 11:52 Woe to you, lawyers (experts in the Mosaic Law)! For you have taken away the key to knowledge; you did not go in yourselves, and you hindered {and} prevented those who were entering.
Luke 11:53 As He left there, the scribes and the Pharisees [followed Him closely, and they] began to be enraged with {and} set themselves violently against Him and to draw Him out {and} provoke Him to speak of many things,
Luke 11:54 Secretly watching {and} plotting {and} lying in wait for Him, to seize upon something He might say [that they might accuse Him].
Luke 12:1 IN THE meanwhile, when so many thousands of the people had gathered that they were trampling on one another, Jesus commenced by saying primarily to His disciples, Be on your guard against the leaven (ferment) of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy [producing unrest and violent agitation].
Luke 12:2 Nothing is [so closely] covered up that it will not be revealed, or hidden that it will not be known.
Luke 12:3 Whatever you have spoken in the darkness shall be heard {and} listened to in the light, and what you have whispered in [people's] ears and behind closed doors will be proclaimed upon the housetops.
Luke 12:4 I tell you, My friends, do not dread {and} be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have nothing more that they can do.
Luke 12:5 But I will warn you whom you should fear: fear Him Who, after killing, has power to hurl into hell (Gehenna); yes, I say to you, fear Him!
Luke 12:6 Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And [yet] not one of them is forgotten {or} uncared for in the presence of God.
Luke 12:7 But [even] the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not be struck with fear {or} seized with alarm; you are of greater worth than many [flocks] of sparrows.
Luke 12:8 And I tell you, Whoever declares openly [speaking out freely] {and} confesses that he is My worshiper {and} acknowledges Me before men, the Son of Man also will declare {and} confess {and} acknowledge him before the angels of God.
Luke 12:9 But he who disowns {and} denies {and} rejects {and} refuses to acknowledge Me before men will be disowned {and} denied {and} rejected {and} refused acknowledgement in the presence of the angels of God.
Luke 12:10 And everyone who makes a statement {or} speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit [that is, whoever intentionally comes short of the reverence due the Holy Spirit], it will not be forgiven him [for him there is no forgiveness].
Luke 12:11 And when they bring you before the synagogues and the magistrates and the authorities, do not be anxious [beforehand] how you shall reply in defense or what you are to say.
Luke 12:12 For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour {and} moment what [you] ought to say.
Luke 12:13 Someone from the crowd said to Him, Master, order my brother to divide the inheritance {and} share it with me.
Luke 12:14 But He told him, Man, who has appointed Me a judge or umpire {and} divider over you?
Luke 12:15 And He said to them, Guard yourselves and keep free from all covetousness (the immoderate desire for wealth, the greedy longing to have more); for a man's life does not consist in {and} is not derived from possessing overflowing abundance {or} that which is over and above his needs.
Luke 12:16 Then He told them a parable, saying, The land of a rich man was fertile {and} yielded plentifully.
Luke 12:17 And he considered {and} debated within himself, What shall I do? I have no place [in which] to gather

together my harvest.
Luke 12:18 And he said, I will do this: I will pull down my storehouses and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain {or produce} and my goods.
Luke 12:19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many good things laid up, [enough] for many years. Take your ease; eat, drink, {and} enjoy yourself merrily.
Luke 12:20 But God said to him, You fool! This very night they [the messengers of God] will demand your soul of you; and all the things that you have prepared, whose will they be?
Luke 12:21 So it is with the one who continues to lay up {and} hoard possessions for himself and is not rich [in his relation] to God [this is how he fares].
Luke 12:22 And [Jesus] said to His disciples, Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious {and} troubled [with cares] about your life, as to what you will [have to] eat; or about your body, as to what you will [have to] wear.
Luke 12:23 For life is more than food, and the body [more] than clothes.
Luke 12:24 Observe {and} consider the ravens; for they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn; and [yet] God feeds them. Of how much more worth are you than the birds!
Luke 12:25 And which of you by being overly anxious {and} troubled with cares can add a cubit to his stature {or} a moment [unit] of time to his age [the length of his life]?
Luke 12:26 If then you are not able to do such a little thing as that, why are you anxious {and} troubled with cares about the rest?
Luke 12:27 Consider the lilies, how they grow. They neither [wearily] toil nor spin {nor} {weave;} yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory (his splendor and magnificence) was not arrayed like one of these. [I Kings 10:4-7.]
Luke 12:28 But if God so clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today, and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will He clothe you, O you [people] of little faith?
Luke 12:29 And you, do not seek [by meditating and reasoning to inquire into] what you are to eat and what you are to drink; nor be of anxious (troubled) mind [unsettled, excited, worried, and in suspense];
Luke 12:30 For all the pagan world is [greedily] seeking these things, and your Father knows that you need them.
Luke 12:31 Only aim at {and} strive for {and} seek His kingdom, and all these things shall be supplied to you also.
Luke 12:32 Do not be seized with alarm {and} struck with fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom!
Luke 12:33 Sell what you possess and give donations to the poor; provide yourselves with purses {and} handbags that do not grow old, an unfailing {and} inexhaustible treasure in the heavens, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.
Luke 12:34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
Luke 12:35 Keep your loins girded and your lamps burning,
Luke 12:36 And be like men who are waiting for their master to return home from the marriage feast, so that when he returns from the wedding and comes and knocks, they may open to him immediately.
Luke 12:37 Blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are those servants whom the master finds awake {and} alert {and} watching when he comes. Truly I say to you, he will gird himself and have them recline at table and will come and serve them!
Luke 12:38 If he comes in the second watch (before midnight) or the third watch (after midnight), and finds them so, blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are those servants!
Luke 12:39 But of this be assured: if the householder had known at what time the burglar was coming, he would have been awake {and} alert {and} watching and would not have permitted his house to be dug through {and} broken into.
Luke 12:40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour {and} a moment when you do not anticipate it.
Luke 12:41 Peter said, Lord, are You telling this parable for us, or for all alike?
Luke 12:42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful steward, the wise man whom his master will set over those in his household service to supply them their allowance of food at the appointed time?
Luke 12:43 Blessed (happy and to be envied) is that servant whom his master finds so doing when he arrives.
Luke 12:44 Truly I tell you, he will set him in charge over all his possessions.
Luke 12:45 But if that servant says in his heart, My master is late in coming, and begins to strike the menservants and the maids and to eat and drink and get drunk,
Luke 12:46 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour of which he does not know, and will punish him {and} cut him off and assign his lot with the unfaithful.
Luke 12:47 And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act as he would wish him to act shall

be beaten with many [lashes].
Luke 12:48 But he who did not know and did things worthy of a beating shall be beaten with few [lashes]. For everyone to whom much is given, of him shall much be required; and of him to whom men entrust much, they will require {and} demand all the more.
Luke 12:49 I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish that it were already kindled!
Luke 12:50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and how greatly {and} sorely I am urged on (impelled, constrained) until it is accomplished!
Luke 12:51 Do you suppose that I have come to give peace upon earth? No, I say to you, but rather division;
Luke 12:52 For from now on in one house there will be five divided [among themselves], three against two and two against three.
Luke 12:53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.
Luke 12:54 He also said to the crowds of people, When you see a cloud rising in the west, at once you say, It is going to rain! And so it does.
Luke 12:55 And when [you see that] a south wind is blowing, you say, There will be severe heat! And it occurs.
Luke 12:56 You playactors (hypocrites)! You know how [intelligently] to discern {and} interpret {and} prove the looks of the earth and sky; but how is it that you do not know how to discern {and} interpret {and} apply the proof to this present time?
Luke 12:57 And why do you not judge what is just {and} personally decide what is right?
Luke 12:58 Then as you go with your accuser before a magistrate, on the way make a diligent effort to settle {and} be quit (free) of him, lest he drag you to the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer put you in prison.
Luke 12:59 I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last [fraction of a] cent.
Luke 13:1 JUST AT that time there [arrived] some people who informed Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.
Luke 13:2 And He replied by saying to them, Do you think that these Galileans were greater sinners than all the other Galileans because they have suffered in this way?
Luke 13:3 I tell you, No; but unless you repent (change your mind for the better and heartily amend your ways, with abhorrence of your past sins), you will all likewise perish {and} be lost eternally.
Luke 13:4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them--do you think that they were more guilty offenders (debtors) than all the others who dwelt in Jerusalem?
Luke 13:5 I tell you, No; but unless you repent (change your mind for the better and heartily amend your ways, with abhorrence of your past sins), you will all likewise perish {and} be lost eternally.
Luke 13:6 And He told them this parable: A certain man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it, but did not find [any].
Luke 13:7 So he said to the vinedresser, See here! For these three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree and I find none. Cut it down! Why should it continue also to use up the ground [to deplete the soil, intercept the sun, and take up room]?
Luke 13:8 But he replied to him, Leave it alone, sir, [just] this one more year, till I dig around it and put manure [on the soil].
Luke 13:9 Then perhaps it will bear fruit after this; but if not, you can cut it down {and} out.
Luke 13:10 Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.
Luke 13:11 And there was a woman there who for eighteen years had had an infirmity caused by a spirit (a demon of sickness). She was bent completely forward and utterly unable to straighten herself up {or} to look upward.
Luke 13:12 And when Jesus saw her, He called [her to Him] and said to her, Woman, you are released from your infirmity!
Luke 13:13 Then He laid [His] hands on her, and instantly she was made straight, and she recognized {and} thanked {and} praised God.
Luke 13:14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the crowd, There are six days on which work ought to be done; so come on those days and be cured, and not on the Sabbath day.
Luke 13:15 But the Lord replied to him, saying, You playactors (hypocrites)! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or his donkey from the stall and lead it out to water it?
Luke 13:16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?

Luke 13:17 Even as He said this, all His opponents were put to shame, and all the people were rejoicing over all the glorious things that were being done by Him.
Luke 13:18 This led Him to say, What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it?
Luke 13:19 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his own garden; and it grew and became a tree, and the wild birds found shelter {and} roosted {and} nested in its branches.
Luke 13:20 And again He said, To what shall I liken the kingdom of God?
Luke 13:21 It is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of wheat flour {or} meal until it was all leavened (fermented).
Luke 13:22 [Jesus] journeyed on through towns and villages, teaching, and making His way toward Jerusalem.
Luke 13:23 And someone asked Him, Lord, will only a few be saved (rescued, delivered from the penalties of the last judgment, and made partakers of the salvation by Christ)? And He said to them,
Luke 13:24 Strive to enter by the narrow door [force yourselves through it], for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.
Luke 13:25 When once the Master of the house gets up and closes the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door [again and again], saying, Lord, open to us! He will answer you, I do not know where [what household--certainly not Mine] you come from.
Luke 13:26 Then you will begin to say, We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.
Luke 13:27 But He will say, I tell you, I do not know where [what household--certainly not Mine] you come from; depart from Me, all you wrongdoers!
Luke 13:28 There will be weeping and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves being cast forth (banished, driven away).
Luke 13:29 And [people] will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit down (feast at table) in the kingdom of God.
Luke 13:30 And behold, there are some [now] last who will be first [then], and there are some [now] first who will be last [then].
Luke 13:31 At that very hour some Pharisees came up and said to Him, Go away from here, for Herod is determined to kill You.
Luke 13:32 And He said to them, Go and tell that fox [sly and crafty, skulking and cowardly], Behold, I drive out demons and perform healings today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish (complete) My course.
Luke 13:33 Nevertheless, I must continue on My way today and tomorrow and the day after that--for it will never do for a prophet to be destroyed away from Jerusalem!
Luke 13:34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who continue to kill the prophets and to stone those who are sent to you! How often I have desired {and} yearned to gather your children together [around Me], as a hen [gathers] her young under her wings, but you would not!
Luke 13:35 Behold, your house is forsaken (abandoned, left to you destitute of God's help)! And I tell you, you will not see Me again until the time comes when you shall say, Blessed (to be celebrated with praises) is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!
Luke 14:1 IT OCCURRED one Sabbath, when [Jesus] went for a meal at the house of one of the ruling Pharisees, that they were [engaged in] watching Him [closely].
Luke 14:2 And behold, [just] in front of Him there was a man who had dropsy.
Luke 14:3 And Jesus asked the lawyers and the Pharisees, Is it lawful {and} right to cure on the Sabbath or not?
Luke 14:4 But they kept silent. Then He took hold [of the man] and cured him and sent him away.
Luke 14:5 And He said to them, Which of you, having a son {or a donkey} or an ox that has fallen into a well, will not at once pull him out on the Sabbath day?
Luke 14:6 And they were unable to reply to this.
Luke 14:7 Now He told a parable to those who were invited, [when] He noticed how they were selecting the places of honor, saying to them,
Luke 14:8 When you are invited by anyone to a marriage feast, do not recline on the chief seat [in the place of honor], lest a more distinguished person than you has been invited by him,
Luke 14:9 And he who invited both of you will come to you and say, Let this man have the place [you have taken]. Then, with humiliation {and} a guilty sense of impropriety, you will begin to take the lowest place.
Luke 14:10 But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, so that when your host comes in, he may say to you, Friend, go up higher! Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit [at table] with you.
Luke 14:11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled (ranked below others who are honored or rewarded), and

he who humbles himself (keeps a modest opinion of himself and behaves accordingly) will be exalted (elevated in rank).
Luke 14:12 Jesus also said to the man who had invited Him, When you give a dinner or a supper, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, lest perhaps they also invite you in return, and so you are paid back.
Luke 14:13 But when you give a banquet {or} a reception, invite the poor, the disabled, the lame, and the blind.
Luke 14:14 Then you will be blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied), because they have no way of repaying you, and you will be recompensed at the resurrection of the just (upright).
Luke 14:15 When one of those who reclined [at the table] with Him heard this, he said to Him, Blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!
Luke 14:16 But Jesus said to him, A man was once giving a great supper and invited many;
Luke 14:17 And at the hour for the supper he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, Come, for all is now ready.
Luke 14:18 But they all alike began to make excuses {and} to beg off. The first said to him, I have bought a piece of land, and I have to go out and see it; I beg you, have me excused.
Luke 14:19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to examine {and} put my approval on them; I beg you, have me excused.
Luke 14:20 And another said, I have married a wife, and because of this I am unable to come.
Luke 14:21 So the servant came and reported these [answers] to his master. Then the master of the house said in wrath to his servant, Go quickly into the great streets and the small streets of the city and bring in here the poor and the disabled and the blind and the lame.
Luke 14:22 And the servant [returning] said, Sir, what you have commanded me to do has been done, and yet there is room.
Luke 14:23 Then the master said to the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges and urge {and} constrain [them] to yield {and} come in, so that my house may be filled.
Luke 14:24 For I tell you, not one of those who were invited shall taste my supper.
Luke 14:25 Now huge crowds were going along with [Jesus], and He turned and said to them,
Luke 14:26 If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his [own] father and mother [in the sense of indifference to or relative disregard for them in comparison with his attitude toward God] and [likewise] his wife and children and brothers and sisters--[yes] and even his own life also--he cannot be My disciple.
Luke 14:27 Whoever does not persevere {and} carry his own cross and come after (follow) Me cannot be My disciple.
Luke 14:28 For which of you, wishing to build a farm building, does not first sit down and calculate the cost [to see] whether he has sufficient means to finish it?
Luke 14:29 Otherwise, when he has laid the foundation and is unable to complete [the building], all who see it will begin to mock {and} jeer at him,
Luke 14:30 Saying, This man began to build and was not able (worth enough) to finish.
Luke 14:31 Or what king, going out to engage in conflict with another king, will not first sit down and consider {and} take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand [men] to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?
Luke 14:32 And if he cannot [do so], when the other king is still a great way off, he sends an envoy and asks the terms of peace.
Luke 14:33 So then, any of you who does not forsake (renounce, surrender claim to, give up, say good-bye to) all that he has cannot be My disciple.
Luke 14:34 Salt is good [an excellent thing], but if salt has lost its strength {and} has become saltless (insipid, flat), how shall its saltness be restored?
Luke 14:35 It is fit neither for the land nor for the manure heap; men throw it away. He who has ears to hear, let him listen {and} consider {and} comprehend by hearing!
Luke 15:1 NOW THE tax collectors and [notorious and especially wicked] sinners were all coming near to [Jesus] to listen to Him.
Luke 15:2 And the Pharisees and the scribes kept muttering {and} indignantly complaining, saying, This man accepts {and} receives {and} welcomes [preeminently wicked] sinners and eats with them.
Luke 15:3 So He told them this parable:
Luke 15:4 What man of you, if he has a hundred sheep and should lose one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness (desert) and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?
Luke 15:5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his [own] shoulders, rejoicing.

Luke 15:6 And when he gets home, he summons together [his] friends and [his] neighbors, saying to them, Rejoice with me, because I have found my sheep which was lost.
Luke 15:7 Thus, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one [especially] wicked person who repents (changes his mind, abhorring his errors and misdeeds, and determines to enter upon a better course of life) than over ninety-nine righteous persons who have no need of repentance.
Luke 15:8 Or what woman, having ten [silver] drachmas [each one equal to a day's wages], if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and look carefully {and} diligently until she finds it?
Luke 15:9 And when she has found it, she summons her [women] friends and neighbors, saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the silver coin which I had lost.
Luke 15:10 Even so, I tell you, there is joy among {and} in the presence of the angels of God over one [especially] wicked person who repents (changes his mind for the better, heartily amending his ways, with abhorrence of his past sins).
Luke 15:11 And He said, There was a certain man who had two sons;
Luke 15:12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the part of the property that falls [to me]. And he divided the estate between them.
Luke 15:13 And not many days after that, the younger son gathered up all that he had and journeyed into a distant country, and there he wasted his fortune in reckless {and} loose [from restraint] living.
Luke 15:14 And when he had spent all he had, a mighty famine came upon that country, and he began to fall behind {and} be in want.
Luke 15:15 So he went and forced (glued) himself upon one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed hogs.
Luke 15:16 And he would gladly have fed on {and} {filled his belly with} the carob pods that the hogs were eating, but [they could not satisfy his hunger and] nobody gave him anything [better].
Luke 15:17 Then when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father have enough food, and [even food] to spare, but I am perishing (dying) here of hunger!
Luke 15:18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight.
Luke 15:19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; [just] make me like one of your hired servants.
Luke 15:20 So he got up and came to his [own] father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity {and} tenderness [for him]; and he ran and embraced him and kissed him [fervently].
Luke 15:21 And the son said to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son [I no longer deserve to be recognized as a son of yours]!
Luke 15:22 But the father said to his bond servants, Bring quickly the best robe (the festive robe of honor) and put it on him; and give him a ring for his hand and sandals for his feet.
Luke 15:23 And bring out that [wheat-]fattened calf and kill it; and let us revel {and} feast {and} be happy {and} make merry,
Luke 15:24 Because this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found! And they began to revel {and} feast {and} make merry.
Luke 15:25 But his older son was in the field; and as he returned and came near the house, he heard music and dancing.
Luke 15:26 And having called one of the servant [boys] to him, he began to ask what this meant.
Luke 15:27 And he said to him, Your brother has come, and your father has killed that [wheat-]fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and well.
Luke 15:28 But [the elder brother] was angry [with deep-seated wrath] and resolved not to go in. Then his father came out and began to plead with him,
Luke 15:29 But he answered his father, Look! These many years I have served you, and I have never disobeyed your command. Yet you never gave me [so much as] a [little] kid, that I might revel {and} feast {and} be happy {and} make merry with my friends;
Luke 15:30 But when this son of yours arrived, who has devoured your estate with immoral women, you have killed for him that [wheat-] fattened calf!
Luke 15:31 And the father said to him, Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.
Luke 15:32 But it was fitting to make merry, to revel {and} feast and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and is alive again! He was lost and is found!
Luke 16:1 ALSO [Jesus] said to the disciples, There was a certain rich man who had a manager of his estate, and

accusations [against this man] were brought to him, that he was squandering his [master's] possessions.
Luke 16:2 And he called him and said to him, What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management [of my affairs], for you can be [my] manager no longer.
Luke 16:3 And the manager of the estate said to himself, What shall I do, seeing that my master is taking the management away from me? I am not able to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.
Luke 16:4 I have come to know what I will do, so that they [my master's debtors] may accept {and} welcome me into their houses when I am put out of the management.
Luke 16:5 So he summoned his master's debtors one by one, and he said to the first, How much do you owe my master?
Luke 16:6 He said, A hundred measures [about 900 gallons] of oil. And he said to him, Take back your written acknowledgement of obligation, and sit down quickly and write fifty [about 450 gallons].
Luke 16:7 After that he said to another, And how much do you owe? He said, A hundred measures [about 900 bushels] of wheat. He said to him, Take back your written acknowledgement of obligation, and write eighty [about 700 bushels].
Luke 16:8 And [his] master praised the dishonest (unjust) manager for acting shrewdly {and} prudently; for the sons of this age are shrewder {and} more prudent {and} wiser in [relation to] their own generation [to their own age and kind] than are the sons of light.
Luke 16:9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon (deceitful riches, money, possessions), so that when it fails, they [those you have favored] may receive {and} welcome you into the everlasting habitations (dwellings).
Luke 16:10 He who is faithful in a very little [thing] is faithful also in much, and he who is dishonest {and} unjust in a very little [thing] is dishonest {and} unjust also in much.
Luke 16:11 Therefore if you have not been faithful in the [case of] unrighteous mammon (deceitful riches, money, possessions), who will entrust to you the true riches?
Luke 16:12 And if you have not proved faithful in that which belongs to another [whether God or man], who will give you that which is your own [that is, the true riches]?
Luke 16:13 No servant is able to serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stand by {and} be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (riches, or anything in which you trust and on which you rely).
Luke 16:14 Now the Pharisees, who were covetous {and} lovers of money, heard all these things [taken together], and they began to sneer at {and} ridicule {and} scoff at Him.
Luke 16:15 But He said to them, You are the ones who declare yourselves just {and} upright before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted {and} highly thought of among men is detestable {and} abhorrent (an abomination) in the sight of God. [I Sam. 16:7; Prov. 21:2.]
Luke 16:16 Until John came, there were the Law and the Prophets; since then the good news (the Gospel) of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone strives violently to go in [would force his own way rather than God's way into it].
Luke 16:17 Yet it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to fail {and} become void.
Luke 16:18 Whoever divorces (dismisses and repudiates) his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries a woman who is divorced from her husband commits adultery.
Luke 16:19 There was a certain rich man who [habitually] clothed himself in purple and fine linen and reveled {and} feasted {and} made merry in splendor every day.
Luke 16:20 And at his gate there was [carelessly] dropped down {and} left a certain utterly destitute man named Lazarus, [reduced to begging alms and] covered with [ulcerated] sores.
Luke 16:21 He [eagerly] desired to be satisfied with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs even came and licked his sores.
Luke 16:22 And it occurred that the man [reduced to] begging died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.
Luke 16:23 And in Hades (the realm of the dead), being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away, and Lazarus in his bosom.
Luke 16:24 And he cried out and said, Father Abraham, have pity {and} mercy on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.
Luke 16:25 But Abraham said, Child, remember that you in your lifetime fully received [what is due you in] comforts {and} delights, and Lazarus in like manner the discomforts {and} distresses; but now he is comforted here and you are

in anguish.
Luke 16:26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who want to pass from this [place] to you may not be able, and no one may pass from there to us.
Luke 16:27 And [the man] said, Then, father, I beseech you to send him to my father's house--
Luke 16:28 For I have five brothers--so that he may give [solemn] testimony {and} warn them, lest they too come into this place of torment.
Luke 16:29 But Abraham said, They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear {and} listen to them.
Luke 16:30 But he answered, No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent (change their minds for the better and heartily amend their ways, with abhorrence of their past sins).
Luke 16:31 He said to him, If they do not hear {and} listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded {and} convinced {and} believe [even] if someone should rise from the dead.
Luke 17:1 AND [Jesus] said to His disciples, Temptations (snares, traps set to entice to sin) are sure to come, but woe to him by {or} through whom they come!
Luke 17:2 It would be more profitable for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were hurled into the sea than that he should cause to sin {or} be a snare to one of these little ones [lowly in rank or influence].
Luke 17:3 Pay attention {and} always be on your guard [looking out for one another]. If your brother sins (misses the mark), solemnly tell him so {and} reprove him, and if he repents (feels sorry for having sinned), forgive him.
Luke 17:4 And even if he sins against you seven times in a day, and turns to you seven times and says, I repent [I am sorry], you must forgive him (give up resentment and consider the offense as recalled and annulled).
Luke 17:5 The apostles said to the Lord, Increase our faith (that trust and confidence that spring from our belief in God).
Luke 17:6 And the Lord answered, If you had faith (trust and confidence in God) even [so small] like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, Be pulled up by the roots, and be planted in the sea, and it would obey you.
Luke 17:7 Will any man of you who has a servant plowing or tending sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, Come at once and take your place at the table?
Luke 17:8 Will he not instead tell him, Get my supper ready and gird yourself and serve me while I eat and drink; then afterward you yourself shall eat and drink?
Luke 17:9 Is he grateful {and} does he praise the servant because he did what he was ordered to do?
Luke 17:10 Even so on your part, when you have done everything that was assigned {and} commanded you, say, We are unworthy servants [possessing no merit, for we have not gone beyond our obligation]; we have [merely] done what was our duty to do.
Luke 17:11 As He went on His way to Jerusalem, it occurred that [Jesus] was passing [along the border] between Samaria and Galilee.
Luke 17:12 And as He was going into one village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance.
Luke 17:13 And they raised up their voices and called, Jesus, Master, take pity {and} have mercy on us!
Luke 17:14 And when He saw them, He said to them, Go [at once] and show yourselves to the priests. And as they went, they were cured {and} made clean.
Luke 17:15 Then one of them, upon seeing that he was cured, turned back, recognizing {and} thanking {and} praising God with a loud voice;
Luke 17:16 And he fell prostrate at Jesus' feet, thanking Him [over and over]. And he was a Samaritan.
Luke 17:17 Then Jesus asked, Were not [all] ten cleansed? Where are the nine?
Luke 17:18 Was there no one found to return and to recognize {and} give thanks {and} praise to God except this alien?
Luke 17:19 And He said to him, Get up and go on your way. Your faith (your trust and confidence that spring from your belief in God) has restored you to health.
Luke 17:20 Asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He replied to them by saying, The kingdom of God does not come with signs to be observed {or} with visible display,
Luke 17:21 Nor will people say, Look! Here [it is]! or, See, [it is] there! For behold, the kingdom of God is within you [in your hearts] {and} among you [surrounding you].
Luke 17:22 And He said to the disciples, The time is coming when you will long to see [even] one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see [it].
Luke 17:23 And they will say to you, Look! [He is] there! or, Look! [He is] here! But do not go out or follow [them].
Luke 17:24 For like the lightning, that flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other, so will the Son of Man

be in His [own] day.
Luke 17:25 But first He must suffer many things and be disapproved {and} repudiated {and} rejected by this age {and} generation.
Luke 17:26 And [just] as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the time of the Son of Man.
Luke 17:27 [People] ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, right up to the day when Noah went into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.
Luke 17:28 So also [it was the same] as it was in the days of Lot. [People] ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;
Luke 17:29 But on the [very] day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed [them] all.
Luke 17:30 That is the way it will be on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.
Luke 17:31 On that day let him who is on the housetop, with his belongings in the house, not come down [and go inside] to carry them away; and likewise let him who is in the field not turn back.
Luke 17:32 Remember Lot's wife!
Luke 17:33 Whoever tries to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve and quicken it.
Luke 17:34 I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed; one will be taken and the other will be left.
Luke 17:35 There will be two women grinding together; one will be taken and the other will be left.
Luke 17:36 {Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other will be left.}
Luke 17:37 Then they asked Him, Where, Lord? He said to them, Wherever the dead body is, there will the vultures {or} eagles be gathered together.
Luke 18:1 ALSO [Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not to turn coward (faint, lose heart, and give up).
Luke 18:2 He said, In a certain city there was a judge who neither reverenced {and} feared God nor respected {or} considered man.
Luke 18:3 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, Protect {and} defend {and} give me justice against my adversary.
Luke 18:4 And for a time he would not; but later he said to himself, Though I have neither reverence {or} fear for God nor respect {or} consideration for man,
Luke 18:5 Yet because this widow continues to bother me, I will defend {and} protect {and} avenge her, lest she give me intolerable annoyance {and} wear me out by her continual coming {or} at the last she come and rail on me {or} assault me {or} strangle me.
Luke 18:6 Then the Lord said, Listen to what the unjust judge says!
Luke 18:7 And will not [our just] God defend {and} protect {and} avenge His elect (His chosen ones), who cry to Him day and night? Will He defer them {and} delay help on their behalf?
Luke 18:8 I tell you, He will defend {and} protect {and} avenge them speedily. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find [persistence in] faith on the earth?
Luke 18:9 He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves {and} were confident that they were righteous [that they were upright and in right standing with God] and scorned {and} made nothing of all the rest of men:
Luke 18:10 Two men went up into the temple [enclosure] to pray, the one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.
Luke 18:11 The Pharisee took his stand ostentatiously and began to pray thus before {and} with himself: God, I thank You that I am not like the rest of men--extortioners (robbers), swindlers [unrighteous in heart and life], adulterers--or even like this tax collector here.
Luke 18:12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I gain.
Luke 18:13 But the tax collector, [merely] standing at a distance, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but kept striking his breast, saying, O God, be favorable (be gracious, be merciful) to me, the especially wicked sinner that I am!
Luke 18:14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified (forgiven and made upright and in right standing with God), rather than the other man; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.
Luke 18:15 Now they were also bringing [even] babies to Him that He might touch them, and when the disciples noticed it, they reproved them.
Luke 18:16 But Jesus called them [the parents] to Him, saying, Allow the little children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such [as these] belongs the kingdom of God.

Luke 18:17 Truly I say to you, whoever does not accept {and} receive {and} welcome the kingdom of God like a little child [does] shall not in any way enter it [at all].
Luke 18:18 And a certain ruler asked Him, Good Teacher [You who are essentially and perfectly morally good], what shall I do to inherit eternal life [to partake of eternal salvation in the Messiah's kingdom]?
Luke 18:19 Jesus said to him, Why do you call Me [essentially and perfectly morally] good? No one is [essentially and perfectly morally] good--except God only.
Luke 18:20 You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery, do not kill, do not steal, do not witness falsely, honor your father and your mother.
Luke 18:21 And he replied, All these I have kept from my youth.
Luke 18:22 And when Jesus heard it, He said to him, One thing you still lack. Sell everything that you have and divide [the money] among the poor, and you will have [rich] treasure in heaven; and come back [and] follow Me [become My disciple, join My party, and accompany Me].
Luke 18:23 But when he heard this, he became distressed {and} very sorrowful, for he was rich--exceedingly so.
Luke 18:24 Jesus, observing him, said, How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!
Luke 18:25 For it is easier for a camel to enter through a needle's eye than [for] a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.
Luke 18:26 And those who heard it said, Then who can be saved?
Luke 18:27 But He said, What is impossible with men is possible with God.
Luke 18:28 And Peter said, See, we have left our own [things--home, family, and business] and have followed You.
Luke 18:29 And He said to them, I say to you truly, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God
Luke 18:30 Who will not receive in return many times more in this world and, in the coming age, eternal life.
Luke 18:31 Then taking the Twelve [apostles] aside, He said to them, Listen! We are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written about the Son of Man through {and} by the prophets will be fulfilled.
Luke 18:32 For He will be handed over to the Gentiles and will be made sport of {and} scoffed {and} jeered at and insulted and spit upon.
Luke 18:33 They will flog Him and kill Him; and on the third day He will rise again.
Luke 18:34 But they understood nothing of these things; His words were a mystery {and} hidden from them, and they did not comprehend what He was telling them.
Luke 18:35 As He came near to Jericho, it occurred that a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.
Luke 18:36 And hearing a crowd going by, he asked what it meant.
Luke 18:37 They told him, Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.
Luke 18:38 And he shouted, saying, Jesus, Son of David, take pity {and} have mercy on me!
Luke 18:39 But those who were in front reproved him, telling him to keep quiet; yet he screamed {and} shrieked so much the more, Son of David, take pity {and} have mercy on me!
Luke 18:40 Then Jesus stood still and ordered that he be led to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him,
Luke 18:41 What do you want Me to do for you? He said, Lord, let me receive my sight!
Luke 18:42 And Jesus said to him, Receive your sight! Your faith (your trust and confidence that spring from your faith in God) has healed you.
Luke 18:43 And instantly he received his sight and began to follow Jesus, recognizing, praising, {and} honoring God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.
Luke 19:1 AND [Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it.
Luke 19:2 And there was a man called Zacchaeus, a chief tax collector, and [he was] rich.
Luke 19:3 And he was trying to see Jesus, which One He was, but he could not on account of the crowd, because he was small in stature.
Luke 19:4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up in a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass that way.
Luke 19:5 And when Jesus reached the place, He looked up and said to him, Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.
Luke 19:6 So he hurried and came down, and he received {and} welcomed Him joyfully.
Luke 19:7 And when the people saw it, they all muttered among themselves {and} indignantly complained, He has gone in to be the guest of {and} lodge with a man who is devoted to sin {and} preeminently a sinner.
Luke 19:8 So then Zacchaeus stood up and solemnly declared to the Lord, See, Lord, the half of my goods I [now] give [by way of restoration] to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone out of anything, I [now] restore four times as

much.
Luke 19:9 And Jesus said to him, Today is [Messianic and spiritual] salvation come to [all the members of] this household, since Zacchaeus too is a [real spiritual] son of Abraham;
Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost.
Luke 19:11 Now as they were listening to these things, He proceeded to tell a parable, because He was approaching Jerusalem and because they thought that the kingdom of God was going to be brought to light {and} shown forth immediately.
Luke 19:12 He therefore said, A certain nobleman went into a distant country to obtain for himself a kingdom and then to return.
Luke 19:13 Calling ten of his [own] bond servants, he gave them ten minas [each equal to about one hundred days' wages or nearly twenty dollars] and said to them, Buy {and} sell with these while I go {and} then return.
Luke 19:14 But his citizens detested him and sent an embassy after him to say, We do not want this man to become ruler over us.
Luke 19:15 When he returned after having received the kingdom, he ordered these bond servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know how much each one had made by buying {and} selling.
Luke 19:16 The first one came before him, and he said, Lord, your mina has made ten [additional] minas.
Luke 19:17 And he said to him, Well done, excellent bond servant! Because you have been faithful {and} trustworthy in a very little [thing], you shall have authority over ten cities.
Luke 19:18 The second one also came and said, Lord, your mina has made five more minas.
Luke 19:19 And he said also to him, And you will take charge over five cities.
Luke 19:20 Then another came and said, Lord, here is your mina, which I have kept laid up in a handkerchief.
Luke 19:21 For I was [constantly] afraid of you, because you are a stern (hard, severe) man; you pick up what you did not lay down, and you reap what you did not sow.
Luke 19:22 He said to the servant, I will judge {and} condemn you out of your own mouth, you wicked slave! You knew [did you] that I was a stern (hard, severe) man, picking up what I did not lay down, and reaping what I did not sow?
Luke 19:23 Then why did you not put my money in a bank, so that on my return, I might have collected it with interest?
Luke 19:24 And he said to the bystanders, Take the mina away from him and give it to him who has the ten minas.
Luke 19:25 And they said to him, Lord, he has ten minas [already]!
Luke 19:26 And [said Jesus,] I tell you that to everyone who gets {and} has will more be given, but from the man who does not get {and} does not have, even what he has will be taken away.
Luke 19:27 [The indignant king ended by saying] But as for these enemies of mine who did not want me to reign over them--bring them here and slaughter them in my presence!
Luke 19:28 And after saying these things, Jesus went on ahead of them, going up to Jerusalem.
Luke 19:29 When He came near Bethphage and Bethany at the mount called [the Mount of] Olives, He sent two of His disciples,
Luke 19:30 Telling [them], Go into the village yonder; there, as you go in, you will find a donkey's colt tied, on which no man has ever yet sat. Loose it and bring [it here].
Luke 19:31 If anybody asks you, Why are you untying [it]? you shall say this: Because the Lord has need of it.
Luke 19:32 So those who were sent went away and found it [just] as He had told them.
Luke 19:33 And as they were loosening the colt, its owners said to them, Why are you untying the colt?
Luke 19:34 And they said, The Lord has need of it.
Luke 19:35 And they brought it to Jesus; then they threw their garments over the colt and set Jesus upon it.
Luke 19:36 And as He rode along, the people kept spreading their garments on the road. [II Kings 9:13.]
Luke 19:37 As He was approaching [the city], at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to rejoice and to praise God [extolling Him exultantly and] loudly for all the mighty miracles {and} works of power that they had witnessed,
Luke 19:38 Crying, Blessed (celebrated with praises) is the King Who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven [freedom there from all the distresses that are experienced as the result of sin] and glory (majesty and splendor) in the highest [heaven]!
Luke 19:39 And some of the Pharisees from the throng said to Jesus, Teacher, reprove Your disciples!
Luke 19:40 He replied, I tell you that if these keep silent, the very stones will cry out.
Luke 19:41 And as He approached, He saw the city, and He wept [audibly] over it,

Luke 19:42 Exclaiming, Would that you had known personally, even at least in this your day, the things that make for peace (for freedom from all the distresses that are experienced as the result of sin and upon which your peace--your security, safety, prosperity, and happiness--depends)! But now they are hidden from your eyes.
Luke 19:43 For a time is coming upon you when your enemies will throw up a bank [with pointed stakes] about you and surround you and shut you in on every side.
Luke 19:44 And they will dash you down to the ground, you [Jerusalem] and your children within you; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, [all] because you did not come progressively to recognize {and} know {and} understand [from observation and experience] the time of your visitation [that is, when God was visiting you, the time in which God showed Himself gracious toward you and offered you salvation through Christ].
Luke 19:45 Then He went into the temple [enclosure] and began to drive out those who were selling,
Luke 19:46 Telling them, It is written, My house shall be a house of prayer; but you have made it a cave of robbers.
Luke 19:47 And He continued to teach day after day in the temple [porches and courts]. The chief priests and scribes and the leading men of the people were seeking to put Him to death,
Luke 19:48 But they did not discover anything they could do, for all the people hung upon His words {and} stuck by Him.
Luke 20:1 ONE DAY as Jesus was instructing the people in the temple [porches] and preaching the good news (the Gospel), the chief priests and the scribes came up with the elders (members of the Sanhedrin)
Luke 20:2 And said to Him, Tell us by what [sort of] authority You are doing these things? Or who is it who gave You this authority?
Luke 20:3 He replied to them, I will also ask you a question. Now answer Me:
Luke 20:4 Was the baptism of John from heaven, or from men?
Luke 20:5 And they argued {and} discussed [it] {and} reasoned together with themselves, saying, If we reply, From heaven, He will say, Why then did you not believe him?
Luke 20:6 But if we answer, From men, all the people will stone us to death, for they are long since firmly convinced that John was a prophet.
Luke 20:7 So they replied that they did not know from where it came.
Luke 20:8 Then Jesus said to them, Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.
Luke 20:9 Then He began to relate to the people this parable (this story to figuratively portray what He had to say): A man planted a vineyard and leased it to some vinedressers and went into another country for a long stay.
Luke 20:10 When the [right] season came, he sent a bond servant to the tenants, that they might give him [his part] of the fruit of the vineyard; but the tenants beat (thrashed) him and sent him away empty-handed.
Luke 20:11 And he sent still another servant; him they also beat (thrashed) and dishonored {and} insulted him disgracefully and sent him away empty-handed.
Luke 20:12 And he sent yet a third; this one they wounded and threw out [of the vineyard].
Luke 20:13 Then the owner of the vineyard said, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; it is probable that they will respect him.
Luke 20:14 But when the tenants saw him, they argued among themselves, saying, This is the heir; let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.
Luke 20:15 So they drove him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?
Luke 20:16 He will come and [utterly] put an end to those tenants and will give the vineyard to others. When they [the chief priests and the scribes and the elders] heard this, they said, May it never be!
Luke 20:17 But [Jesus] looked at them and said, What then is [the meaning of] this that is written: The [very] Stone which the builders rejected has become the chief Stone of the corner [Cornerstone]?
Luke 20:18 Everyone who falls on that Stone will be broken [in pieces]; but upon whomever It falls, It will crush him [winnow him and scatter him as dust].
Luke 20:19 The scribes and the chief priests desired {and} tried to find a way to arrest Him at that very hour, but they were afraid of the people; for they discerned that He had related this parable against them.
Luke 20:20 So they watched [for an opportunity to ensnare] Him, and sent spies who pretended to be upright (honest and sincere), that they might lay hold of something He might say, so as to turn Him over to the control and authority of the governor.
Luke 20:21 They asked Him, Teacher, we know that You speak and teach what is right, and that You show no partiality to anyone but teach the way of God honestly {and} in truth.
Luke 20:22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar or not?

Luke 20:23 But He recognized {and} understood their cunning {and} unscrupulousness and said to them,
Luke 20:24 Show Me a denarius (a coin)! Whose image and inscription does it have? They answered, Caesar's.
Luke 20:25 He said to them, Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.
Luke 20:26 So they could not in the presence of the people take hold of anything He said to turn it against Him; but marveling at His reply, they were silent.
Luke 20:27 Also there came to Him some Sadducees, those who say that there is no resurrection.
Luke 20:28 And they asked Him a question, saying, Teacher, Moses wrote for us [a law] that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife and no children, the man shall take the woman and raise up offspring for his brother.
Luke 20:29 Now there were seven brothers; and the first took a wife and died without [having any] children.
Luke 20:30 And the second
Luke 20:31 And then the third took her, and in like manner all seven, and they died, leaving no children.
Luke 20:32 Last of all, the woman died also.
Luke 20:33 Now in the resurrection whose wife will the woman be? For the seven married her.
Luke 20:34 And Jesus said to them, The people of this world {and} present age marry and are given in marriage;
Luke 20:35 But those who are considered worthy to gain that other world {and} that future age and to attain to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage;
Luke 20:36 For they cannot die again, but they are angel-like {and} equal to angels. And being sons of {and} sharers in the resurrection, they are sons of God.
Luke 20:37 But that the dead are raised [from death]--even Moses made known {and} showed in the passage concerning the [burning] bush, where he calls the Lord, The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.
Luke 20:38 Now He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to Him all men are alive [whether in the body or out of it] {and} they are alive [not dead] unto Him [in definite relationship to Him].
Luke 20:39 And some of the scribes replied, Teacher, you have spoken well {and} expertly [so that there is no room for blame].
Luke 20:40 For they did not dare to question Him further.
Luke 20:41 But He asked them, How can people say that the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) is David's Son?
Luke 20:42 For David himself says in [the] Book of Psalms, The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand
Luke 20:43 Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.
Luke 20:44 So David calls Him Lord; how then is He his Son?
Luke 20:45 And with all the people listening, He said to His disciples,
Luke 20:46 Beware of the scribes, who like to walk about in long robes and love to be saluted [with honor] in places where people congregate and love the front {and} best seats in the synagogues and places of distinction at feasts,
Luke 20:47 Who make away with {and} devour widows' houses, and [to cover it up] with pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation (the heavier sentence, the severer punishment).
Luke 21:1 LOOKING UP, [Jesus] saw the rich people putting their gifts into the treasury.
Luke 21:2 And He saw also a poor widow putting in two mites (copper coins).
Luke 21:3 And He said, Truly I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them;
Luke 21:4 For they all gave out of their abundance (their surplus); but she has contributed out of her lack {and} her want, putting in all that she had on which to live.
Luke 21:5 And as some were saying of the temple that it was decorated with handsome (shapely and magnificent) stones and consecrated offerings [laid up to be kept], He said,
Luke 21:6 As for all this that you [thoughtfully] look at, the time will come when there shall not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.
Luke 21:7 And they asked Him, Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when this is about to occur?
Luke 21:8 And He said, Be on your guard {and} be careful that you are not led astray; for many will come in My name [appropriating to themselves the name Messiah which belongs to Me], saying, I am He! and, The time is at hand! Do not go out after them.
Luke 21:9 And when you hear of wars and insurrections (disturbances, disorder, and confusion), do not become alarmed {and} panic-stricken {and} terrified; for all this must take place first, but the end will not [come] immediately.
Luke 21:10 Then He told them, Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. [II Chron. 15:6; Isa. 19:2.]
Luke 21:11 There will be mighty {and} violent earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences (plagues: malignant and contagious or infectious epidemic diseases which are deadly and devastating); and there will be sights

of terror and great signs from heaven.
Luke 21:12 But previous to all this, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, turning you over to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be led away before kings and governors for My name's sake.
Luke 21:13 This will be a time (an opportunity) for you to bear testimony.
Luke 21:14 Resolve {and} settle it in your minds not to meditate {and} prepare beforehand how you are to make your defense {and} how you will answer.
Luke 21:15 For I [Myself] will give you a mouth {and} such utterance and wisdom that all of your foes combined will be unable to stand against or refute.
Luke 21:16 You will be delivered up {and} betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and [some] of you they will put to death.
Luke 21:17 And you will be hated (despised) by everyone because [you bear] My name {and} for its sake.
Luke 21:18 But not a hair of your head shall perish. [I Sam. 14:45.]
Luke 21:19 By your steadfastness {and} patient endurance you shall win the true life of your souls.
Luke 21:20 But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know {and} understand that its desolation has come near.
Luke 21:21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside [the city] get out of it, and let not those who are out in the country come into it;
Luke 21:22 For those are days of vengeance [of rendering full justice or satisfaction], that all things that are written may be fulfilled.
Luke 21:23 Alas for those who are pregnant and for those who have babies which they are nursing in those days! For great misery {and} anguish {and} distress shall be upon the land and indignation {and} punishment {and} retribution upon this people.
Luke 21:24 They will fall by the mouth {and} the edge of the sword and will be led away as captives to {and} among all nations; and Jerusalem will be trodden down by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled (completed).
Luke 21:25 And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; and upon the earth [there will be] distress (trouble and anguish) of nations in bewilderment {and} perplexity [without resources, left wanting, embarrassed, in doubt, not knowing which way to turn] at the roaring (the echo) of the tossing of the sea,
Luke 21:26 Men swooning away {or} expiring with fear {and} dread {and} apprehension and expectation of the things that are coming on the world; for the [very] powers of the heavens will be shaken {and} caused to totter.
Luke 21:27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with great (transcendent and overwhelming) power and [all His kingly] glory (majesty and splendor).
Luke 21:28 Now when these things begin to occur, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption (deliverance) is drawing near.
Luke 21:29 And He told them a parable: Look at the fig tree and all the trees;
Luke 21:30 When they put forth their buds {and} come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and perceive {and} know that summer is already near.
Luke 21:31 Even so, when you see these things taking place, understand {and} know that the kingdom of God is at hand.
Luke 21:32 Truly I tell you, this generation (those living at that definite period of time) will not perish {and} pass away until all has taken place.
Luke 21:33 The sky and the earth (the universe, the world) will pass away, but My words will not pass away.
Luke 21:34 But take heed to yourselves {and} be on your guard, lest your hearts be overburdened {and} depressed (weighed down) with the giddiness {and} headache {and} nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly worries {and} cares pertaining to [the business of] this life, and [lest] that day come upon you suddenly like a trap {or} a noose;
Luke 21:35 For it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth.
Luke 21:36 Keep awake then {and} watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength {and} ability {and} be accounted worthy to escape all these things [taken together] that will take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.
Luke 21:37 Now in the daytime Jesus was teaching in [the porches and courts of] the temple, but at night He would go out and stay on the mount called Olivet.
Luke 21:38 And early in the morning all the people came to Him in the temple [porches or courts] to listen to Him.
Luke 22:1 NOW THE Festival of Unleavened Bread was drawing near, which is called the Passover.

Luke 22:2 And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to do away with [Jesus], for they feared the people.
Luke 22:3 But [then] Satan entered into Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve [apostles].
Luke 22:4 And he went away and discussed with the chief priests and captains how he might betray Him {and} deliver Him up to them.
Luke 22:5 And they were delighted and pledged [themselves] to give him money.
Luke 22:6 So he agreed [to this], and sought an opportunity to betray Him to them [without an uprising] in the absence of the throng.
Luke 22:7 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover [lamb] had to be slain.
Luke 22:8 So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare for us the Passover meal, that we may eat it.
Luke 22:9 They said to Him, Where do You want us to prepare [it]?
Luke 22:10 He said to them, Behold, when you have gone into the city, a man carrying an earthen jug {or} pitcher of water will meet you; follow him into the house which he enters,
Luke 22:11 And say to the master of the house, The Teacher asks you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover [meal] with My disciples?
Luke 22:12 And he will show you a large room upstairs, furnished [with carpets and with couches properly spread]; there make [your] preparations.
Luke 22:13 And they went and found it [just] as He had said to them; and they made ready the Passover [supper].
Luke 22:14 And when the hour came, [Jesus] reclined at table, and the apostles with Him.
Luke 22:15 And He said to them, I have earnestly {and} intensely desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;
Luke 22:16 For I say to you, I shall eat it no more until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.
Luke 22:17 And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks, He said, Take this and divide {and} distribute it among yourselves;
Luke 22:18 For I say to you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine at all until the kingdom of God comes.
Luke 22:19 Then He took a loaf [of bread], and when He had given thanks, He broke [it] and gave it to them saying, This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.
Luke 22:20 And in like manner, He took the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament {or} covenant [ratified] in My blood, which is shed (poured out) for you.
Luke 22:21 But, behold, the hand of him who is now engaged in betraying Me is with Me on the table.
Luke 22:22 For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined {and} appointed, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed {and} delivered up!
Luke 22:23 And they began to inquire among themselves which of them it was who was about to do this.
Luke 22:24 Now an eager contention arose among them [as to] which of them was considered {and} reputed to be the greatest.
Luke 22:25 But Jesus said to them, The kings of the Gentiles are deified by them {and} exercise lordship [ruling as emperor-gods] over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors {and} well-doers.
Luke 22:26 But this is not to be so with you; on the contrary, let him who is the greatest among you become like the youngest, and him who is the chief {and} leader like one who serves.
Luke 22:27 For who is the greater, the one who reclines at table (the master), or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am in your midst as One Who serves.
Luke 22:28 And you are those who have remained [throughout] {and} persevered with Me in My trials;
Luke 22:29 And as My Father has appointed a kingdom {and} conferred it on Me, so do I confer on you [the privilege and decree],
Luke 22:30 That you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
Luke 22:31 Simon, Simon (Peter), listen! Satan has asked excessively that [all of] you be given up to him [out of the power and keeping of God], that he might sift [all of] you like grain,
Luke 22:32 But I have prayed especially for you [Peter], that your [own] faith may not fail; and when you yourself have turned again, strengthen {and} establish your brethren.
Luke 22:33 And [Simon Peter] said to Him, Lord, I am ready to go with You both to prison and to death.
Luke 22:34 But Jesus said, I tell you, Peter, before a [single] cock shall crow this day, you will three times [utterly] deny that you know Me.
Luke 22:35 And He said to them, When I sent you out with no purse or [provision] bag or sandals, did you lack anything? They answered, Nothing!

Luke 22:36 Then He said to them, But now let him who has a purse take it, and also [his provision] bag; and let him who has no sword sell his mantle and buy a sword.
Luke 22:37 For I tell you that this Scripture must yet be fulfilled in Me: And He was counted {and} classed among the wicked (the outlaws, the criminals); for what is written about Me has its fulfillment [has reached its end and is finally settled].
Luke 22:38 And they said, Look, Lord! Here are two swords. And He said to them, It is enough.
Luke 22:39 And He came out and went, as was His habit, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples also followed Him.
Luke 22:40 And when He came to the place, He said to them, Pray that you may not [at all] enter into temptation.
Luke 22:41 And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw and knelt down and prayed,
Luke 22:42 Saying, Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but [always] Yours be done.
Luke 22:43 And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him in spirit.
Luke 22:44 And being in an agony [of mind], He prayed [all the] more earnestly {and} intently, and His sweat became like great clots of blood dropping down upon the ground.
Luke 22:45 And when He got up from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from grief,
Luke 22:46 And He said to them, Why do you sleep? Get up and pray that you may not enter [at all] into temptation.
Luke 22:47 And while He was still speaking, behold, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the Twelve [apostles], was going before [leading] them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss Him,
Luke 22:48 But Jesus said to him, Judas! Would you betray {and} deliver up the Son of Man with a kiss?
Luke 22:49 And when those who were around Him saw what was about to happen, they said, Lord, shall we strike with the sword?
Luke 22:50 And one of them struck the bond servant of the high priest and cut off his ear, the right one.
Luke 22:51 But Jesus said, Permit them to go so far [as to seize Me]. And He touched the little (insignificant) ear and healed him.
Luke 22:52 Then Jesus said to those who had come out against Him--the chief priests and captains of the temple and elders [of the Sanhedrin]--Have you come out with swords and clubs as [you would] against a robber?
Luke 22:53 When I was with you day after day in the temple [enclosure], you did not stretch forth [your] hands against Me. But this is your hour--and the power [which] darkness [gives you has its way].
Luke 22:54 Then they seized Him and led Him away, bringing Him into the house of the high priest. Peter was following at a distance.
Luke 22:55 And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and were seated together, Peter sat among them.
Luke 22:56 Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the firelight and gazing [intently] at him, said, This man too was with Him.
Luke 22:57 But he denied it and said, Woman, I do not know Him!
Luke 22:58 And a little later someone else saw him and said, You are one of them also. But Peter said, Man, I am not!
Luke 22:59 And when about an hour more had elapsed, still another emphatically insisted, It is the truth that this man also was with Him, for he too is a Galilean!
Luke 22:60 But Peter said, Man, I do not know what you are talking about. And instantly, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed.
Luke 22:61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter recalled the Lord's words, how He had told him, Before the cock crows today, you will deny Me thrice.
Luke 22:62 And he went out and wept bitterly [that is, with painfully moving grief].
Luke 22:63 Now the men who had Jesus in custody treated Him with contempt {and} scoffed at {and} ridiculed Him and beat Him;
Luke 22:64 They blindfolded Him also and asked Him, Prophesy! Who is it that struck You?
Luke 22:65 And they said many other evil {and} slanderous {and} insulting words against Him, reviling Him.
Luke 22:66 As soon as it was day, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes; and they led Him into their council (the Sanhedrin), and they said,
Luke 22:67 If You are the Christ (the Messiah), tell us. But He said to them, If I tell you, you will not believe (trust in, cleave to, and rely on what I say),
Luke 22:68 And if I question you, you will not answer.
Luke 22:69 But hereafter (from this time on), the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.
Luke 22:70 And they all said, You are the Son of God, then? And He said to them, It is just as you say; I AM.
Luke 22:71 And they said, What further evidence do we need? For we have heard [it] ourselves from His own mouth!

Luke 23:1 THEN THE whole assembly of them got up and conducted [Jesus] before Pilate.
Luke 23:2 And they began to accuse Him, asserting, We found this Man perverting (misleading, corrupting, and turning away) our nation and forbidding to pay tribute to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One), a King!
Luke 23:3 So Pilate asked Him, Are You the King of the Jews? And He answered him, [It is just as] you say. [I AM.]
Luke 23:4 And Pilate said to the chief priests and the throngs, I find no guilt {or} crime in this Man.
Luke 23:5 But they were urgent {and} emphatic, saying, He stirs up {and} excites the people, teaching throughout all Judea--from Galilee, where He began, even to this place.
Luke 23:6 Upon hearing this, Pilate asked whether the Man was a Galilean.
Luke 23:7 And when he found out [certainly] that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him up to Herod [a higher authority], who was also in Jerusalem in those days.
Luke 23:8 Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad, for he had eagerly desired to see Him for a long time because of what he had heard concerning Him, and he was hoping to witness some sign (some striking evidence or spectacular performance) done by Him.
Luke 23:9 So he asked Him many questions, but He made no reply.
Luke 23:10 Meanwhile, the chief priests and the scribes stood by, continuing vehemently {and} violently to accuse Him.
Luke 23:11 And Herod, with his soldiers, treated Him with contempt and scoffed at {and} ridiculed Him; then, dressing Him up in bright {and} gorgeous apparel, he sent Him back to Pilate.
Luke 23:12 And that very day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other--[though] they had been at enmity before this.
Luke 23:13 Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,
Luke 23:14 And said to them, You brought this Man before me as One Who was perverting {and} misleading {and} turning away {and} corrupting the people; and behold, after examining Him before you, I have not found any offense (crime or guilt) in this Man in regard to your accusations against Him;
Luke 23:15 No, nor indeed did Herod, for he sent Him back to us; behold, He has done nothing deserving of death.
Luke 23:16 I will therefore chastise Him {and} deliver Him amended (reformed, taught His lesson) and release Him.
Luke 23:17 {For it was necessary for him to release to them one prisoner at the Feast.}
Luke 23:18 But they all together raised a deep cry [from the depths of their throats], saying, Away with this Man! Release to us Barabbas!
Luke 23:19 He was a man who had been thrown into prison for raising a riot in the city, and for murder.
Luke 23:20 Once more Pilate called to them, wishing to release Jesus;
Luke 23:21 But they kept shouting out, Crucify, crucify Him!
Luke 23:22 A third time he said to them, Why? What wrong has He done? I have found [no offense or crime or guilt] in Him nothing deserving of death; I will therefore chastise Him [in order to teach Him better] and release Him.
Luke 23:23 But they were insistent {and} urgent, demanding with loud cries that He should be crucified. And their voices prevailed (accomplished their purpose).
Luke 23:24 And Pilate gave sentence, that what they asked should be done.
Luke 23:25 So he released the man who had been thrown into prison for riot and murder, for whom they continued to ask, but Jesus he delivered up to be done with as they willed.
Luke 23:26 And as they led Him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross and made him carry it behind Jesus.
Luke 23:27 And there accompanied [Jesus] a great multitude of the people, [including] women who bewailed and lamented Him.
Luke 23:28 But Jesus, turning toward them, said, Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.
Luke 23:29 For behold, the days are coming during which they will say, Blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are the barren, and the wombs that have not borne, and the breasts that have never nursed [babies]!
Luke 23:30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us! and to the hills, Cover (conceal, hide) us!
Luke 23:31 For if they do these things when the timber is green, what will happen when it is dry?
Luke 23:32 Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be executed with Him.
Luke 23:33 And when they came to the place which is called The Skull [Latin: Calvary; Hebrew: Golgotha], there they crucified Him, and [along with] the criminals, one on the right and one on the left.
Luke 23:34 And Jesus prayed, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. And they divided His garments

{and} distributed them by casting lots for them.
Luke 23:35 Now the people stood by [calmly and leisurely] watching; but the rulers scoffed {and} sneered (turned up their noses) at Him, saying, He rescued others [from death]; let Him now rescue Himself, if He is the Christ (the Messiah) of God, His Chosen One!
Luke 23:36 The soldiers also ridiculed {and} made sport of Him, coming up and offering Him vinegar (a sour wine mixed with water)
Luke 23:37 And saying, If you are the King of the Jews, save (rescue) Yourself [from death].
Luke 23:38 For there was also an inscription above Him {in letters of Greek and Latin and Hebrew}: This is the King of the Jews.
Luke 23:39 One of the criminals who was suspended kept up a railing at Him, saying, Are You not the Christ (the Messiah)? Rescue Yourself and us [from death]!
Luke 23:40 But the other one reproved him, saying, Do you not even fear God, seeing you yourself are under the same sentence of condemnation {and} suffering the same penalty?
Luke 23:41 And we indeed suffer it justly, receiving the due reward of our actions; but this Man has done nothing out of the way [nothing strange or eccentric or perverse or unreasonable].
Luke 23:42 Then he said to Jesus, {Lord,} remember me when You come in Your kingly glory!
Luke 23:43 And He answered him, Truly I tell you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.
Luke 23:44 It was now about the sixth hour (midday), and darkness enveloped the whole land {and} earth until the ninth hour (about three o'clock in the afternoon),
Luke 23:45 While the sun's light faded {or} {was darkened}; and the curtain [of the Holy of Holies] of the temple was torn in two.
Luke 23:46 And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit! And with these words, He expired.
Luke 23:47 Now the centurion, having seen what had taken place, recognized God {and} thanked {and} praised Him, and said, Indeed, without question, this Man was upright (just and innocent)!
Luke 23:48 And all the throngs that had gathered to see this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned to their homes, beating their breasts.
Luke 23:49 And all the acquaintances of [Jesus] and the women who had followed Him from Galilee stood at a distance and watched these things.
Luke 23:50 Now notice, there was a man named Joseph from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council (the Sanhedrin), and a good (upright, advantageous) man, and righteous (in right standing with God and man),
Luke 23:51 Who had not agreed with {or} assented to the purpose and action of the others; and he was expecting {and} waiting for the kingdom of God.
Luke 23:52 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.
Luke 23:53 Then he took it down and rolled it up in a linen cloth for swathing dead bodies and laid Him in a rock-hewn tomb, where no one had ever yet been laid.
Luke 23:54 It was the day of Preparation [for the Sabbath], and the Sabbath was dawning (approaching).
Luke 23:55 The women who had come with [Jesus] from Galilee followed closely and saw the tomb and how His body was laid.
Luke 23:56 Then they went back and made ready spices and ointments (perfumes). On the Sabbath day they rested in accordance with the commandment.
Luke 24:1 BUT ON the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had made ready.
Luke 24:2 And they found the stone rolled back from the tomb,
Luke 24:3 But when they went inside, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
Luke 24:4 And while they were perplexed {and} wondering what to do about this, behold, two men in dazzling raiment suddenly stood beside them.
Luke 24:5 And as [the women] were frightened and were bowing their faces to the ground, the men said to them, Why do you look for the living among [those who are] dead?
Luke 24:6 He is not here, but has risen! Remember how He told you while He was still in Galilee
Luke 24:7 That the Son of Man must be given over into the hands of sinful men (men whose way or nature is to act in opposition to God) and be crucified and on the third day rise [from death].
Luke 24:8 And they remembered His words.
Luke 24:9 And having returned from the tomb, they reported all these things [taken together] to the eleven apostles and

to all the rest.
Luke 24:10 Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who reported these things to the apostles.
Luke 24:11 But these reports seemed to the men an idle tale (madness, feigned things, nonsense), and they did not believe the women.
Luke 24:12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; and stooping down and looking in, he saw the linen cloths alone by themselves, and he went away, wondering about {and} marveling at what had happened.
Luke 24:13 And behold, that very day two of [the disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, [which is] about seven miles from Jerusalem.
Luke 24:14 And they were talking with each other about all these things that had occurred.
Luke 24:15 And while they were conversing and discussing together, Jesus Himself caught up with them and was already accompanying them.
Luke 24:16 But their eyes were held, so that they did not recognize Him.
Luke 24:17 And He said to them, What is this discussion that you are exchanging (throwing back and forth) between yourselves as you walk along? And they stood still, looking sad {and} downcast.
Luke 24:18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, Do you alone dwell as a stranger in Jerusalem and not know the things that have occurred there in these days?
Luke 24:19 And He said to them, What [kind of] things? And they said to Him, About Jesus of Nazareth, Who was a Prophet mighty in work and word before God and all the people--
Luke 24:20 And how our chief priests and rulers gave Him up to be sentenced to death, and crucified Him.
Luke 24:21 But we were hoping that it was He Who would redeem {and} set Israel free. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things occurred.
Luke 24:22 And moreover, some women of our company astounded us {and} drove us out of our senses. They were at the tomb early [in the morning]
Luke 24:23 But did not find His body; and they returned saying that they had [even] seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive!
Luke 24:24 So some of those [who were] with us went to the tomb and they found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see.
Luke 24:25 And [Jesus] said to them, O foolish ones [sluggish in mind, dull of perception] and slow of heart to believe (adhere to and trust in and rely on) everything that the prophets have spoken!
Luke 24:26 Was it not necessary {and} essentially fitting that the Christ (the Messiah) should suffer all these things before entering into His glory (His majesty and splendor)?
Luke 24:27 Then beginning with Moses and [throughout] all the Prophets, He went on explaining {and} interpreting to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning {and} referring to Himself.
Luke 24:28 Then they drew near the village to which they were going, and He acted as if He would go further.
Luke 24:29 But they urged {and} insisted, saying to Him, Remain with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is now far spent. So He went in to stay with them.
Luke 24:30 And it occurred that as He reclined at table with them, He took [a loaf of] bread and praised [God] {and} gave thanks {and} asked a blessing, and then broke it and was giving it to them
Luke 24:31 When their eyes were [instantly] opened and they [clearly] recognized Him, and He vanished (departed invisibly).
Luke 24:32 And they said to one another, Were not our hearts greatly moved {and} burning within us while He was talking with us on the road and as He opened {and} explained to us [the sense of] the Scriptures?
Luke 24:33 And rising up that very hour, they went back to Jerusalem, where they found the Eleven [apostles] gathered together and those who were with them,
Luke 24:34 Who said, The Lord really has risen and has appeared to Simon (Peter)!
Luke 24:35 Then they [themselves] related [in full] what had happened on the road, and how He was known {and} recognized by them in the breaking of bread.
Luke 24:36 Now while they were talking about this, Jesus Himself took His stand among them and said to them, Peace (freedom from all the distresses that are experienced as the result of sin) be to you!
Luke 24:37 But they were so startled and terrified that they thought they saw a spirit.
Luke 24:38 And He said to them, Why are you disturbed {and} troubled, and why do such doubts {and} questionings arise in your hearts?
Luke 24:39 See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself! Feel {and} handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have

flesh and bones, as you see that I have.
Luke 24:40 And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.
Luke 24:41 And while [since] they still could not believe it for sheer joy and marveled, He said to them, Have you anything here to eat?
Luke 24:42 They gave Him a piece of broiled fish,
Luke 24:43 And He took [it] and ate [it] before them.
Luke 24:44 Then He said to them, This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything which is written concerning Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.
Luke 24:45 Then He [thoroughly] opened up their minds to understand the Scriptures,
Luke 24:46 And said to them, Thus it is written that the Christ (the Messiah) should suffer and on the third day rise from (among) the dead,
Luke 24:47 And that repentance [with a view to and as the condition of] forgiveness of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
Luke 24:48 You are witnesses of these things.
Luke 24:49 And behold, I will send forth upon you what My Father has promised; but remain in the city [Jerusalem] until you are clothed with power from on high.
Luke 24:50 Then He conducted them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up His hands, He invoked a blessing on them.
Luke 24:51 And it occurred that while He was blessing them, He parted from them and was taken up into heaven.
Luke 24:52 And they, worshiping Him, went back to Jerusalem with great joy;
Luke 24:53 And they were continually in the temple {celebrating with praises and} blessing {and} extolling God. {Amen (so be it).}
John 1:1 IN THE beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.
John 1:2 He was present originally with God.
John 1:3 All things were made {and} came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being.
John 1:4 In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men.
John 1:5 And the Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it [put it out or absorbed it or appropriated it, and is unreceptive to it].
John 1:6 There came a man sent from God, whose name was John.
John 1:7 This man came to witness, that he might testify of the Light, that all men might believe in it [adhere to it, trust it, and rely upon it] through him.
John 1:8 He was not the Light himself, but came that he might bear witness regarding the Light.
John 1:9 There it was--the true Light [was then] coming into the world [the genuine, perfect, steadfast Light] that illumines every person.
John 1:10 He came into the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him [did not know Him].
John 1:11 He came to that which belonged to Him [to His own--His domain, creation, things, world], and they who were His own did not receive Him {and} did not welcome Him.
John 1:12 But to as many as did receive {and} welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name--
John 1:13 Who owe their birth neither to bloods nor to the will of the flesh [that of physical impulse] nor to the will of man [that of a natural father], but to God. [They are born of God!]
John 1:14 And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we [actually] saw His glory (His honor, His majesty), such glory as an only begotten son receives from his father, full of grace (favor, loving-kindness) and truth.
John 1:15 John testified about Him and cried out, This was He of Whom I said, He Who comes after me has priority over me, for He was before me. [He takes rank above me, for He existed before I did. He has advanced before me, because He is my Chief.]
John 1:16 For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received [all had a share and we were all supplied with] one grace after another {and} spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing {and} even favor upon favor {and} gift [heaped] upon gift.
John 1:17 For while the Law was given through Moses, grace (unearned, undeserved favor and spiritual blessing) and truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 1:18 No man has ever seen God at any time; {the only} {unique Son}, {or} the only begotten God, Who is in the bosom [in the intimate presence] of the Father, He has declared Him [He has revealed Him and brought Him out where He can be seen; He has interpreted Him and He has made Him known].
John 1:19 And this is the testimony of John when the Jews sent priests and Levites to him from Jerusalem to ask him, Who are you?
John 1:20 He confessed (admitted the truth) and did not try to conceal it, but acknowledged, I am not the Christ!
John 1:21 They asked him, What then? Are you Elijah? And he said, I am not! Are you the Prophet? And he answered, No!
John 1:22 Then they said to him, Who are you? Tell us, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?
John 1:23 He said, I am the voice of one crying aloud in the wilderness [the voice of one shouting in the desert], Prepare the way of the Lord [level, straighten out, the path of the Lord], as the prophet Isaiah said.
John 1:24 The messengers had been sent from the Pharisees.
John 1:25 And they asked him, Why then are you baptizing if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?
John 1:26 John answered them, I [only] baptize in (with) water. Among you there stands One Whom you do not recognize {and} with Whom you are not acquainted {and} of Whom you know nothing.
John 1:27 It is He Who, coming after me, is preferred before me, the string of Whose sandal I am not worthy to unloose.
John 1:28 These things occurred in Bethany (Bethabara) across the Jordan [at the Jordan crossing], where John was then baptizing.
John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming to him and said, Look! There is the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!
John 1:30 This is He of Whom I said, After me comes a Man Who has priority over me [Who takes rank above me] because He was before me {and} existed before I did.
John 1:31 And I did not know Him {and} did not recognize Him [myself]; but it is in order that He should be made manifest {and} be revealed to Israel [be brought out where we can see Him] that I came baptizing in (with) water.
John 1:32 John gave further evidence, saying, I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and it dwelt on Him [never to depart].
John 1:33 And I did not know Him {nor} recognize Him, but He Who sent me to baptize in (with) water said to me, Upon Him Whom you shall see the Spirit descend and remain, that One is He Who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.
John 1:34 And I have seen [that happen--I actually did see it] and my testimony is that this is the Son of God!
John 1:35 Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples,
John 1:36 And he looked at Jesus as He walked along, and said, Look! There is the Lamb of God!
John 1:37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Him.
John 1:38 But Jesus turned, and as He saw them following Him, He said to them, What are you looking for? [And what is it you wish?] And they answered Him, Rabbi--which translated is Teacher--where are You staying?
John 1:39 He said to them, Come and see. So they went and saw where He was staying, and they remained with Him that day. It was then about the tenth hour (about four o'clock in the afternoon).
John 1:40 One of the two who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.
John 1:41 He first sought out {and} found his own brother Simon and said to him, We have found (discovered) the Messiah!--which translated is the Christ (the Anointed One).
John 1:42 Andrew then led (brought) Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, You are Simon son of John. You shall be called Cephas--which translated is Peter [Stone].
John 1:43 The next day Jesus desired {and} decided to go into Galilee; and He found Philip and said to him, Join Me as My attendant {and} follow Me.
John 1:44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the same city as Andrew and Peter.
John 1:45 Philip sought {and} found Nathanael and told him, We have found (discovered) the One Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote about--Jesus from Nazareth, the [legal] son of Joseph!
John 1:46 Nathanael answered him, [Nazareth!] Can anything good come out of Nazareth? Philip replied, Come and see!
John 1:47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him and said concerning him, See! Here is an Israelite indeed [a true descendant of Jacob], in whom there is no guile {nor} deceit {nor} falsehood {nor} duplicity!
John 1:48 Nathanael said to Jesus, How do You know me? [How is it that You know these things about me?] Jesus answered him, Before [ever] Philip called you, when you were still under the fig tree, I saw you.

John 1:49 Nathanael answered, Teacher, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!
John 1:50 Jesus replied, Because I said to you, I saw you beneath the fig tree, do you believe in {and} rely on {and} trust in Me? You shall see greater things than this!
John 1:51 Then He said to him, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you all, you shall see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man!
John 2:1 ON THE third day there was a wedding at Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.
John 2:2 Jesus also was invited with His disciples to the wedding.
John 2:3 And when the wine was all gone, the mother of Jesus said to Him, They have no more wine!
John 2:4 Jesus said to her, [Dear] woman, what is that to you and to Me? [What do we have in common? Leave it to Me.] My time (hour to act) has not yet come.
John 2:5 His mother said to the servants, Whatever He says to you, do it.
John 2:6 Now there were six waterpots of stone standing there, as the Jewish custom of purification (ceremonial washing) demanded, holding twenty to thirty gallons apiece.
John 2:7 Jesus said to them, Fill the waterpots with water. So they filled them up to the brim.
John 2:8 Then He said to them, Draw some out now and take it to the manager of the feast [to the one presiding, the superintendent of the banquet]. So they took him some.
John 2:9 And when the manager tasted the water just now turned into wine, not knowing where it came from--though the servants who had drawn the water knew--he called the bridegroom
John 2:10 And said to him, Everyone else serves his best wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then he serves that which is not so good; but you have kept back the good wine until now!
John 2:11 This, the first of His signs (miracles, wonderworks), Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory [by it He displayed His greatness and His power openly], and His disciples believed in Him [adhered to, trusted in, and relied on Him].
John 2:12 After that He went down to Capernaum with His mother and brothers and disciples, and they stayed there only a few days.
John 2:13 Now the Passover of the Jews was approaching, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
John 2:14 There He found in the temple [enclosure] those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers sitting there [also at their stands].
John 2:15 And having made a lash (a whip) of cords, He drove them all out of the temple [enclosure]--both the sheep and the oxen--spilling {and} scattering the brokers' money and upsetting {and} tossing around their trays (their stands).
John 2:16 Then to those who sold the doves He said, Take these things away (out of here)! Make not My Father's house a house of merchandise (a marketplace, a sales shop)!
John 2:17 And His disciples remembered that it is written [in the Holy Scriptures], Zeal (the fervor of love) for Your house will eat Me up. [I will be consumed with jealousy for the honor of Your house.]
John 2:18 Then the Jews retorted, What sign can You show us, seeing You do these things? [What sign, miracle, token, indication can You give us as evidence that You have authority and are commissioned to act in this way?]
John 2:19 Jesus answered them, Destroy (undo) this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again.
John 2:20 Then the Jews replied, It took forty-six years to build this temple (sanctuary), and will You raise it up in three days?
John 2:21 But He had spoken of the temple which was His body.
John 2:22 When therefore He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this. And so they believed {and} trusted {and} relied on the Scripture and the word (message) Jesus had spoken.
John 2:23 But when He was in Jerusalem during the Passover Feast, many believed in His name [identified themselves with His party] after seeing His signs (wonders, miracles) which He was doing.
John 2:24 But Jesus [for His part] did not trust Himself to them, because He knew all [men];
John 2:25 And He did not need anyone to bear witness concerning man [needed no evidence from anyone about men], for He Himself knew what was in human nature. [He could read men's hearts.] [I Sam. 16:7.]
John 3:1 NOW THERE was a certain man among the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler (a leader, an authority) among the Jews,
John 3:2 Who came to Jesus at night and said to Him, Rabbi, we know {and} are certain that You have come from God [as] a Teacher; for no one can do these signs (these wonderworks, these miracles--and produce the proofs) that You do unless God is with him.
John 3:3 Jesus answered him, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that unless a person is born again (anew, from

above), he cannot ever see (know, be acquainted with, and experience) the kingdom of God.
John 3:4 Nicodemus said to Him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter his mother's womb again and be born?
John 3:5 Jesus answered, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, unless a man is born of water and [even] the Spirit, he cannot [ever] enter the kingdom of God.
John 3:6 What is born of [from] the flesh is flesh [of the physical is physical]; and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.
John 3:7 Marvel not [do not be surprised, astonished] at My telling you, You must all be born anew (from above).
John 3:8 The wind blows (breathes) where it wills; and though you hear its sound, yet you neither know where it comes from nor where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.
John 3:9 Nicodemus answered by asking, How can all this be possible?
John 3:10 Jesus replied, Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet do not know {nor} understand these things? [Are they strange to you?]
John 3:11 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, We speak only of what we know [we know absolutely what we are talking about]; we have actually seen what we are testifying to [we were eyewitnesses of it]. And still you do not receive our testimony [you reject and refuse our evidence--that of Myself and of all those who are born of the Spirit].
John 3:12 If I have told you of things that happen right here on the earth and yet none of you believes Me, how can you believe (trust Me, adhere to Me, rely on Me) if I tell you of heavenly things?
John 3:13 And yet no one has ever gone up to heaven, but there is One Who has come down from heaven--the Son of Man [Himself], {Who is (dwells, has His home) in heaven.}
John 3:14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert [on a pole], so must [so it is necessary that] the Son of Man be lifted up [on the cross],
John 3:15 In order that everyone who believes in Him [who cleaves to Him, trusts Him, and relies on Him] may {not perish, but} have eternal life {and} [actually] live forever!
John 3:16 For God so greatly loved {and} dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.
John 3:17 For God did not send the Son into the world in order to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world, but that the world might find salvation {and} be made safe {and} sound through Him.
John 3:18 He who believes in Him [who clings to, trusts in, relies on Him] is not judged [he who trusts in Him never comes up for judgment; for him there is no rejection, no condemnation--he incurs no damnation]; but he who does not believe (cleave to, rely on, trust in Him) is judged already [he has already been convicted and has already received his sentence] because he has not believed in {and} trusted in the name of the only begotten Son of God. [He is condemned for refusing to let his trust rest in Christ's name.]
John 3:19 The [basis of the] judgment (indictment, the test by which men are judged, the ground for the sentence) lies in this: the Light has come into the world, and people have loved the darkness rather than {and} more than the Light, for their works (deeds) were evil.
John 3:20 For every wrongdoer hates (loathes, detests) the Light, and will not come out into the Light {but} shrinks from it, lest his works (his deeds, his activities, his conduct) be exposed {and} reproved.
John 3:21 But he who practices truth [who does what is right] comes out into the Light; so that his works may be plainly shown to be what they are--wrought with God [divinely prompted, done with God's help, in dependence upon Him].
John 3:22 After this, Jesus and His disciples went into the land (the countryside) of Judea, where He remained with them, and baptized.
John 3:23 But John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, for there was an abundance of water there, and the people kept coming and being baptized.
John 3:24 For John had not yet been thrown into prison.
John 3:25 Therefore there arose a controversy between some of John's disciples and a Jew in regard to purification.
John 3:26 So they came to John and reported to him, Rabbi, the Man Who was with you on the other side of the Jordan [at the Jordan crossing]--and to Whom you yourself have borne testimony--notice, here He is baptizing too, and everybody is flocking to Him!
John 3:27 John answered, A man can receive nothing [he can claim nothing, he can take unto himself nothing] except as it has been granted to him from heaven. [A man must be content to receive the gift which is given him from heaven; there is no other source.]
John 3:28 You yourselves are my witnesses [you personally bear me out] that I stated, I am not the Christ (the

Anointed One, the Messiah), but I have [only] been sent before Him [in advance of Him, to be His appointed forerunner, His messenger, His announcer].
John 3:29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the groomsman who stands by and listens to him rejoices greatly {and} heartily on account of the bridegroom's voice. This then is my pleasure {and} joy, and it is now complete. [S. of Sol. 5:1.]
John 3:30 He must increase, but I must decrease. [He must grow more prominent; I must grow less so.]
John 3:31 He Who comes from above (heaven) is [far] above all [others]; he who comes from the earth belongs to the earth, and talks the language of earth [his words are from an earthly standpoint]. He Who comes from heaven is [far] above all others [far superior to all others in prominence and in excellence].
John 3:32 It is to what He has [actually] seen and heard that He bears testimony, and yet no one accepts His testimony [no one receives His evidence as true].
John 3:33 Whoever receives His testimony has set his seal of approval to this: God is true. [That man has definitely certified, acknowledged, declared once and for all, and is himself assured that it is divine truth that God cannot lie].
John 3:34 For since He Whom God has sent speaks the words of God [proclaims God's own message], God does not give Him His Spirit sparingly {or} by measure, {but} boundless is the gift God makes of His Spirit!
John 3:35 The Father loves the Son and has given (entrusted, committed) everything into His hand.
John 3:36 And he who believes in (has faith in, clings to, relies on) the Son has (now possesses) eternal life. But whoever disobeys (is unbelieving toward, refuses to trust in, disregards, is not subject to) the Son will never see (experience) life, but [instead] the wrath of God abides on him. [God's displeasure remains on him; His indignation hangs over him continually.]
John 4:1 NOW WHEN the Lord knew (learned, became aware) that the Pharisees had been told that Jesus was winning and baptizing more disciples than John--
John 4:2 Though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples--
John 4:3 He left Judea and returned to Galilee.
John 4:4 It was necessary for Him to go through Samaria.
John 4:5 And in doing so, He arrived at a Samaritan town called Sychar, near the tract of land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.
John 4:6 And Jacob's well was there. So Jesus, tired as He was from His journey, sat down [to rest] by the well. It was then about the sixth hour (about noon).
John 4:7 Presently, when a woman of Samaria came along to draw water, Jesus said to her, Give Me a drink--
John 4:8 For His disciples had gone off into the town to buy food--
John 4:9 The Samaritan woman said to Him, How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan [and a] woman, for a drink?--For the Jews have nothing to do with the Samaritans--
John 4:10 Jesus answered her, If you had only known {and} had recognized God's gift and Who this is that is saying to you, Give Me a drink, you would have asked Him [instead] and He would have given you living water.
John 4:11 She said to Him, Sir, You have nothing to draw with [no drawing bucket] and the well is deep; how then can You provide living water? [Where do You get Your living water?]
John 4:12 Are You greater than {and} superior to our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well and who used to drink from it himself, and his sons and his cattle also?
John 4:13 Jesus answered her, All who drink of this water will be thirsty again.
John 4:14 But whoever takes a drink of the water that I will give him shall never, no never, be thirsty any more. But the water that I will give him shall become a spring of water welling up (flowing, bubbling) [continually] within him unto (into, for) eternal life.
John 4:15 The woman said to Him, Sir, give me this water, so that I may never get thirsty nor have to come [continually all the way] here to draw.
John 4:16 At this, Jesus said to her, Go, call your husband and come back here.
John 4:17 The woman answered, I have no husband. Jesus said to her, You have spoken truly in saying, I have no husband.
John 4:18 For you have had five husbands, and the man you are now living with is not your husband. In this you have spoken truly.
John 4:19 The woman said to Him, Sir, I see {and} understand that You are a prophet.
John 4:20 Our forefathers worshiped on this mountain, but you [Jews] say that Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary {and} proper to worship.
John 4:21 Jesus said to her, Woman, believe Me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither [merely]

in this mountain nor [merely] in Jerusalem.
John 4:22 You [Samaritans] do not know what you are worshiping [you worship what you do not comprehend]. We do know what we are worshiping [we worship what we have knowledge of and understand], for [after all] salvation comes from [among] the Jews.
John 4:23 A time will come, however, indeed it is already here, when the true (genuine) worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth (reality); for the Father is seeking just such people as these as His worshipers.
John 4:24 God is a Spirit (a spiritual Being) and those who worship Him must worship {Him} in spirit and in truth (reality).
John 4:25 The woman said to Him, I know that Messiah is coming, He Who is called the Christ (the Anointed One); and when He arrives, He will tell us everything we need to know {and} make it clear to us.
John 4:26 Jesus said to her, I Who now speak with you am He.
John 4:27 Just then His disciples came and they wondered (were surprised, astonished) to find Him talking with a woman [a married woman]. However, not one of them asked Him, What are You inquiring about? {or} What do You want? or, Why do You speak with her?
John 4:28 Then the woman left her water jar and went away to the town. And she began telling the people,
John 4:29 Come, see a Man Who has told me everything that I ever did! Can this be [is not this] the Christ? [Must not this be the Messiah, the Anointed One?]
John 4:30 So the people left the town and set out to go to Him.
John 4:31 Meanwhile, the disciples urged Him saying, Rabbi, eat something.
John 4:32 But He assured them, I have food (nourishment) to eat of which you know nothing {and} have no idea.
John 4:33 So the disciples said one to another, Has someone brought Him something to eat?
John 4:34 Jesus said to them, My food (nourishment) is to do the will (pleasure) of Him Who sent Me and to accomplish {and} completely finish His work.
John 4:35 Do you not say, It is still four months until harvest time comes? Look! I tell you, raise your eyes and observe the fields {and} see how they are already white for harvesting.
John 4:36 Already the reaper is getting his wages [he who does the cutting now has his reward], for he is gathering fruit (crop) unto life eternal, so that he who does the planting and he who does the reaping may rejoice together.
John 4:37 For in this the saying holds true, One sows and another reaps.
John 4:38 I sent you to reap a crop for which you have not toiled. Other men have labored and you have stepped in to reap the results of their work.
John 4:39 Now numerous Samaritans from that town believed in {and} trusted in Him because of what the woman said when she declared {and} testified, He told me everything that I ever did.
John 4:40 So when the Samaritans arrived, they asked Him to remain with them, and He did stay there two days.
John 4:41 Then many more believed in {and} adhered to {and} relied on Him because of His personal message [what He Himself said].
John 4:42 And they told the woman, Now we no longer believe (trust, have faith) just because of what you said; for we have heard Him ourselves [personally], and we know that He truly is the Savior of the world, {the Christ.}
John 4:43 But after these two days Jesus went on from there into Galilee--
John 4:44 Although He Himself declared that a prophet has no honor in his own country.
John 4:45 However, when He came into Galilee, the Galileans also welcomed Him {and} took Him to their hearts eagerly, for they had seen everything that He did in Jerusalem during the Feast; for they too had attended the Feast.
John 4:46 So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee, where He had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son was lying ill in Capernaum.
John 4:47 Having heard that Jesus had come back from Judea into Galilee, he went away to meet Him and began to beg Him to come down and cure his son, for he was lying at the point of death.
John 4:48 Then Jesus said to him, Unless you see signs and miracles happen, you [people] never will believe (trust, have faith) at all.
John 4:49 The king's officer pleaded with Him, Sir, do come down at once before my little child is dead!
John 4:50 Jesus answered him, Go in peace; your son will live! And the man put his trust in what Jesus said and started home.
John 4:51 But even as he was on the road going down, his servants met him and reported, saying, Your son lives!
John 4:52 So he asked them at what time he had begun to get better. They said, Yesterday during the seventh hour (about one o'clock in the afternoon) the fever left him.
John 4:53 Then the father knew that it was at that very hour when Jesus had said to him, Your son will live. And he

and his entire household believed (adhered to, trusted in, and relied on Jesus).
John 4:54 This is the second sign (wonderwork, miracle) that Jesus performed after He had come out of Judea into Galilee.
John 5:1 LATER ON there was a Jewish festival (feast) for which Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
John 5:2 Now there is in Jerusalem a pool near the Sheep Gate. This pool in the Hebrew is called Bethesda, having five porches (alcoves, colonnades, doorways).
John 5:3 In these lay a great number of sick folk--some blind, some crippled, and some paralyzed (shriveled up)--{waiting for the bubbling up of the water.}
John 5:4 {For an angel of the Lord went down at appointed seasons into the pool and moved and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was cured of whatever disease with which he was afflicted.}
John 5:5 There was a certain man there who had suffered with a deep-seated {and} lingering disorder for thirty-eight years.
John 5:6 When Jesus noticed him lying there [helpless], knowing that he had already been a long time in that condition, He said to him, Do you want to become well? [Are you really in earnest about getting well?]
John 5:7 The invalid answered, Sir, I have nobody when the water is moving to put me into the pool; but while I am trying to come [into it] myself, somebody else steps down ahead of me.
John 5:8 Jesus said to him, Get up! Pick up your bed (sleeping pad) and walk!
John 5:9 Instantly the man became well {and} recovered his strength and picked up his bed and walked. But that happened on the Sabbath.
John 5:10 So the Jews kept saying to the man who had been healed, It is the Sabbath, and you have no right to pick up your bed [it is not lawful].
John 5:11 He answered them, The Man Who healed me {and} gave me back my strength, He Himself said to me, Pick up your bed and walk!
John 5:12 They asked him, Who is the Man Who told you, Pick up your bed and walk?
John 5:13 Now the invalid who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had quietly gone away [had passed on unnoticed], since there was a crowd in the place.
John 5:14 Afterward, when Jesus found him in the temple, He said to him, See, you are well! Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.
John 5:15 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had made him well.
John 5:16 For this reason the Jews began to persecute (annoy, torment) Jesus {and sought to kill Him,} because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.
John 5:17 But Jesus answered them, My Father has worked [even] until now, [He has never ceased working; He is still working] and I, too, must be at [divine] work.
John 5:18 This made the Jews more determined than ever to kill Him [to do away with Him]; because He not only was breaking (weakening, violating) the Sabbath, but He actually was speaking of God as being [in a special sense] His own Father, making Himself equal [putting Himself on a level] with God.
John 5:19 So Jesus answered them by saying, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the Son is able to do nothing of Himself (of His own accord); but He is able to do only what He sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does is what the Son does in the same way [in His turn].
John 5:20 The Father dearly loves the Son and discloses to (shows) Him everything that He Himself does. And He will disclose to Him (let Him see) greater things yet than these, so that you may marvel {and} be full of wonder {and} astonishment.
John 5:21 Just as the Father raises up the dead and gives them life [makes them live on], even so the Son also gives life to whomever He wills {and} is pleased to give it.
John 5:22 Even the Father judges no one, for He has given all judgment (the last judgment and the whole business of judging) entirely into the hands of the Son,
John 5:23 So that all men may give honor (reverence, homage) to the Son just as they give honor to the Father. [In fact] whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, Who has sent Him.
John 5:24 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the person whose ears are open to My words [who listens to My message] and believes {and} trusts in {and} clings to {and} relies on Him Who sent Me has (possesses now) eternal life. And he does not come into judgment [does not incur sentence of judgment, will not come under condemnation], but he has already passed over out of death into life.
John 5:25 Believe Me when I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the time is coming and is here now when the dead

shall hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear it shall live.
John 5:26 For even as the Father has life in Himself {and} is self-existent, so He has given to the Son to have life in Himself {and} be self-existent.
John 5:27 And He has given Him authority {and} granted Him power to execute (exercise, practice) judgment because He is a Son of man [very man].
John 5:28 Do not be surprised {and} wonder at this, for the time is coming when all those who are in the tombs shall hear His voice,
John 5:29 And they shall come out--those who have practiced doing good [will come out] to the resurrection of [new] life, and those who have done evil will be raised for judgment [raised to meet their sentence].
John 5:30 I am able to do nothing from Myself [independently, of My own accord--but only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders]. Even as I hear, I judge [I decide as I am bidden to decide. As the voice comes to Me, so I give a decision], and My judgment is right (just, righteous), because I do not seek {or} consult My own will [I have no desire to do what is pleasing to Myself, My own aim, My own purpose] but only the will {and} pleasure of the Father Who sent Me.
John 5:31 If I alone testify in My behalf, My testimony is not valid {and} cannot be worth anything.
John 5:32 There is Another Who testifies concerning Me, and I know {and} am certain that His evidence on My behalf is true and valid.
John 5:33 You yourselves have sent [an inquiry] to John and he has been a witness to the truth.
John 5:34 But I do not receive [a mere] human witness [the evidence which I accept on My behalf is not from man]; but I simply mention all these things in order that you may be saved (made and kept safe and sound).
John 5:35 John was the lamp that kept on burning and shining [to show you the way], and you were willing for a while to delight (sun) yourselves in his light.
John 5:36 But I have as My witness something greater (weightier, higher, better) than that of John; for the works that the Father has appointed Me to accomplish {and} finish, the very same works that I am now doing, are a witness {and} proof that the Father has sent Me.
John 5:37 And the Father Who sent Me has Himself testified concerning Me. Not one of you has ever given ear to His voice or seen His form (His face--what He is like). [You have always been deaf to His voice and blind to the vision of Him.]
John 5:38 And you have not His word (His thought) living in your hearts, because you do not believe {and} adhere to {and} trust in {and} rely on Him Whom He has sent. [That is why you do not keep His message living in you, because you do not believe in the Messenger Whom He has sent.]
John 5:39 You search {and} investigate {and} pore over the Scriptures diligently, because you suppose {and} trust that you have eternal life through them. And these [very Scriptures] testify about Me!
John 5:40 And still you are not willing [but refuse] to come to Me, so that you might have life.
John 5:41 I receive not glory from men [I crave no human honor, I look for no mortal fame],
John 5:42 But I know you and recognize {and} understand that you have not the love of God in you.
John 5:43 I have come in My Father's name {and} with His power, and you do not receive Me [your hearts are not open to Me, you give Me no welcome]; but if another comes in his own name {and} his own power {and} with no other authority but himself, you will receive him {and} give him your approval.
John 5:44 How is it possible for you to believe [how can you learn to believe], you who [are content to seek and] receive praise {and} honor {and} glory from one another, and yet do not seek the praise {and} honor {and} glory which come from Him Who alone is God?
John 5:45 Put out of your minds the thought {and} do not suppose [as some of you are supposing] that I will accuse you before the Father. There is one who accuses you--it is Moses, the very one on whom you have built your hopes [in whom you trust].
John 5:46 For if you believed {and} relied on Moses, you would believe {and} rely on Me, for he wrote about Me [personally].
John 5:47 But if you do not believe {and} trust his writings, how then will you believe {and} trust My teachings? [How shall you cleave to and rely on My words?]
John 6:1 AFTER THIS, Jesus went to the farther side of the Sea of Galilee--that is, the Sea of Tiberias.
John 6:2 And a great crowd was following Him because they had seen the signs (miracles) which He [continually] performed upon those who were sick.
John 6:3 And Jesus walked up the mountainside and sat down there with His disciples.
John 6:4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was approaching.

John 6:5 Jesus looked up then, and seeing that a vast multitude was coming toward Him, He said to Philip, Where are we to buy bread, so that all these people may eat?
John 6:6 But He said this to prove (test) him, for He well knew what He was about to do.
John 6:7 Philip answered Him, Two hundred pennies' (forty dollars) worth of bread is not enough that everyone may receive even a little.
John 6:8 Another of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him,
John 6:9 There is a little boy here, who has [with him] five barley loaves, and two small fish; but what are they among so many people?
John 6:10 Jesus said, Make all the people recline (sit down). Now the ground (a pasture) was covered with thick grass at the spot, so the men threw themselves down, about 5,000 in number.
John 6:11 Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed {to the disciples and the disciples} to the reclining people; so also [He did] with the fish, as much as they wanted.
John 6:12 When they had all had enough, He said to His disciples, Gather up now the fragments (the broken pieces that are left over), so that nothing may be lost {and} wasted.
John 6:13 So accordingly they gathered them up, and they filled twelve [small hand] baskets with fragments left over by those who had eaten from the five barley loaves.
John 6:14 When the people saw the sign (miracle) that Jesus had performed, they began saying, Surely {and} beyond a doubt this is the Prophet Who is to come into the world!
John 6:15 Then Jesus, knowing that they meant to come and seize Him that they might make Him king, withdrew again to the hillside by Himself alone.
John 6:16 When evening came, His disciples went down to the sea,
John 6:17 And they took a boat and were going across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and still Jesus had not [yet] come back to them.
John 6:18 Meanwhile, the sea was getting rough {and} rising high because of a great {and} violent wind that was blowing.
John 6:19 [However] when they had rowed three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and approaching the boat. And they were afraid (terrified).
John 6:20 But Jesus said to them, It is I; be not afraid! [I AM; stop being frightened!]
John 6:21 Then they were quite willing {and} glad for Him to come into the boat. And now the boat went at once to the land they had steered toward. [And immediately they reached the shore toward which they had been slowly making their way.]
John 6:22 The next day the crowd [that still remained] standing on the other side of the sea realized that there had been only one small boat there, and that Jesus had not gone into it with His disciples, but that His disciples had gone away by themselves.
John 6:23 But now some other boats from Tiberias had come in near the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks.
John 6:24 So the people, finding that neither Jesus nor His disciples were there, themselves got into the small boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus.
John 6:25 And when they found Him on the other side of the lake, they said to Him, Rabbi! When did You come here?
John 6:26 Jesus answered them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, you have been searching for Me, not because you saw the miracles {and} signs but because you were fed with the loaves and were filled {and} satisfied.
John 6:27 Stop toiling {and} doing {and} producing for the food that perishes {and} decomposes [in the using], but strive {and} work {and} produce rather for the [lasting] food which endures [continually] unto life eternal; the Son of Man will give (furnish) you that, for God the Father has authorized {and} certified Him {and} put His seal of endorsement upon Him.
John 6:28 They then said, What are we to do, that we may [habitually] be working the works of God? [What are we to do to carry out what God requires?]
John 6:29 Jesus replied, This is the work (service) that God asks of you: that you believe in the One Whom He has sent [that you cleave to, trust, rely on, and have faith in His Messenger].
John 6:30 Therefore they said to Him, What sign (miracle, wonderwork) will You perform then, so that we may see it and believe {and} rely on {and} adhere to You? What [supernatural] work have You [to show what You can do]?
John 6:31 Our forefathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as the Scripture says, He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.
John 6:32 Jesus then said to them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, Moses did not give you the Bread from

heaven [what Moses gave you was not the Bread from heaven], but it is My Father Who gives you the true heavenly Bread.
John 6:33 For the Bread of God is He Who comes down out of heaven and gives life to the world.
John 6:34 Then they said to Him, Lord, give us this bread always (all the time)!
John 6:35 Jesus replied, I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to Me will never be hungry, and he who believes in {and} cleaves to {and} trusts in {and} relies on Me will never thirst any more (at any time).
John 6:36 But [as] I told you, although you have seen Me, still you do not believe {and} trust {and} have faith.
John 6:37 All whom My Father gives (entrusts) to Me will come to Me; and the one who comes to Me I will most certainly not cast out [I will never, no never, reject one of them who comes to Me].
John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will {and} purpose but to do the will {and} purpose of Him Who sent Me.
John 6:39 And this is the will of Him Who sent Me, that I should not lose any of all that He has given Me, but that I should give new life {and} raise [them all] up at the last day.
John 6:40 For this is My Father's will {and} His purpose, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in {and} cleaves to {and} trusts in {and} relies on Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up [from the dead] at the last day.
John 6:41 Now the Jews murmured {and} found fault with {and} grumbled about Jesus because He said, I am [Myself] the Bread that came down from heaven.
John 6:42 They kept asking, Is not this Jesus, the Son of Joseph, Whose father and mother we know? How then can He say, I have come down from heaven?
John 6:43 So Jesus answered them, Stop grumbling {and} saying things against Me to one another.
John 6:44 No one is able to come to Me unless the Father Who sent Me attracts {and} draws him {and} gives him the desire to come to Me, and [then] I will raise him up [from the dead] at the last day.
John 6:45 It is written in [the book of] the Prophets, And they shall all be taught of God [have Him in person for their Teacher]. Everyone who has listened to and learned from the Father comes to Me--
John 6:46 Which does not imply that anyone has seen the Father [not that anyone has ever seen Him] except He [Who was with the Father] Who comes from God; He [alone] has seen the Father.
John 6:47 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, he who believes {in Me} [who adheres to, trusts in, relies on, and has faith in Me] has (now possesses) eternal life.
John 6:48 I am the Bread of Life [that gives life--the Living Bread].
John 6:49 Your forefathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and [yet] they died.
John 6:50 [But] this is the Bread that comes down from heaven, so that [any]one may eat of it and never die.
John 6:51 I [Myself] am this Living Bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this Bread, he will live forever; and also the Bread that I shall give for the life of the world is My flesh (body).
John 6:52 Then the Jews angrily contended with one another, saying, How is He able to give us His flesh to eat?
John 6:53 And Jesus said to them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, you cannot have any life in you unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood [unless you appropriate His life and the saving merit of His blood].
John 6:54 He who feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood has (possesses now) eternal life, and I will raise him up [from the dead] on the last day.
John 6:55 For My flesh is true {and} genuine food, and My blood is true {and} genuine drink.
John 6:56 He who feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood dwells continually in Me, and I [in like manner dwell continually] in him.
John 6:57 Just as the living Father sent Me and I live by (through, because of) the Father, even so whoever continues to feed on Me [whoever takes Me for his food {and} is nourished by Me] shall [in his turn] live through {and} because of Me.
John 6:58 This is the Bread that came down from heaven. It is not like the manna which our forefathers ate, and yet died; he who takes this Bread for his food shall live forever.
John 6:59 He said these things in a synagogue while He was teaching at Capernaum.
John 6:60 When His disciples heard this, many of them said, This is a hard {and} difficult {and} strange saying (an offensive and unbearable message). Who can stand to hear it? [Who can be expected to listen to such teaching?]
John 6:61 But Jesus, knowing within Himself that His disciples were complaining {and} protesting {and} grumbling about it, said to them: Is this a stumbling block {and} an offense to you? [Does this upset and displease and shock and scandalize you?]

John 6:62 What then [will be your reaction] if you should see the Son of Man ascending to [the place] where He was before?
John 6:63 It is the Spirit Who gives life [He is the Life-giver]; the flesh conveys no benefit whatever [there is no profit in it]. The words (truths) that I have been speaking to you are spirit and life.
John 6:64 But [still] some of you fail to believe {and} trust {and} have faith. For Jesus knew from the first who did not believe {and} had no faith and who would betray Him {and} be false to Him.
John 6:65 And He said, This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless it is granted him [unless he is enabled to do so] by the Father.
John 6:66 After this, many of His disciples drew back (returned to their old associations) and no longer accompanied Him.
John 6:67 Jesus said to the Twelve, Will you also go away? [And do you too desire to leave Me?]
John 6:68 Simon Peter answered, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words (the message) of eternal life.
John 6:69 And we have learned to believe {and} trust, and [more] we have come to know [surely] that You are {the Holy One of God}, the Christ (the Anointed One), the Son of the living God.
John 6:70 Jesus answered them, Did I not choose you, the Twelve? And [yet] one of you is a devil (of the evil one and a false accuser).
John 6:71 He was speaking of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, for he was about to betray Him, [although] he was one of the Twelve.
John 7:1 AFTER THIS, Jesus went from place to place in Galilee, for He would not travel in Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill Him.
John 7:2 Now the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was drawing near.
John 7:3 So His brothers said to Him, Leave here and go into Judea, so that Your disciples [there] may also see the works that You do. [This is no place for You.]
John 7:4 For no one does anything in secret when he wishes to be conspicuous {and} secure publicity. If You [must] do these things [if You must act like this], show Yourself openly {and} make Yourself known to the world!
John 7:5 For [even] His brothers did not believe in {or} adhere to {or} trust in {or} rely on Him either.
John 7:6 Whereupon Jesus said to them, My time (opportunity) has not come yet; but any time is suitable for you {and} your opportunity is ready any time [is always here].
John 7:7 The world cannot [be expected to] hate you, but it does hate Me because I denounce it for its wicked works {and} reveal that its doings are evil.
John 7:8 Go to the Feast yourselves. I am not [yet] going up to the Festival, because My time is not ripe. [My term is not yet completed; it is not time for Me to go.]
John 7:9 Having said these things to them, He stayed behind in Galilee.
John 7:10 But afterward, when His brothers had gone up to the Feast, He went up also, not publicly [not with a caravan], but by Himself quietly {and} as if He did not wish to be observed.
John 7:11 Therefore the Jews kept looking for Him at the Feast and asking, Where can He be? [Where is that Fellow?]
John 7:12 And there was among the mass of the people much whispered discussion {and} hot disputing about Him. Some were saying, He is good! [He is a good Man!] Others said, No, He misleads {and} deceives the people [gives them false ideas]!
John 7:13 But no one dared speak out boldly about Him for fear of [the leaders of] the Jews.
John 7:14 When the Feast was already half over, Jesus went up into the temple [court] and began to teach.
John 7:15 The Jews were astonished. They said, How is it that this Man has learning [is so versed in the sacred Scriptures and in theology] when He has never studied?
John 7:16 Jesus answered them by saying, My teaching is not My own, but His Who sent Me.
John 7:17 If any man desires to do His will (God's pleasure), he will know (have the needed illumination to recognize, and can tell for himself) whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking from Myself {and} of My own accord {and} on My own authority.
John 7:18 He who speaks on his own authority seeks to win honor for himself. [He whose teaching originates with himself seeks his own glory.] But He Who seeks the glory {and} is eager for the honor of Him Who sent Him, He is true; and there is no unrighteousness {or} falsehood {or} deception in Him.
John 7:19 Did not Moses give you the Law? And yet not one of you keeps the Law. [If that is the truth] why do you seek to kill Me [for not keeping it]?
John 7:20 The crowd answered Him, You are possessed by a demon! [You are raving!] Who seeks to kill You?
John 7:21 Jesus answered them, I did one work, and you all are astounded.

John 7:22 Now Moses established circumcision among you--though it did not originate with Moses but with the previous patriarchs--and you circumcise a person [even] on the Sabbath day.
John 7:23 If, to avoid breaking the Law of Moses, a person undergoes circumcision on the Sabbath day, have you any cause to be angry with (indignant with, bitter against) Me for making a man's whole body well on the Sabbath?
John 7:24 Be honest in your judgment {and} do not decide at a glance (superficially and by appearances); but judge fairly {and} righteously.
John 7:25 Then some of the Jerusalem people said, Is not this the Man they seek to kill?
John 7:26 And here He is speaking openly, and they say nothing to Him! Can it be possible that the rulers have discovered {and} know that this is truly the Christ?
John 7:27 No, we know where this Man comes from; when the Christ arrives, no one is to know from what place He comes.
John 7:28 Whereupon Jesus called out as He taught in the temple [porches], Do you know Me, and do you know where I am from? I have not come on My own authority {and} of My own accord {and} as self-appointed, but the One Who sent Me is true (real, genuine, steadfast); and Him you do not know!
John 7:29 I know Him [Myself] because I come from His [very] presence, and it was He [personally] Who sent Me.
John 7:30 Therefore they were eager to arrest Him, but no one laid a hand on Him, for His hour (time) had not yet come.
John 7:31 And besides, many of the multitude believed in Him [adhered to Him, trusted in Him, relied on Him]. And they kept saying, When the Christ comes, will He do [can He be expected to do] more miracles {and} produce more proofs {and} signs than what this Man has done?
John 7:32 The Pharisees learned how the people were saying these things about Him under their breath; and the chief priests and Pharisees sent attendants (guards) to arrest Him.
John 7:33 Therefore Jesus said, For a little while I am [still] with you, and then I go back to Him Who sent Me.
John 7:34 You will look for Me, but you will not [be able to] find Me; where I am, you cannot come.
John 7:35 Then the Jews said among themselves, Where does this Man intend to go that we shall not find Him? Will He go to the Jews who are scattered in the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks?
John 7:36 What does this statement of His mean, You will look for Me and not be able to find Me, and, Where I am, you cannot come?
John 7:37 Now on the final and most important day of the Feast, Jesus stood, and He cried in a loud voice, If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink!
John 7:38 He who believes in Me [who cleaves to {and} trusts in {and} relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs {and} rivers of living water.
John 7:39 But He was speaking here of the Spirit, Whom those who believed (trusted, had faith) in Him were afterward to receive. For the [Holy] Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified (raised to honor).
John 7:40 Listening to those words, some of the multitude said, This is certainly {and} beyond doubt the Prophet!
John 7:41 Others said, This is the Christ (the Messiah, Anointed One)! But some said, What? Does the Christ come out of Galilee?
John 7:42 Does not the Scripture tell us that the Christ will come from the offspring of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?
John 7:43 So there arose a division {and} dissension among the people concerning Him.
John 7:44 Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one [ventured and] laid hands on Him.
John 7:45 Meanwhile the attendants (guards) had gone back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, Why have you not brought Him here with you?
John 7:46 The attendants replied, Never has a man talked as this Man talks! [No mere man has ever spoken as He speaks!]
John 7:47 The Pharisees said to them, Are you also deluded {and} led astray? [Are you also swept off your feet?]
John 7:48 Has any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in Him?
John 7:49 As for this multitude (rabble) that does not know the Law, they are contemptible {and} doomed {and} accursed!
John 7:50 Then Nicodemus, who came to Jesus before at night and was one of them, asked,
John 7:51 Does our Law convict a man without giving him a hearing and finding out what he has done?
John 7:52 They answered him, Are you too from Galilee? Search [the Scriptures yourself], and you will see that no prophet comes (will rise to prominence) from Galilee.

John 7:53 And they went [back], each to his own house.
John 8:1 BUT JESUS went to the Mount of Olives.
John 8:2 Early in the morning (at dawn), He came back into the temple [court], and the people came to Him in crowds. He sat down and was teaching them,
John 8:3 When the scribes and Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery. They made her stand in the middle of the court and put the case before Him.
John 8:4 Teacher, they said, This woman has been caught in the very act of adultery.
John 8:5 Now Moses in the Law commanded us that such [women--offenders] shall be stoned to death. But what do You say [to do with her--what is Your sentence]?
John 8:6 This they said to try (test) Him, hoping they might find a charge on which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger.
John 8:7 However, when they persisted with their question, He raised Himself up and said, Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.
John 8:8 Then He bent down and went on writing on the ground with His finger.
John 8:9 They listened to Him, and then they began going out, conscience-stricken, one by one, from the oldest down to the last one of them, till Jesus was left alone, with the woman standing there before Him in the center of the court.
John 8:10 When Jesus raised Himself up, He said to her, Woman, where are your accusers? Has no man condemned you?
John 8:11 She answered, No one, Lord! And Jesus said, I do not condemn you either. Go on your way and from now on sin no more.
John 8:12 Once more Jesus addressed the crowd. He said, I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me will not be walking in the dark, but will have the Light which is Life.
John 8:13 Whereupon the Pharisees told Him, You are testifying on Your own behalf; Your testimony is not valid {and} is worthless.
John 8:14 Jesus answered, Even if I do testify on My own behalf, My testimony is true {and} reliable {and} valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.
John 8:15 You [set yourselves up to] judge according to the flesh (by what you see). [You condemn by external, human standards.] I do not [set Myself up to] judge {or} condemn {or} sentence anyone.
John 8:16 Yet even if I do judge, My judgment is true [My decision is right]; for I am not alone [in making it], but [there are two of Us] I and the Father, Who sent Me.
John 8:17 In your [own] Law it is written that the testimony (evidence) of two persons is reliable {and} valid.
John 8:18 I am One [of the Two] bearing testimony concerning Myself; and My Father, Who sent Me, He also testifies about Me.
John 8:19 Then they said to Him, Where is this Father of Yours? Jesus answered, You know My Father as little as you know Me. If you knew Me, you would know My Father also.
John 8:20 Jesus said these things in the treasury while He was teaching in the temple [court]; but no one ventured to arrest Him, because His hour had not yet come.
John 8:21 Therefore He said again to them, I am going away, and you will be looking for Me, and you will die in (under the curse of) your sin. Where I am going, it is not possible for you to come.
John 8:22 At this the Jews began to ask among themselves, Will He kill Himself? Is that why He says, Where I am going, it is not possible for you to come?
John 8:23 He said to them, You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world (of this earthly order); I am not of this world.
John 8:24 That is why I told you that you will die in (under the curse of) your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He [Whom I claim to be--if you do not adhere to, trust in, and rely on Me], you will die in your sins.
John 8:25 Then they said to Him, Who are You anyway? Jesus replied, [Why do I even speak to you!] I am exactly what I have been telling you from the first.
John 8:26 I have much to say about you and to judge {and} condemn. But He Who sent Me is true (reliable), and I tell the world [only] the things that I have heard from Him.
John 8:27 They did not perceive (know, understand) that He was speaking to them about the Father.
John 8:28 So Jesus added, When you have lifted up the Son of Man [on the cross], you will realize (know, understand) that I am He [for Whom you look] and that I do nothing of Myself (of My own accord or on My own authority), but I say [exactly] what My Father has taught Me.
John 8:29 And He Who sent Me is ever with Me; My Father has not left Me alone, for I always do what pleases Him.

John 8:30 As He said these things, many believed in Him [trusted, relied on, and adhered to Him].
John 8:31 So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples.
John 8:32 And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.
John 8:33 They answered Him, We are Abraham's offspring (descendants) and have never been in bondage to anybody. What do You mean by saying, You will be set free?
John 8:34 Jesus answered them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, Whoever commits {and} practices sin is the slave of sin.
John 8:35 Now a slave does not remain in a household permanently (forever); the son [of the house] does remain forever.
John 8:36 So if the Son liberates you [makes you free men], then you are really {and} unquestionably free.
John 8:37 [Yes] I know that you are Abraham's offspring; yet you plan to kill Me, because My word has no entrance (makes no progress, does not find any place) in you.
John 8:38 I tell the things which I have seen {and} learned at My Father's side, and your actions also reflect what you have heard {and} learned from your father.
John 8:39 They retorted, Abraham is our father. Jesus said, If you were [truly] Abraham's children, then you would do the works of Abraham [follow his example, do as Abraham did].
John 8:40 But now [instead] you are wanting {and} seeking to kill Me, a Man Who has told you the truth which I have heard from God. This is not the way Abraham acted.
John 8:41 You are doing the works of your [own] father. They said to Him, We are not illegitimate children {and} born out of fornication; we have one Father, even God.
John 8:42 Jesus said to them, If God were your Father, you would love Me {and} respect Me {and} welcome Me gladly, for I proceeded (came forth) from God [out of His very presence]. I did not even come on My own authority {or} of My own accord (as self-appointed); but He sent Me.
John 8:43 Why do you misunderstand what I say? It is because you are unable to hear what I am saying. [You cannot bear to listen to My message; your ears are shut to My teaching.]
John 8:44 You are of your father, the devil, and it is your will to practice the lusts {and} gratify the desires [which are characteristic] of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a falsehood, he speaks what is natural to him, for he is a liar [himself] and the father of lies {and} of all that is false.
John 8:45 But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me [do not trust Me, do not rely on Me, or adhere to Me].
John 8:46 Who of you convicts Me of wrongdoing {or} finds Me guilty of sin? Then if I speak truth, why do you not believe Me [trust Me, rely on, and adhere to Me]?
John 8:47 Whoever is of God listens to God. [Those who belong to God hear the words of God.] This is the reason that you do not listen [to those words, to Me]: because you do not belong to God {and} are not of God {or} in harmony with Him.
John 8:48 The Jews answered Him, Are we not right when we say You are a Samaritan and that You have a demon [that You are under the power of an evil spirit]?
John 8:49 Jesus answered, I am not possessed by a demon. On the contrary, I honor {and} reverence My Father and you dishonor (despise, vilify, and scorn) Me.
John 8:50 However, I am not in search of honor for Myself. [I do not seek and am not aiming for My own glory.] There is One Who [looks after that; He] seeks [My glory], and He is the Judge.
John 8:51 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone observes My teaching [lives in accordance with My message, keeps My word], he will by no means ever see {and} experience death.
John 8:52 The Jews said to Him, Now we know that You are under the power of a demon (insane). Abraham died, and also the prophets, yet You say, If a man keeps My word, he will never taste of death into all eternity.
John 8:53 Are You greater than our father Abraham? He died, and all the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?
John 8:54 Jesus answered, If I were to glorify Myself (magnify, praise, and honor Myself), I would have no real glory, for My glory would be nothing {and} worthless. [My honor must come to Me from My Father.] It is My Father Who glorifies Me [Who extols Me, magnifies, and praises Me], of Whom you say that He is your God.
John 8:55 Yet you do not know Him {or} recognize Him {and} are not acquainted with Him, but I know Him. If I should say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you. But I know Him and keep His word [obey His teachings, am faithful to His message].

John 8:56 Your forefather Abraham was extremely happy at the hope {and} prospect of seeing My day (My incarnation); and he did see it and was delighted.
John 8:57 Then the Jews said to Him, You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?
John 8:58 Jesus replied, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, before Abraham was born, I AM.
John 8:59 So they took up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus, by mixing with the crowd, concealed Himself and went out of the temple [enclosure].
John 9:1 AS HE passed along, He noticed a man blind from his birth.
John 9:2 His disciples asked Him, Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?
John 9:3 Jesus answered, It was not that this man or his parents sinned, but he was born blind in order that the workings of God should be manifested (displayed and illustrated) in him.
John 9:4 We must work the works of Him Who sent Me {and} be busy with His business while it is daylight; night is coming on, when no man can work.
John 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the world's Light.
John 9:6 When He had said this, He spat on the ground and made clay (mud) with His saliva, and He spread it [as ointment] on the man's eyes.
John 9:7 And He said to him, Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam--which means Sent. So he went and washed, and came back seeing.
John 9:8 When the neighbors and those who used to know him by sight as a beggar saw him, they said, Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?
John 9:9 Some said, It is he. Others said, No, but he looks very much like him. But he said, Yes, I am the man.
John 9:10 So they said to him, How were your eyes opened?
John 9:11 He replied, The Man called Jesus made mud and smeared it on my eyes and said to me, Go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and I obtained my sight!
John 9:12 They asked him, Where is He? He said, I do not know.
John 9:13 Then they conducted to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.
John 9:14 Now it was on the Sabbath day that Jesus mixed the mud and opened the man's eyes.
John 9:15 So now again the Pharisees asked him how he received his sight. And he said to them, He smeared mud on my eyes, and I washed, and now I see.
John 9:16 Then some of the Pharisees said, This Man [Jesus] is not from God, because He does not observe the Sabbath. But others said, How can a man who is a sinner (a bad man) do such signs {and} miracles? So there was a difference of opinion among them.
John 9:17 Accordingly they said to the blind man again, What do you say about Him, seeing that He opened your eyes? And he said, He is [He must be] a prophet!
John 9:18 However, the Jews did not believe that he had [really] been blind and that he had received his sight until they called (summoned) the parents of the man.
John 9:19 They asked them, Is this your son, whom you reported as having been born blind? How then does he see now?
John 9:20 His parents answered, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind.
John 9:21 But as to how he can now see, we do not know; or who has opened his eyes, we do not know. He is of age. Ask him; let him speak for himself {and} give his own account of it.
John 9:22 His parents said this because they feared [the leaders of] the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should acknowledge Jesus to be the Christ, he should be expelled {and} excluded from the synagogue.
John 9:23 On that account his parents said, He is of age; ask him.
John 9:24 So the second time they summoned the man who had been born blind, and said to him, Now give God the glory (praise). This Fellow we know is only a sinner (a wicked person).
John 9:25 Then he answered, I do not know whether He is a sinner {and} wicked or not. But one thing I do know, that whereas I was blind before, now I see.
John 9:26 So they said to him, What did He [actually] do to you? How did He open your eyes?
John 9:27 He answered, I already told you and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Can it be that you wish to become His disciples also?
John 9:28 And they stormed at him [they jeered, they sneered, they reviled him] and retorted, You are His disciple yourself, but we are the disciples of Moses.
John 9:29 We know for certain that God spoke with Moses, but as for this Fellow, we know nothing about where He hails from.

John 9:30 The man replied, Well, this is astonishing! Here a Man has opened my eyes, and yet you do not know where He comes from. [That is amazing!]
John 9:31 We know that God does not listen to sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing {and} a worshiper of Him and does His will, He listens to him.
John 9:32 Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind.
John 9:33 If this Man were not from God, He would not be able to do anything like this.
John 9:34 They retorted, You were wholly born in sin [from head to foot]; and do you [presume to] teach us? So they cast him out [threw him clear outside the synagogue].
John 9:35 Jesus heard that they had put him out, and meeting him He said, Do you believe in {and} adhere to the Son of Man {or the Son of God} ?
John 9:36 He answered, Who is He, Sir? Tell me, that I may believe in {and} adhere to Him.
John 9:37 Jesus said to him, You have seen Him; [in fact] He is talking to you right now.
John 9:38 He called out, Lord, I believe! [I rely on, I trust, I cleave to You!] And he worshiped Him.
John 9:39 Then Jesus said, I came into this world for judgment [as a Separator, in order that there may be separation between those who believe on Me and those who reject Me], to make the sightless see and to make those who see become blind.
John 9:40 Some Pharisees who were near, hearing this remark, said to Him, Are we also blind?
John 9:41 Jesus said to them, If you were blind, you would have no sin; but because you now claim to have sight, your sin remains. [If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but because you insist, We do see clearly, you are unable to escape your guilt.]
John 10:1 I ASSURE you, most solemnly I tell you, he who does not enter by the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up some other way (elsewhere, from some other quarter) is a thief and a robber.
John 10:2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.
John 10:3 The watchman opens the door for this man, and the sheep listen to his voice {and} heed it; and he calls his own sheep by name and brings (leads) them out.
John 10:4 When he has brought his own sheep outside, he walks on before them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.
John 10:5 They will never [on any account] follow a stranger, but will run away from him because they do not know the voice of strangers {or} recognize their call.
John 10:6 Jesus used this parable (illustration) with them, but they did not understand what He was talking about.
John 10:7 So Jesus said again, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that I Myself am the Door for the sheep.
John 10:8 All others who came [as such] before Me are thieves and robbers, but the [true] sheep did not listen to {and} obey them.
John 10:9 I am the Door; anyone who enters in through Me will be saved (will live). He will come in and he will go out [freely], and will find pasture.
John 10:10 The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have {and} enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).
John 10:11 I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd risks {and} lays down His [own] life for the sheep.
John 10:12 But the hired servant (he who merely serves for wages) who is neither the shepherd nor the owner of the sheep, when he sees the wolf coming, deserts the flock and runs away. And the wolf chases {and} snatches them and scatters [the flock].
John 10:13 Now the hireling flees because he merely serves for wages and is not himself concerned about the sheep [cares nothing for them].
John 10:14 I am the Good Shepherd; and I know {and} recognize My own, and My own know {and} recognize Me--
John 10:15 Even as [truly as] the Father knows Me and I also know the Father--and I am giving My [very own] life {and} laying it down on behalf of the sheep.
John 10:16 And I have other sheep [beside these] that are not of this fold. I must bring {and} impel those also; and they will listen to My voice {and} heed My call, and so there will be [they will become] one flock under one Shepherd.
John 10:17 For this [reason] the Father loves Me, because I lay down My [own] life--to take it back again.
John 10:18 No one takes it away from Me. On the contrary, I lay it down voluntarily. [I put it from Myself.] I am authorized {and} have power to lay it down (to resign it) and I am authorized {and} have power to take it back again. These are the instructions (orders) which I have received [as My charge] from My Father.
John 10:19 Then a fresh division of opinion arose among the Jews because of His saying these things.

John 10:20 And many of them said, He has a demon and He is mad (insane--He raves, He rambles). Why do you listen to Him?
John 10:21 Others argued, These are not the thoughts {and} the language of one possessed. Can a demon-possessed person open blind eyes?
John 10:22 After this the Feast of Dedication [of the reconsecration of the temple] was taking place at Jerusalem. It was winter,
John 10:23 And Jesus was walking in Solomon's Porch in the temple area.
John 10:24 So the Jews surrounded Him and began asking Him, How long are You going to keep us in doubt {and} suspense? If You are really the Christ (the Messiah), tell us so plainly {and} openly.
John 10:25 Jesus answered them, I have told you so, yet you do not believe Me [you do not trust Me {and} rely on Me]. The very works that I do by the power of My Father {and} in My Father's name bear witness concerning Me [they are My credentials and evidence in support of Me].
John 10:26 But you do not believe {and} trust {and} rely on Me because you do not belong to My fold [you are no sheep of Mine].
John 10:27 The sheep that are My own hear {and} are listening to My voice; and I know them, and they follow Me.
John 10:28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never lose it {or} perish throughout the ages. [To all eternity they shall never by any means be destroyed.] And no one is able to snatch them out of My hand.
John 10:29 My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater {and} mightier than all [else]; and no one is able to snatch [them] out of the Father's hand.
John 10:30 I and the Father are One.
John 10:31 Again the Jews brought up stones to stone Him.
John 10:32 Jesus said to them, My Father has enabled Me to do many good deeds. [I have shown many acts of mercy in your presence.] For which of these do you mean to stone Me?
John 10:33 The Jews replied, We are not going to stone You for a good act, but for blasphemy, because You, a mere Man, make Yourself [out to be] God.
John 10:34 Jesus answered, Is it not written in your Law, I said, You are gods?
John 10:35 So men are called gods [by the Law], men to whom God's message came--and the Scripture cannot be set aside {or} cancelled {or} broken {or} annulled--
John 10:36 [If that is true] do you say of the One Whom the Father consecrated {and} dedicated {and} set apart for Himself and sent into the world, You are blaspheming, because I said, I am the Son of God?
John 10:37 If I am not doing the works [performing the deeds] of My Father, then do not believe Me [do not adhere to Me and trust Me and rely on Me].
John 10:38 But if I do them, even though you do not believe Me {or} have faith in Me, [at least] believe the works {and} have faith in what I do, in order that you may know and understand [clearly] that the Father is in Me, and I am in the Father [One with Him].
John 10:39 They sought again to arrest Him, but He escaped from their hands.
John 10:40 He went back again across the Jordan to the locality where John was when he first baptized, and there He remained.
John 10:41 And many came to Him, and they kept saying, John did not perform a [single] sign {or} miracle, but everything John said about this Man was true.
John 10:42 And many [people] there became believers in Him. [They adhered to {and} trusted in {and} relied on Him.]
John 11:1 NOW A certain man named Lazarus was ill. He was of Bethany, the village where Mary and her sister Martha lived.
John 11:2 This Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped His feet with her hair. It was her brother Lazarus who was [now] sick.
John 11:3 So the sisters sent to Him, saying, Lord, he whom You love [so well] is sick.
John 11:4 When Jesus received the message, He said, This sickness is not to end in death; but [on the contrary] it is to honor God {and} to promote His glory, that the Son of God may be glorified through (by) it.
John 11:5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. [They were His dear friends, and He held them in loving esteem.]
John 11:6 Therefore [even] when He heard that Lazarus was sick, He still stayed two days longer in the same place where He was.
John 11:7 Then after that interval He said to His disciples, Let us go back again to Judea.

John 11:8 The disciples said to Him, Rabbi, the Jews only recently were intending {and} trying to stone You, and are You [thinking of] going back there again?
John 11:9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? Anyone who walks about in the daytime does not stumble, because he sees [by] the light of this world.
John 11:10 But if anyone walks about in the night, he does stumble, because there is no light in him [the light is lacking to him].
John 11:11 He said these things, and then added, Our friend Lazarus is at rest {and} sleeping; but I am going there that I may awaken him out of his sleep.
John 11:12 The disciples answered, Lord, if he is sleeping, he will recover.
John 11:13 However, Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He referred to falling into a refreshing {and} natural sleep.
John 11:14 So then Jesus told them plainly, Lazarus is dead,
John 11:15 And for your sake I am glad that I was not there; it will help you to believe (to trust and rely on Me). However, let us go to him.
John 11:16 Then Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, Let us go too, that we may die [be killed] along with Him.
John 11:17 So when Jesus arrived, He found that he [Lazarus] had already been in the tomb four days.
John 11:18 Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away,
John 11:19 And a considerable number of the Jews had gone out to see Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.
John 11:20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet Him, while Mary remained sitting in the house.
John 11:21 Martha then said to Jesus, Master, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.
John 11:22 And even now I know that whatever You ask from God, He will grant it to You.
John 11:23 Jesus said to her, Your brother shall rise again.
John 11:24 Martha replied, I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.
John 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am [Myself] the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on) Me, although he may die, yet he shall live;
John 11:26 And whoever continues to live and believes in (has faith in, cleaves to, and relies on) Me shall never [actually] die at all. Do you believe this?
John 11:27 She said to Him, Yes, Lord, I have believed [I do believe] that You are the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One), the Son of God, [even He] Who was to come into the world. [It is for Your coming that the world has waited.]
John 11:28 After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, privately whispering to her, The Teacher is close at hand and is asking for you.
John 11:29 When she heard this, she sprang up quickly and went to Him.
John 11:30 Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the same spot where Martha had met Him.
John 11:31 When the Jews who were sitting with her in the house and consoling her saw how hastily Mary had arisen and gone out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to pour out her grief there.
John 11:32 When Mary came to the place where Jesus was and saw Him, she dropped down at His feet, saying to Him, Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.
John 11:33 When Jesus saw her sobbing, and the Jews who came with her [also] sobbing, He was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. [He chafed in spirit and sighed and was disturbed.]
John 11:34 And He said, Where have you laid him? They said to Him, Lord, come and see.
John 11:35 Jesus wept.
John 11:36 The Jews said, See how [tenderly] He loved him!
John 11:37 But some of them said, Could not He Who opened a blind man's eyes have prevented this man from dying?
John 11:38 Now Jesus, again sighing repeatedly {and} deeply disquieted, approached the tomb. It was a cave (a hole in the rock), and a boulder lay against [the entrance to close] it.
John 11:39 Jesus said, Take away the stone. Martha, the sister of the dead man, exclaimed, But Lord, by this time he [is decaying and] throws off an offensive odor, for he has been dead four days!
John 11:40 Jesus said to her, Did I not tell you {and} promise you that if you would believe {and} rely on Me, you would see the glory of God?

John 11:41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.
John 11:42 Yes, I know You always hear {and} listen to Me, but I have said this on account of {and} for the benefit of the people standing around, so that they may believe that You did send Me [that You have made Me Your Messenger].
John 11:43 When He had said this, He shouted with a loud voice, Lazarus, come out!
John 11:44 And out walked the man who had been dead, his hands and feet wrapped in burial cloths (linen strips), and with a [burial] napkin bound around his face. Jesus said to them, Free him of the burial wrappings and let him go.
John 11:45 Upon seeing what Jesus had done, many of the Jews who had come with Mary believed in Him. [They trusted in Him and adhered to Him and relied on Him.]
John 11:46 But some of them went back to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.
John 11:47 So the chief priests and Pharisees called a meeting of the council (the Sanhedrin) and said, What are we to do? For this Man performs many signs (evidences, miracles).
John 11:48 If we let Him alone to go on like this, everyone will believe in Him {and} adhere to Him, and the Romans will come and suppress {and} destroy {and} take away our [holy] place and our nation [our temple and city and our civil organization].
John 11:49 But one of them, Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year, declared, You know nothing at all!
John 11:50 Nor do you understand {or} reason out that it is expedient {and} better for your own welfare that one man should die on behalf of the people than that the whole nation should perish (be destroyed, ruined).
John 11:51 Now he did not say this simply of his own accord [he was not self-moved]; but being the high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was to die for the nation,
John 11:52 And not only for the nation but also for the purpose of uniting into one body the children of God who have been scattered far and wide.
John 11:53 So from that day on they took counsel {and} plotted together how they might put Him to death.
John 11:54 For that reason Jesus no longer appeared publicly among the Jews, but left there and retired to the district that borders on the wilderness (the desert), to a village called Ephraim, and there He stayed with the disciples.
John 11:55 Now the Jewish Passover was at hand, and many from the country went up to Jerusalem in order that they might purify {and} consecrate themselves before the Passover.
John 11:56 So they kept looking for Jesus and questioned among themselves as they were standing about in the temple [area], What do you think? Will He not come to the Feast at all?
John 11:57 Now the chief priests and Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it to them, so that they might arrest Him.
John 12:1 SO SIX days before the Passover Feast, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, who had died and whom He had raised from the dead.
John 12:2 So they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those at the table with Him.
John 12:3 Mary took a pound of ointment of pure liquid nard [a rare perfume] that was very expensive, and she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. And the whole house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.
John 12:4 But Judas Iscariot, the one of His disciples who was about to betray Him, said,
John 12:5 Why was this perfume not sold for 300 denarii [a year's wages for an ordinary workman] and that [money] given to the poor (the destitute)?
John 12:6 Now he did not say this because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief; and having the bag (the money box, the purse of the Twelve), he took for himself what was put into it [pilfering the collections].
John 12:7 But Jesus said, Let her alone. It was [intended] that she should keep it for the time of My preparation for burial. [She has kept it that she might have it for the time of My embalming.]
John 12:8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.
John 12:9 Now a great crowd of the Jews heard that He was at Bethany, and they came there, not only because of Jesus but that they also might see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead.
John 12:10 So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also,
John 12:11 Because on account of him many of the Jews were going away [were withdrawing from and leaving the Judeans] and believing in {and} adhering to Jesus.
John 12:12 The next day a vast crowd of those who had come to the Passover Feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.
John 12:13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him. And as they went, they kept shouting, Hosanna! Blessed is He {and} praise to Him Who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!

John 12:14 And Jesus, having found a young donkey, rode upon it, [just] as it is written in the Scriptures,
John 12:15 Do not fear, O Daughter of Zion! Look! Your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!
John 12:16 His disciples did not understand {and} could not comprehend the meaning of these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified {and} exalted, they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him.
John 12:17 The group that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from among the dead kept telling it [bearing witness] to others.
John 12:18 It was for this reason that the crowd went out to meet Him, because they had heard that He had performed this sign (proof, miracle).
John 12:19 Then the Pharisees said among themselves, You see how futile your efforts are {and} how you accomplish nothing. See! The whole world is running after Him!
John 12:20 Now among those who went up to worship at the Feast were some Greeks.
John 12:21 These came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and they made this request, Sir, we desire to see Jesus.
John 12:22 Philip came and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip together [went] and told Jesus.
John 12:23 And Jesus answered them, The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified {and} exalted.
John 12:24 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains [just one grain; it never becomes more but lives] by itself alone. But if it dies, it produces many others {and} yields a rich harvest.
John 12:25 Anyone who loves his life loses it, but anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. [Whoever has no love for, no concern for, no regard for his life here on earth, but despises it, preserves his life forever and ever.]
John 12:26 If anyone serves Me, he must continue to follow Me [to cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying] and wherever I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.
John 12:27 Now My soul is troubled {and} distressed, and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour [of trial and agony]? But it was for this very purpose that I have come to this hour [that I might undergo it].
John 12:28 [Rather, I will say,] Father, glorify (honor and extol) Your [own] name! Then there came a voice out of heaven saying, I have already glorified it, and I will glorify it again.
John 12:29 The crowd of bystanders heard the sound and said that it had thundered; others said, An angel has spoken to Him!
John 12:30 Jesus answered, This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sake.
John 12:31 Now the judgment (crisis) of this world is coming on [sentence is now being passed on this world]. Now the ruler (evil genius, prince) of this world shall be cast out (expelled).
John 12:32 And I, if {and} when I am lifted up from the earth [on the cross], will draw {and} attract all men [Gentiles as well as Jews] to Myself.
John 12:33 He said this to signify in what manner He would die.
John 12:34 At this the people answered Him, We have learned from the Law that the Christ is to remain forever; how then can You say, The Son of Man must be lifted up [on the cross]? Who is this Son of Man?
John 12:35 So Jesus said to them, You will have the Light only a little while longer. Walk while you have the Light [keep on living by it], so that darkness may not overtake {and} overcome you. He who walks about in the dark does not know where he goes [he is drifting].
John 12:36 While you have the Light, believe in the Light [have faith in it, hold to it, rely on it], that you may become sons of the Light {and} be filled with Light. Jesus said these things, and then He went away and hid Himself from them [was lost to their view].
John 12:37 Even though He had done so many miracles before them (right before their eyes), yet they still did not trust in Him {and} failed to believe in Him--
John 12:38 So that what Isaiah the prophet said was fulfilled: Lord, who has believed our report {and} our message? And to whom has the arm (the power) of the Lord been shown (unveiled and revealed)?
John 12:39 Therefore they could not believe [they were unable to believe]. For Isaiah has also said,
John 12:40 He has blinded their eyes and hardened {and} benumbed their [callous, degenerated] hearts [He has made their minds dull], to keep them from seeing with their eyes and understanding with their hearts {and} minds and repenting {and} turning to Me to heal them.
John 12:41 Isaiah said this because he saw His glory and spoke of Him.

John 12:42 And yet [in spite of all this] many even of the leading men (the authorities and the nobles) believed {and} trusted in Him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, for fear that [if they should acknowledge Him] they would be expelled from the synagogue;
John 12:43 For they loved the approval {and} the praise {and} the glory that come from men [instead of and] more than the glory that comes from God. [They valued their credit with men more than their credit with God.]
John 12:44 But Jesus loudly declared, The one who believes in Me does not [only] believe in {and} trust in {and} rely on Me, but [in believing in Me he believes] in Him Who sent Me.
John 12:45 And whoever sees Me sees Him Who sent Me.
John 12:46 I have come as a Light into the world, so that whoever believes in Me [whoever cleaves to {and} trusts in {and} relies on Me] may not continue to live in darkness.
John 12:47 If anyone hears My teachings and fails to observe them [does not keep them, but disregards them], it is not I who judges him. For I have not come to judge {and} to condemn {and} to pass sentence {and} to inflict penalty on the world, but to save the world.
John 12:48 Anyone who rejects Me {and} persistently sets Me at naught, refusing to accept My teachings, has his judge [however]; for the [very] message that I have spoken will itself judge {and} convict him at the last day.
John 12:49 This is because I have never spoken on My own authority {or} of My own accord {or} as self-appointed, but the Father Who sent Me has Himself given Me orders [concerning] what to say and what to tell.
John 12:50 And I know that His commandment is (means) eternal life. So whatever I speak, I am saying [exactly] what My Father has told Me to say {and} in accordance with His instructions.
John 13:1 [NOW] BEFORE the Passover Feast began, Jesus knew (was fully aware) that the time had come for Him to leave this world {and} return to the Father. And as He had loved those who were His own in the world, He loved them to the last {and} to the highest degree.
John 13:2 So [it was] during supper, Satan having already put the thought of betraying Jesus in the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son,
John 13:3 [That] Jesus, knowing (fully aware) that the Father had put everything into His hands, and that He had come from God and was [now] returning to God,
John 13:4 Got up from supper, took off His garments, and taking a [servant's] towel, He fastened it around His waist.
John 13:5 Then He poured water into the washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the [servant's] towel with which He was girded.
John 13:6 When He came to Simon Peter, [Peter] said to Him, Lord, are my feet to be washed by You? [Is it for You to wash my feet?]
John 13:7 Jesus said to him, You do not understand now what I am doing, but you will understand later on.
John 13:8 Peter said to Him, You shall never wash my feet! Jesus answered him, Unless I wash you, you have no part with (in) Me [you have no share in companionship with Me].
John 13:9 Simon Peter said to Him, Lord, [wash] not only my feet, but my hands and my head too!
John 13:10 Jesus said to him, Anyone who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is clean all over. And you [My disciples] are clean, but not all of you.
John 13:11 For He knew who was going to betray Him; that was the reason He said, Not all of you are clean.
John 13:12 So when He had finished washing their feet and had put on His garments and had sat down again, He said to them, Do you understand what I have done to you?
John 13:13 You call Me the Teacher (Master) and the Lord, and you are right in doing so, for that is what I am.
John 13:14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher (Master), have washed your feet, you ought [it is your duty, you are under obligation, you owe it] to wash one another's feet.
John 13:15 For I have given you this as an example, so that you should do [in your turn] what I have done to you.
John 13:16 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, A servant is not greater than his master, and no one who is sent is superior to the one who sent him.
John 13:17 If you know these things, blessed {and} happy {and} to be envied are you if you practice them [if you act accordingly and really do them].
John 13:18 I am not speaking of {and} I do not mean all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, He who eats My bread {with Me} has raised up his heel against Me.
John 13:19 I tell you this now before it occurs, so that when it does take place you may be persuaded {and} believe that I am He [Who I say I am--the Christ, the Anointed One, the Messiah].
John 13:20 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, he who receives {and} welcomes {and} takes into his heart any messenger of Mine receives Me [in just that way]; and he who receives {and} welcomes {and} takes Me into his heart

receives Him Who sent Me [in that same way].
John 13:21 After Jesus had said these things, He was troubled (disturbed, agitated) in spirit and said, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, one of you will deliver Me up [one of you will be false to Me and betray Me]!
John 13:22 The disciples kept looking at one another, puzzled as to whom He could mean.
John 13:23 One of His disciples, whom Jesus loved [whom He esteemed and delighted in], was reclining [next to Him] on Jesus' bosom.
John 13:24 So Simon Peter motioned to him to ask of whom He was speaking.
John 13:25 Then leaning back against Jesus' breast, he asked Him, Lord, who is it?
John 13:26 Jesus answered, It is the one to whom I am going to give this morsel (bit) of food after I have dipped it. So when He had dipped the morsel of bread [into the dish], He gave it to Judas, Simon Iscariot's son.
John 13:27 Then after [he had taken] the bit of food, Satan entered into {and} took possession of [Judas]. Jesus said to him, What you are going to do, do more swiftly than you seem to intend {and} make quick work of it.
John 13:28 But nobody reclining at the table knew why He spoke to him {or} what He meant by telling him this.
John 13:29 Some thought that, since Judas had the money box (the purse), Jesus was telling him, Buy what we need for the Festival, or that he should give something to the poor.
John 13:30 So after receiving the bit of bread, he went out immediately. And it was night.
John 13:31 When he had left, Jesus said, Now is the Son of Man glorified! [Now He has achieved His glory, His honor, His exaltation!] And God has been glorified through {and} in Him.
John 13:32 And if God is glorified through {and} in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and He will glorify Him at once {and} not delay.
John 13:33 [Dear] little children, I am to be with you only a little longer. You will look for Me and, as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: you are not able to come where I am going.
John 13:34 I give you a new commandment: that you should love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you too should love one another.
John 13:35 By this shall all [men] know that you are My disciples, if you love one another [if you keep on showing love among yourselves].
John 13:36 Simon Peter said to Him, Lord, where are You going? Jesus answered, You are not able to follow Me now where I am going, but you shall follow Me afterwards.
John 13:37 Peter said to Him, Lord, why cannot I follow You now? I will lay down my life for You.
John 13:38 Jesus answered, Will you [really] lay down your life for Me? I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, before a rooster crows, you will deny Me [completely disown Me] three times.
John 14:1 DO NOT let your hearts be troubled (distressed, agitated). You believe in {and} adhere to {and} trust in {and} rely on God; believe in {and} adhere to {and} trust in {and} rely also on Me.
John 14:2 In My Father's house there are many dwelling places (homes). If it were not so, I would have told you; for I am going away to prepare a place for you.
John 14:3 And when (if) I go and make ready a place for you, I will come back again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also.
John 14:4 And [to the place] where I am going, you know the way.
John 14:5 Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not know where You are going, so how can we know the way?
John 14:6 Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me.
John 14:7 If you had known Me [had learned to recognize Me], you would also have known My Father. From now on, you know Him and have seen Him.
John 14:8 Philip said to Him, Lord, show us the Father [cause us to see the Father--that is all we ask]; then we shall be satisfied.
John 14:9 Jesus replied, Have I been with all of you for so long a time, and do you not recognize {and} know Me yet, Philip? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say then, Show us the Father?
John 14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? What I am telling you I do not say on My own authority {and} of My own accord; but the Father Who lives continually in Me does the ({His}) works (His own miracles, deeds of power).
John 14:11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me; or else believe Me for the sake of the [very] works themselves. [If you cannot trust Me, at least let these works that I do in My Father's name convince you.]
John 14:12 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

John 14:13 And I will do [I Myself will grant] whatever you ask in My Name [as presenting all that I AM], so that the Father may be glorified {and} extolled in (through) the Son.
John 14:14 [Yes] I will grant [I Myself will do for you] whatever you shall ask in My Name [as presenting all that I AM].
John 14:15 If you [really] love Me, you will keep (obey) My commands.
John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever--
John 14:17 The Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see Him or know {and} recognize Him. But you know {and} recognize Him, for He lives with you [constantly] and will be in you.
John 14:18 I will not leave you as orphans [comfortless, desolate, bereaved, forlorn, helpless]; I will come [back] to you.
John 14:19 Just a little while now, and the world will not see Me any more, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also.
John 14:20 At that time [when that day comes] you will know [for yourselves] that I am in My Father, and you [are] in Me, and I [am] in you.
John 14:21 The person who has My commands and keeps them is the one who [really] loves Me; and whoever [really] loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I [too] will love him and will show (reveal, manifest) Myself to him. [I will let Myself be clearly seen by him and make Myself real to him.]
John 14:22 Judas, not Iscariot, asked Him, Lord, how is it that You will reveal Yourself [make Yourself real] to us and not to the world?
John 14:23 Jesus answered, If a person [really] loves Me, he will keep My word [obey My teaching]; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home (abode, special dwelling place) with him.
John 14:24 Anyone who does not [really] love Me does not observe {and} obey My teaching. And the teaching which you hear {and} heed is not Mine, but [comes] from the Father Who sent Me.
John 14:25 I have told you these things while I am still with you.
John 14:26 But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you.
John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give {and} bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]
John 14:28 You heard Me tell you, I am going away and I am coming [back] to you. If you [really] loved Me, you would have been glad, because I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater {and} mightier than I am.
John 14:29 And now I have told you [this] before it occurs, so that when it does take place you may believe {and} have faith in {and} rely on Me.
John 14:30 I will not talk with you much more, for the prince (evil genius, ruler) of the world is coming. And he has no claim on Me. [He has nothing in common with Me; there is nothing in Me that belongs to him, and he has no power over Me.]
John 14:31 But [Satan is coming and] I do as the Father has commanded Me, so that the world may know (be convinced) that I love the Father and that I do only what the Father has instructed Me to do. [I act in full agreement with His orders.] Rise, let us go away from here.
John 15:1 I AM the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser.
John 15:2 Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit [that stops bearing] He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses {and} repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more {and} richer {and} more excellent fruit.
John 15:3 You are cleansed {and} pruned already, because of the word which I have given you [the teachings I have discussed with you].
John 15:4 Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. [Live in Me, and I will live in you.] Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me.
John 15:5 I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing.
John 15:6 If a person does not dwell in Me, he is thrown out like a [broken-off] branch, and withers; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, and they are burned.

John 15:7 If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in you {and} continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.
John 15:8 When you bear (produce) much fruit, My Father is honored {and} glorified, and you show {and} prove yourselves to be true followers of Mine.
John 15:9 I have loved you, [just] as the Father has loved Me; abide in My love [continue in His love with Me].
John 15:10 If you keep My commandments [if you continue to obey My instructions], you will abide in My love {and} live on in it, just as I have obeyed My Father's commandments and live on in His love.
John 15:11 I have told you these things, that My joy {and} delight may be in you, and that your joy {and} gladness may be of full measure {and} complete {and} overflowing.
John 15:12 This is My commandment: that you love one another [just] as I have loved you.
John 15:13 No one has greater love [no one has shown stronger affection] than to lay down (give up) his own life for his friends.
John 15:14 You are My friends if you keep on doing the things which I command you to do.
John 15:15 I do not call you servants (slaves) any longer, for the servant does not know what his master is doing (working out). But I have called you My friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from My Father. [I have revealed to you everything that I have learned from Him.]
John 15:16 You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed you [I have planted you], that you might go and bear fruit {and} keep on bearing, and that your fruit may be lasting [that it may remain, abide], so that whatever you ask the Father in My Name [as presenting all that I AM], He may give it to you.
John 15:17 This is what I command you: that you love one another.
John 15:18 If the world hates you, know that it hated Me before it hated you.
John 15:19 If you belonged to the world, the world would treat you with affection {and} would love you as its own. But because you are not of the world [no longer one with it], but I have chosen (selected) you out of the world, the world hates (detests) you.
John 15:20 Remember that I told you, A servant is not greater than his master [is not superior to him]. If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word {and} obeyed My teachings, they will also keep {and} obey yours.
John 15:21 But they will do all this to you [inflict all this suffering on you] because of [your bearing] My name {and} on My account, for they do not know {or} understand the One Who sent Me.
John 15:22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin [would be blameless]; but now they have no excuse for their sin.
John 15:23 Whoever hates Me also hates My Father.
John 15:24 If I had not done (accomplished) among them the works which no one else ever did, they would not be guilty of sin. But [the fact is] now they have both seen [these works] and have hated both Me and My Father.
John 15:25 But [this is so] that the word written in their Law might be fulfilled, They hated Me without a cause.
John 15:26 But when the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthener, Standby) comes, Whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth Who comes (proceeds) from the Father, He [Himself] will testify regarding Me.
John 15:27 But you also will testify {and} be My witnesses, because you have been with Me from the beginning.
John 16:1 I HAVE told you all these things, so that you should not be offended (taken unawares and falter, or be caused to stumble and fall away). [I told you to keep you from being scandalized and repelled.]
John 16:2 They will put you out of (expel you from) the synagogues; but an hour is coming when whoever kills you will think {and} claim that he has offered service to God.
John 16:3 And they will do this because they have not known the Father or Me.
John 16:4 But I have told you these things now, so that when they occur you will remember that I told you of them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.
John 16:5 But now I am going to Him Who sent Me, yet none of you asks Me, Where are You going?
John 16:6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts [taken complete possession of them].
John 16:7 However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthener, Standby) will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I will send Him to you [to be in close fellowship with you].
John 16:8 And when He comes, He will convict {and} convince the world {and} bring demonstration to it about sin

and about righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about judgment:
John 16:9 About sin, because they do not believe in Me [trust in, rely on, and adhere to Me];
John 16:10 About righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God), because I go to My Father, and you will see Me no longer;
John 16:11 About judgment, because the ruler (evil genius, prince) of this world [Satan] is judged {and} condemned {and} sentence already is passed upon him.
John 16:12 I have still many things to say to you, but you are not able to bear them {or} to take them upon you {or} to grasp them now.
John 16:13 But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce {and} declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].
John 16:14 He will honor {and} glorify Me, because He will take of (receive, draw upon) what is Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.
John 16:15 Everything that the Father has is Mine. That is what I meant when I said that He [the Spirit] will take the things that are Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.
John 16:16 In a little while you will no longer see Me, and again after a short while you will see Me.
John 16:17 So some of His disciples questioned among themselves, What does He mean when He tells us, In a little while you will no longer see Me, and again after a short while you will see Me, and, Because I go to My Father?
John 16:18 What does He mean by a little while? We do not know {or} understand what He is talking about.
John 16:19 Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them, Are you wondering {and} inquiring among yourselves what I meant when I said, In a little while you will no longer see Me, and again after a short while you will see Me?
John 16:20 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that you shall weep and grieve, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.
John 16:21 A woman, when she gives birth to a child, has grief (anguish, agony) because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she no longer remembers her pain (trouble, anguish) because she is so glad that a man (a child, a human being) has been born into the world.
John 16:22 So for the present you are also in sorrow (in distress and depressed); but I will see you again and [then] your hearts will rejoice, and no one can take from you your joy (gladness, delight).
John 16:23 And when that time comes, you will ask nothing of Me [you will need to ask Me no questions]. I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that My Father will grant you whatever you ask in My Name [as presenting all that I AM].
John 16:24 Up to this time you have not asked a [single] thing in My Name [as presenting all that I AM]; but now ask {and} keep on asking and you will receive, so that your joy (gladness, delight) may be full {and} complete.
John 16:25 I have told you these things in parables (veiled language, allegories, dark sayings); the hour is now coming when I shall no longer speak to you in figures of speech, but I shall tell you about the Father in plain words {and} openly (without reserve).
John 16:26 At that time you will ask (pray) in My Name; and I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf [for it will be unnecessary].
John 16:27 For the Father Himself [tenderly] loves you because you have loved Me and have believed that I came out from the Father.
John 16:28 I came out from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and going to the Father.
John 16:29 His disciples said, Ah, now You are speaking plainly to us and not in parables (veiled language and figures of speech)!
John 16:30 Now we know that You are acquainted with everything and have no need to be asked questions. Because of this we believe that you [really] came from God.
John 16:31 Jesus answered them, Do you now believe? [Do you believe it at last?]
John 16:32 But take notice, the hour is coming, and it has arrived, when you will all be dispersed {and} scattered, every man to his own home, leaving Me alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.
John 16:33 I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace {and} confidence. In the world you have tribulation {and} trials {and} distress {and} frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it

for you.]
John 17:1 WHEN JESUS had spoken these things, He lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, Father, the hour has come. Glorify {and} exalt {and} honor {and} magnify Your Son, so that Your Son may glorify {and} extol {and} honor {and} magnify You.
John 17:2 [Just as] You have granted Him power {and} authority over all flesh (all humankind), [now glorify Him] so that He may give eternal life to all whom You have given Him.
John 17:3 And this is eternal life: [it means] to know (to perceive, recognize, become acquainted with, and understand) You, the only true {and} real God, and [likewise] to know Him, Jesus [as the] Christ (the Anointed One, the Messiah), Whom You have sent.
John 17:4 I have glorified You down here on the earth by completing the work that You gave Me to do.
John 17:5 And now, Father, glorify Me along with Yourself {and} restore Me to such majesty {and} honor in Your presence as I had with You before the world existed.
John 17:6 I have manifested Your Name [I have revealed Your very Self, Your real Self] to the people whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me, and they have obeyed {and} kept Your word.
John 17:7 Now [at last] they know {and} understand that all You have given Me belongs to You [is really and truly Yours].
John 17:8 For the [uttered] words that You gave Me I have given them; and they have received {and} accepted [them] and have come to know positively {and} in reality [to believe with absolute assurance] that I came forth from Your presence, and they have believed {and} are convinced that You did send Me.
John 17:9 I am praying for them. I am not praying (requesting) for the world, but for those You have given Me, for they belong to You.
John 17:10 All [things that are] Mine are Yours, and all [things that are] Yours belong to Me; and I am glorified in (through) them. [They have done Me honor; in them My glory is achieved.]
John 17:11 And [now] I am no more in the world, but these are [still] in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep in Your Name [in the knowledge of Yourself] those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We [are one].
John 17:12 While I was with them, I kept {and} preserved them in Your Name [in the knowledge and worship of You]. Those You have given Me I guarded {and} protected, and not one of them has perished {or} is lost except the son of perdition [Judas Iscariot--the one who is now doomed to destruction, destined to be lost], that the Scripture might be fulfilled.
John 17:13 And now I am coming to You; I say these things while I am still in the world, so that My joy may be made full {and} complete {and} perfect in them [that they may experience My delight fulfilled in them, that My enjoyment may be perfected in their own souls, that they may have My gladness within them, filling their hearts].
John 17:14 I have given {and} delivered to them Your word (message) and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world [do not belong to the world], just as I am not of the world.
John 17:15 I do not ask that You will take them out of the world, but that You will keep {and} protect them from the evil one.
John 17:16 They are not of the world (worldly, belonging to the world), [just] as I am not of the world.
John 17:17 Sanctify them [purify, consecrate, separate them for Yourself, make them holy] by the Truth; Your Word is Truth.
John 17:18 Just as You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.
John 17:19 And so for their sake {and} on their behalf I sanctify (dedicate, consecrate) Myself, that they also may be sanctified (dedicated, consecrated, made holy) in the Truth.
John 17:20 Neither for these alone do I pray [it is not for their sake only that I make this request], but also for all those who will ever come to believe in (trust in, cling to, rely on) Me through their word {and} teaching,
John 17:21 That they all may be one, [just] as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe {and} be convinced that You have sent Me.
John 17:22 I have given to them the glory {and} honor which You have given Me, that they may be one [even] as We are one:
John 17:23 I in them and You in Me, in order that they may become one {and} perfectly united, that the world may know {and} [definitely] recognize that You sent Me and that You have loved them [even] as You have loved Me.
John 17:24 Father, I desire that they also whom You have entrusted to Me [as Your gift to Me] may be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory, which You have given Me [Your love gift to Me]; for You loved Me before the

foundation of the world.
John 17:25 O just {and} righteous Father, although the world has not known You {and} has failed to recognize You {and} has never acknowledged You, I have known You [continually]; and these men understand {and} know that You have sent Me.
John 17:26 I have made Your Name known to them {and} revealed Your character {and} Your very Self, and I will continue to make [You] known, that the love which You have bestowed upon Me may be in them [felt in their hearts] and that I [Myself] may be in them.
John 18:1 HAVING SAID these things, Jesus went out with His disciples beyond (across) the winter torrent of the Kidron [in the ravine]. There was a garden there, which He and His disciples entered.
John 18:2 And Judas, who was betraying Him {and} delivering Him up, also knew the place, because Jesus had often retired there with His disciples.
John 18:3 So Judas, obtaining {and} taking charge of the band of soldiers and some guards (attendants) of the high priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.
John 18:4 Then Jesus, knowing all that was about to befall Him, went out to them and said, Whom are you seeking? [Whom do you want?]
John 18:5 They answered Him, Jesus the Nazarene. Jesus said to them, I am He. Judas, who was betraying Him, was also standing with them.
John 18:6 When Jesus said to them, I am He, they went backwards (drew back, lurched backward) and fell to the ground.
John 18:7 Then again He asked them, Whom are you seeking? And they said, Jesus the Nazarene.
John 18:8 Jesus answered, I told you that I am He. So, if you want Me [if it is only I for Whom you are looking], let these men go their way.
John 18:9 Thus what He had said was fulfilled {and} verified, Of those whom You have given Me, I have not lost even one.
John 18:10 Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.
John 18:11 Therefore, Jesus said to Peter, Put the sword [back] into the sheath! The cup which My Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?
John 18:12 So the troops and their captain and the guards (attendants) of the Jews seized Jesus and bound Him,
John 18:13 And they brought Him first to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year.
John 18:14 It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was expedient {and} for their welfare that one man should die for (instead of, in behalf of) the people.
John 18:15 Now Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. And that disciple was known to the high priest, and so he entered along with Jesus into the court of the palace of the high priest;
John 18:16 But Peter was standing outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the maid who kept the door and brought Peter inside.
John 18:17 Then the maid who was in charge at the door said to Peter, You are not also one of the disciples of this Man, are you? He said, I am not!
John 18:18 Now the servants and the guards (the attendants) had made a fire of coals, for it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. And Peter was with them, standing and warming himself.
John 18:19 Then the high priest questioned Jesus about His disciples and about His teaching.
John 18:20 Jesus answered him, I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue and in the temple [area], where the Jews [habitually] congregate (assemble); and I have spoken nothing secretly.
John 18:21 Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard [Me] what I said to them. See! They know what I said.
John 18:22 But when He said this, one of the attendants who stood by struck Jesus, saying, Is that how You answer the high priest?
John 18:23 Jesus replied, If I have said anything wrong [if I have spoken abusively, if there was evil in what I said] tell what was wrong with it. But if I spoke rightly {and} properly, why do you strike Me?
John 18:24 Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.
John 18:25 But Simon Peter [still] was standing and was warming himself. They said to him, You are not also one of His disciples, are you? He denied it and said, I am not!
John 18:26 One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter cut off, said, Did I not see you in the garden with Him?

John 18:27 And again Peter denied it. And immediately a rooster crowed.
John 18:28 Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium (judgment hall, governor's palace). And it was early. They themselves did not enter the Praetorium, that they might not be defiled (become ceremonially unclean), but might be fit to eat the Passover [supper].
John 18:29 So Pilate went out to them and said, What accusation do you bring against this Man?
John 18:30 They retorted, If He were not an evildoer (criminal), we would not have handed Him over to you.
John 18:31 Pilate said to them, Take Him yourselves and judge {and} sentence {and} punish Him according to your [own] law. The Jews answered, It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.
John 18:32 This was to fulfill the word which Jesus had spoken to show (indicate, predict) by what manner of death He was to die.
John 18:33 So Pilate went back again into the judgment hall and called Jesus and asked Him, Are You the King of the Jews?
John 18:34 Jesus replied, Are you saying this of yourself [on your own initiative], or have others told you about Me?
John 18:35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Your [own] people {and} nation and their chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?
John 18:36 Jesus answered, My kingdom (kingship, royal power) belongs not to this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My followers would have been fighting to keep Me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, My kingdom is not from here (this world); [it has no such origin or source].
John 18:37 Pilate said to Him, Then You are a King? Jesus answered, You say it! [You speak correctly!] For I am a King. [Certainly I am a King!] This is why I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the Truth. Everyone who is of the Truth [who is a friend of the Truth, who belongs to the Truth] hears {and} listens to My voice.
John 18:38 Pilate said to Him, What is Truth? On saying this he went out to the Jews again and told them, I find no fault in Him.
John 18:39 But it is your custom that I release one [prisoner] for you at the Passover. So shall I release for you the King of the Jews?
John 18:40 Then they all shouted back again, Not Him [not this Man], but Barabbas! Now Barabbas was a robber.
John 19:1 SO THEN Pilate took Jesus and scourged (flogged, whipped) Him.
John 19:2 And the soldiers, having twisted together a crown of thorns, put it on His head, and threw a purple cloak around Him.
John 19:3 And they kept coming to Him and saying, Hail, King of the Jews! [Good health to you! Peace to you! Long life to you, King of the Jews!] And they struck Him with the palms of their hands.
John 19:4 Then Pilate went out again and said to them, See, I bring Him out to you, so that you may know that I find no fault (crime, cause for accusation) in Him.
John 19:5 So Jesus came out wearing the thorny crown and purple cloak, and Pilate said to them, See, [here is] the Man!
John 19:6 When the chief priests and attendants (guards) saw Him, they cried out, Crucify Him! Crucify Him! Pilate said to them, Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no fault (crime) in Him.
John 19:7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and according to that law He should die, because He has claimed {and} made Himself out to be the Son of God.
John 19:8 So, when Pilate heard this said, he was more alarmed {and} awestricken {and} afraid than before.
John 19:9 He went into the judgment hall again and said to Jesus, Where are You from? [To what world do You belong?] But Jesus did not answer him.
John 19:10 So Pilate said to Him, Will You not speak [even] to me? Do You not know that I have power (authority) to release You and I have power to crucify You?
John 19:11 Jesus answered, You would not have any power {or} authority whatsoever against (over) Me if it were not given you from above. For this reason the sin {and} guilt of the one who delivered Me over to you is greater.
John 19:12 Upon this, Pilate wanted (sought, was anxious) to release Him, but the Jews kept shrieking, If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar! Anybody who makes himself [out to be] a king sets himself up against Caesar [is a rebel against the emperor]!
John 19:13 Hearing this, Pilate brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement [the Mosaic Pavement, the Stone Platform]--in Hebrew, Gabbatha.
John 19:14 Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover, and it was about the sixth hour (about twelve o'clock noon). He said to the Jews, See, [here is] your King!

John 19:15 But they shouted, Away with Him! Away with Him! Crucify Him! Pilate said to them, Crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar!
John 19:16 Then he delivered Him over to them to be crucified.
John 19:17 And they took Jesus {and} led [Him] away; so He went out, bearing His own cross, to the spot called The Place of the Skull--in Hebrew it is called Golgotha.
John 19:18 There they crucified Him, and with Him two others--one on either side and Jesus between them.
John 19:19 And Pilate also wrote a title (an inscription on a placard) and put it on the cross. And the writing was: Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.
John 19:20 And many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, [and] in Greek.
John 19:21 Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, Do not write, The King of the Jews, but, He said, I am King of the Jews.
John 19:22 Pilate replied, What I have written, I have written.
John 19:23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, one share for each soldier, and also the tunic (the long shirtlike undergarment). But the tunic was seamless, woven [in one piece] from the top throughout.
John 19:24 So they said to one another, Let us not tear it, but let us cast lots to decide whose it shall be. This was to fulfill the Scripture, They parted My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots. So the soldiers did these things.
John 19:25 But by the cross of Jesus stood His mother, His mother's sister, Mary the [wife] of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.
John 19:26 So Jesus, seeing His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing near, said to His mother, [Dear] woman, See, [here is] your son!
John 19:27 Then He said to the disciple, See, [here is] your mother! And from that hour, the disciple took her into his own [keeping, own home].
John 19:28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished (ended), said in fulfillment of the Scripture, I thirst.
John 19:29 A vessel (jar) full of sour wine (vinegar) was placed there, so they put a sponge soaked in the sour wine on [a stalk, reed of] hyssop, and held it to [His] mouth.
John 19:30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, It is finished! And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.
John 19:31 Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from hanging on the cross on the Sabbath--for that Sabbath was a very solemn {and} important one--the Jews requested Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken away.
John 19:32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first one, and of the other who had been crucified with Him.
John 19:33 But when they came to Jesus and they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.
John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came (flowed) out.
John 19:35 And he who saw it (the eyewitness) gives this evidence, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he tells the truth, that you may believe also.
John 19:36 For these things took place, that the Scripture might be fulfilled (verified, carried out), Not one of His bones shall be broken;
John 19:37 And again another Scripture says, They shall look on Him Whom they have pierced.
John 19:38 And after this, Joseph of Arimathea--a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews--asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. And Pilate granted him permission. So he came and took away His body.
John 19:39 And Nicodemus also, who first had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, [weighing] about a hundred pounds.
John 19:40 So they took Jesus' body and bound it in linen cloths with the spices (aromatics), as is the Jews' customary way to prepare for burial.
John 19:41 Now there was a garden in the place where He was crucified, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever [yet] been laid.
John 19:42 So there, because of the Jewish day of Preparation [and] since the tomb was near by, they laid Jesus.
John 20:1 NOW ON the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been removed from (lifted out of the groove across the entrance of) the tomb.
John 20:2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, whom Jesus [tenderly] loved, and said to them, They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him!

John 20:3 Upon this, Peter and the other disciple came out and they went toward the tomb.
John 20:4 And they came running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and arrived at the tomb first.
John 20:5 And stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not enter.
John 20:6 Then Simon Peter came up, following him, and went into the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there;
John 20:7 But the burial napkin (kerchief) which had been around Jesus' head, was not lying with the other linen cloths, but was [still] rolled up (wrapped round and round) in a place by itself.
John 20:8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, went in too; and he saw and was convinced {and} believed.
John 20:9 For as yet they did not know (understand) the statement of Scripture that He must rise again from the dead.
John 20:10 Then the disciples went back again to their homes (lodging places).
John 20:11 But Mary remained standing outside the tomb sobbing. As she wept, she stooped down [and looked] into the tomb.
John 20:12 And she saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.
John 20:13 And they said to her, Woman, why are you sobbing? She told them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.
John 20:14 On saying this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing [there], but she did not know (recognize) that it was Jesus.
John 20:15 Jesus said to her, Woman, why are you crying [so]? For Whom are you looking? Supposing that it was the gardener, she replied, Sir, if you carried Him away from here, tell me where you have put Him and I will take Him away.
John 20:16 Jesus said to her, Mary! Turning around she said to Him in Hebrew, Rabboni!--which means Teacher {or} Master.
John 20:17 Jesus said to her, Do not cling to Me [do not hold Me], for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to My brethren and tell them, I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.
John 20:18 Away came Mary Magdalene, bringing the disciples news (word) that she had seen the Lord and that He had said these things to her.
John 20:19 Then on that same first day of the week, when it was evening, though the disciples were behind closed doors for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace to you!
John 20:20 So saying, He showed them His hands and His side. And when the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy (delight, exultation, ecstasy, rapture).
John 20:21 Then Jesus said to them again, Peace to you! [Just] as the Father has sent Me forth, so I am sending you.
John 20:22 And having said this, He breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit!
John 20:23 [Now having received the Holy Spirit, and being led and directed by Him] if you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of anyone, they are retained.
John 20:24 But Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.
John 20:25 So the other disciples kept telling him, We have seen the Lord! But he said to them, Unless I see in His hands the marks made by the nails and put my finger into the nail prints, and put my hand into His side, I will never believe [it].
John 20:26 Eight days later His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, though they were behind closed doors, and stood among them and said, Peace to you!
John 20:27 Then He said to Thomas, Reach out your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand and place [it] in My side. Do not be faithless {and} incredulous, but [stop your unbelief and] believe!
John 20:28 Thomas answered Him, My Lord and my God!
John 20:29 Jesus said to him, Because you have seen Me, {Thomas,} do you now believe (trust, have faith)? Blessed {and} happy {and} to be envied are those who have never seen Me and yet have believed {and} adhered to {and} trusted {and} relied on Me.
John 20:30 There are also many other signs {and} miracles which Jesus performed in the presence of the disciples which are not written in this book.
John 20:31 But these are written (recorded) in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ (the Anointed One), the Son of God, and that through believing {and} cleaving to {and} trusting {and} relying upon Him you may have life through (in) His name [through Who He is].
John 21:1 AFTER THIS, Jesus let Himself be seen {and} revealed [Himself] again to the disciples, at the Sea of Tiberias. And He did it in this way:

John 21:2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas, called the Twin, and Nathanael from Cana of Galilee, also the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples.
John 21:3 Simon Peter said to them, I am going fishing! They said to him, And we are coming with you! So they went out and got into the boat, and throughout that night they caught nothing.
John 21:4 Morning was already breaking when Jesus came to the beach and stood there. However, the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.
John 21:5 So Jesus said to them, Boys (children), you do not have any meat (fish), do you? [Have you caught anything to eat along with your bread?] They answered Him, No!
John 21:6 And He said to them, Cast the net on the right side of the boat and you will find [some]. So they cast the net, and now they were not able to haul it in for such a big catch (mass, quantity) of fish [was in it].
John 21:7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, It is the Lord! Simon Peter, hearing him say that it was the Lord, put (girded) on his upper garment (his fisherman's coat, his outer tunic)--for he was stripped [for work]--and sprang into the sea.
John 21:8 And the other disciples came in the small boat, for they were not far from shore, only some hundred yards away, dragging the net full of fish.
John 21:9 When they got out on land (the beach), they saw a fire of coals there and fish lying on it [cooking], and bread.
John 21:10 Jesus said to them, Bring some of the fish which you have just caught.
John 21:11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net to land, full of large fish, 153 of them; and [though] there were so many of them, the net was not torn.
John 21:12 Jesus said to them, Come [and] have breakfast. But none of the disciples ventured {or} dared to ask Him, Who are You? because they [well] knew that it was the Lord.
John 21:13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so also [with] the fish.
John 21:14 This was now the third time that Jesus revealed Himself (appeared, was manifest) to the disciples after He had risen from the dead.
John 21:15 When they had eaten, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these [others do--with reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion, as one loves the Father]? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You [that I have deep, instinctive, personal affection for You, as for a close friend]. He said to him, Feed My lambs.
John 21:16 Again He said to him the second time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me [with reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion, as one loves the Father]? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You [that I have a deep, instinctive, personal affection for You, as for a close friend]. He said to him, Shepherd (tend) My sheep.
John 21:17 He said to him the third time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me [with a deep, instinctive, personal affection for Me, as for a close friend]? Peter was grieved (was saddened and hurt) that He should ask him the third time, Do you love Me? And he said to Him, Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You [that I have a deep, instinctive, personal affection for You, as for a close friend]. Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep.
John 21:18 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, when you were young you girded yourself [put on your own belt or girdle] and you walked about wherever you pleased to go. But when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will put a girdle around you and carry you where you do not wish to go.
John 21:19 He said this to indicate by what kind of death Peter would glorify God. And after this, He said to him, Follow Me!
John 21:20 But Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved, following--the one who also had leaned back on His breast at the supper and had said, Lord, who is it that is going to betray You?
John 21:21 When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, Lord, what about this man?
John 21:22 Jesus said to him, If I want him to stay (survive, live) until I come, what is that to you? [What concern is it of yours?] You follow Me!
John 21:23 So word went out among the brethren that this disciple was not going to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not going to die, but, If I want him to stay (survive, live) till I come, what is that to you?
John 21:24 It is this same disciple who is bearing witness to these things and who has recorded (written) them; and we [well] know that his testimony is true.
John 21:25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did. If they should be all recorded one by one [in detail], I suppose that even the world itself could not contain (have room for) the books that would be written.
Acts 1:1 IN THE former account [which I prepared], O Theophilus, I made [a continuous report] dealing with all the things which Jesus began to do and to teach

Acts 1:2 Until the day when He ascended, after He through the Holy Spirit had instructed {and} commanded the apostles (special messengers) whom He had chosen.
Acts 1:3 To them also He showed Himself alive after His passion (His suffering in the garden and on the cross) by [a series of] many convincing demonstrations [unquestionable evidences and infallible proofs], appearing to them during forty days and talking [to them] about the things of the kingdom of God.
Acts 1:4 And while being in their company {and} eating with them, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for what the Father had promised, Of which [He said] you have heard Me speak.
Acts 1:5 For John baptized with water, but not many days from now you shall be baptized with (placed in, introduced into) the Holy Spirit.
Acts 1:6 So when they were assembled, they asked Him, Lord, is this the time when You will reestablish the kingdom {and} restore it to Israel?
Acts 1:7 He said to them, It is not for you to become acquainted with {and} know what time brings [the things and events of time and their definite periods] or fixed years and seasons (their critical niche in time), which the Father has appointed (fixed and reserved) by His own choice {and} authority {and} personal power.
Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.
Acts 1:9 And when He had said this, even as they were looking [at Him], He was caught up, and a cloud received {and} carried Him away out of their sight.
Acts 1:10 And while they were gazing intently into heaven as He went, behold, two men [dressed] in white robes suddenly stood beside them,
Acts 1:11 Who said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing into heaven? This same Jesus, Who was caught away {and} lifted up from among you into heaven, will return in [just] the same way in which you saw Him go into heaven.
Acts 1:12 Then [the disciples] went back to Jerusalem from the hill called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, [only] a Sabbath day's journey (three-quarters of a mile) away.
Acts 1:13 And when they had entered [the city], they mounted [the stairs] to the upper room where they were [indefinitely] staying--Peter and John and James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas [son] of James.
Acts 1:14 All of these with their minds in full agreement devoted themselves steadfastly to prayer, [waiting together] with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.
Acts 1:15 Now on one of those days Peter arose among the brethren, the whole number of whom gathered together was about a hundred and twenty.
Acts 1:16 Brethren, he said, it was necessary that the Scripture be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit foretold by the lips of David, about Judas who acted as guide to those who arrested Jesus.
Acts 1:17 For he was counted among us and received [by divine allotment] his portion in this ministry.
Acts 1:18 Now this man obtained a piece of land with the [money paid him as a] reward for his treachery {and} wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle [of his body] and all his intestines poured forth.
Acts 1:19 And all the residents of Jerusalem became acquainted with the facts, so that they called the piece of land in their own dialect--Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.
Acts 1:20 For in the book of Psalms it is written, Let his place of residence become deserted {and} gloomy, and let there be no one to live in it; and [again], Let another take his position {or} overseership.
Acts 1:21 So one of the [other] men who have accompanied us [apostles] during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,
Acts 1:22 From the baptism of John at the outset until the day when He was taken up from among us--one of these men must join with us and become a witness to testify to His resurrection.
Acts 1:23 And they accordingly proposed (nominated) two men, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.
Acts 1:24 And they prayed and said, You, Lord, Who know all hearts (their thoughts, passions, desires, appetites, purposes, and endeavors), indicate to us which one of these two You have chosen
Acts 1:25 To take the place in this ministry and receive the position of an apostle, from which Judas fell away {and} went astray to go [where he belonged] to his own [proper] place.
Acts 1:26 And they drew lots [between the two], and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to {and} counted with the eleven apostles (special messengers).
Acts 2:1 AND WHEN the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all assembled together in one place,
Acts 2:2 When suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent tempest blast, and it filled the

whole house in which they were sitting.
Acts 2:3 And there appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were separated {and} distributed and which settled on each one of them.
Acts 2:4 And they were all filled (diffused throughout their souls) with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other (different, foreign) languages (tongues), as the Spirit kept giving them clear {and} loud expression [in each tongue in appropriate words].
Acts 2:5 Now there were then residing in Jerusalem Jews, devout {and} God-fearing men from every country under heaven.
Acts 2:6 And when this sound was heard, the multitude came together and they were astonished {and} bewildered, because each one heard them [the apostles] speaking in his own [particular] dialect.
Acts 2:7 And they were beside themselves with amazement, saying, Are not all these who are talking Galileans?
Acts 2:8 Then how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own (particular) dialect to which we were born?
Acts 2:9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and [the province of] Asia,
Acts 2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and the transient residents from Rome, both Jews and the proselytes [to Judaism from other religions],
Acts 2:11 Cretans and Arabians too--we all hear them speaking in our own native tongues [and telling of] the mighty works of God!
Acts 2:12 And all were beside themselves with amazement and were puzzled {and} bewildered, saying one to another, What can this mean?
Acts 2:13 But others made a joke of it {and} derisively said, They are simply drunk {and} full of sweet [intoxicating] wine.
Acts 2:14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: You Jews and all you residents of Jerusalem, let this be [explained] to you so that you will know {and} understand; listen closely to what I have to say.
Acts 2:15 For these men are not drunk, as you imagine, for it is [only] the third hour (about 9:00 a.m.) of the day;
Acts 2:16 But [instead] this is [the beginning of] what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, God declares, that I will pour out of My Spirit upon all mankind, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy [telling forth the divine counsels] and your young men shall see visions (divinely granted appearances), and your old men shall dream [divinely suggested] dreams.
Acts 2:18 Yes, and on My menservants also and on My maidservants in those days I will pour out of My Spirit, and they shall prophesy [telling forth the divine counsels and predicting future events pertaining especially to God's kingdom].
Acts 2:19 And I will show wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth beneath, blood and fire and smoking vapor;
Acts 2:20 The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the obvious day of the Lord comes--that great and notable {and} conspicuous and renowned [day].
Acts 2:21 And it shall be that whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord [invoking, adoring, and worshiping the Lord--Christ] shall be saved.
Acts 2:22 You men of Israel, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man accredited {and} pointed out {and} shown forth {and} commended {and} attested to you by God by the mighty works and [the power of performing] wonders and signs which God worked through Him [right] in your midst, as you yourselves know--
Acts 2:23 This Jesus, when delivered up according to the definite {and} fixed purpose {and} settled plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified {and} put out of the way [killing Him] by the hands of lawless {and} wicked men.
Acts 2:24 [But] God raised Him up, liberating Him from the pangs of death, seeing that it was not possible for Him to continue to be controlled {or} retained by it.
Acts 2:25 For David says in regard to Him, I saw the Lord constantly before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken {or} overthrown {or} cast down [from my secure and happy state].
Acts 2:26 Therefore my heart rejoiced and my tongue exulted exceedingly; moreover, my flesh also will dwell in hope [will encamp, pitch its tent, and dwell in hope in anticipation of the resurrection].
Acts 2:27 For You will not abandon my soul, leaving it helpless in Hades (the state of departed spirits), nor let Your Holy One know decay {or} see destruction [of the body after death].
Acts 2:28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will enrapture me [diffusing my soul with joy] with {and} in Your presence.

Acts 2:29 Brethren, it is permitted me to tell you confidently {and} with freedom concerning the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.
Acts 2:30 Being however a prophet, and knowing that God had sealed to him with an oath that He would set one of his descendants on his throne, [II Sam. 7:12-16; Ps. 132:11.]
Acts 2:31 He, foreseeing this, spoke [by foreknowledge] of the resurrection of the Christ (the Messiah) that He was not deserted [in death] {and} left in Hades (the state of departed spirits), nor did His body know decay {or} see destruction.
Acts 2:32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that all we [His disciples] are witnesses.
Acts 2:33 Being therefore lifted high by {and} to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promised [blessing which is the] Holy Spirit, He has made this outpouring which you yourselves both see and hear.
Acts 2:34 For David did not ascend into the heavens; yet he himself says, The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand {and} share My throne
Acts 2:35 Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.
Acts 2:36 Therefore let the whole house of Israel recognize beyond all doubt {and} acknowledge assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ (the Messiah)--this Jesus Whom you crucified.
Acts 2:37 Now when they heard this they were stung (cut) to the heart, and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles (special messengers), Brethren, what shall we do?
Acts 2:38 And Peter answered them, Repent (change your views and purpose to accept the will of God in your inner selves instead of rejecting it) and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of {and} release from your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Acts 2:39 For the promise [of the Holy Spirit] is to {and} for you and your children, and to {and} for all that are far away, [even] to {and} for as many as the Lord our God invites {and} bids to come to Himself.
Acts 2:40 And [Peter] solemnly {and} earnestly witnessed (testified) and admonished (exhorted) with much more continuous speaking {and} warned (reproved, advised, encouraged) them, saying, Be saved from this crooked (perverse, wicked, unjust) generation.
Acts 2:41 Therefore those who accepted {and} welcomed his message were baptized, and there were added that day about 3,000 souls.
Acts 2:42 And they steadfastly persevered, devoting themselves constantly to the instruction and fellowship of the apostles, to the breaking of bread [including the Lord's Supper] and prayers.
Acts 2:43 And a sense of awe (reverential fear) came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were performed through the apostles (the special messengers).
Acts 2:44 And all who believed (who adhered to and trusted in and relied on Jesus Christ) were united and [together] they had everything in common;
Acts 2:45 And they sold their possessions (both their landed property and their movable goods) and distributed the price among all, according as any had need.
Acts 2:46 And day after day they regularly assembled in the temple with united purpose, and in their homes they broke bread [including the Lord's Supper]. They partook of their food with gladness and simplicity {and} generous hearts,
Acts 2:47 Constantly praising God and being in favor {and} goodwill with all the people; and the Lord kept adding [to their number] daily those who were being saved [from spiritual death].
Acts 3:1 NOW PETER and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour (three o'clock in the afternoon),
Acts 3:2 [When] a certain man crippled from his birth was being carried along, who was laid each day at that gate of the temple [which is] called Beautiful, so that he might beg for charitable gifts from those who entered the temple.
Acts 3:3 So when he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them to give him a gift.
Acts 3:4 And Peter directed his gaze intently at him, and so did John, and said, Look at us!
Acts 3:5 And [the man] paid attention to them, expecting that he was going to get something from them.
Acts 3:6 But Peter said, Silver and gold (money) I do not have; but what I do have, that I give to you: in [the use of] the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!
Acts 3:7 Then he took hold of the man's right hand with a firm grip and raised him up. And at once his feet and ankle bones became strong {and} steady,
Acts 3:8 And leaping forth he stood and began to walk, and he went into the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.
Acts 3:9 And all the people saw him walking about and praising God,
Acts 3:10 And they recognized him as the man who usually sat [begging] for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple;

and they were filled with wonder and amazement (bewilderment, consternation) over what had occurred to him.
Acts 3:11 Now while he [still] firmly clung to Peter and John, all the people in utmost amazement ran together {and} crowded around them in the covered porch (walk) called Solomon's.
Acts 3:12 And Peter, seeing it, answered the people, You men of Israel, why are you so surprised {and} wondering at this? Why do you keep staring at us, as though by our [own individual] power {or} [active] piety we had made this man [able] to walk?
Acts 3:13 The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our forefathers, has glorified His Servant {and} Son Jesus [doing Him this honor], Whom you indeed delivered up and denied {and} rejected {and} disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had determined to let Him go.
Acts 3:14 But you denied {and} rejected {and} disowned the Pure {and} Holy, the Just {and} Blameless One, and demanded [the pardon of] a murderer to be granted to you.
Acts 3:15 But you killed the very Source (the Author) of life, Whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.
Acts 3:16 And His name, through {and} by faith in His name, has made this man whom you see and recognize well {and} strong. [Yes] the faith which is through {and} by Him [Jesus] has given the man this perfect soundness [of body] before all of you.
Acts 3:17 And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance [not aware of what you were doing], as did your rulers also.
Acts 3:18 Thus has God fulfilled what He foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ (the Messiah) should undergo ill treatment {and} be afflicted {and} suffer.
Acts 3:19 So repent (change your mind and purpose); turn around {and} return [to God], that your sins may be erased (blotted out, wiped clean), that times of refreshing (of recovering from the effects of heat, of reviving with fresh air) may come from the presence of the Lord;
Acts 3:20 And that He may send [to you] the Christ (the Messiah), Who before was designated {and} appointed for you--even Jesus,
Acts 3:21 Whom heaven must receive [and retain] until the time for the complete restoration of all that God spoke by the mouth of all His holy prophets for ages past [from the most ancient time in the memory of man].
Acts 3:22 Thus Moses said {to the forefathers,} The Lord God will raise up for you a Prophet from among your brethren as [He raised up] me; Him you shall listen to {and} understand by hearing {and} heed in all things whatever He tells you.
Acts 3:23 And it shall be that every soul that does not listen to {and} understand by hearing {and} heed that Prophet shall be utterly exterminated from among the people.
Acts 3:24 Indeed, all the prophets from Samuel and those who came afterwards, as many as have spoken, also promised {and} foretold {and} proclaimed these days.
Acts 3:25 You are the descendants (sons) of the prophets and the heirs of the covenant which God made {and} gave to your forefathers, saying to Abraham, And in your Seed (Heir) shall all the families of the earth be blessed {and} benefited.
Acts 3:26 It was to you first that God sent His Servant {and} Son {Jesus,} when He raised Him up [provided and gave Him for us], to bless you in turning every one of you from your wickedness {and} evil ways.
Acts 4:1 AND WHILE they [Peter and John] were talking to the people, the high priests and the military commander of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them,
Acts 4:2 Being vexed {and} indignant through {and} through because they were teaching the people {and} proclaiming in [the case of] Jesus the resurrection from the dead.
Acts 4:3 So they laid hands on them (arrested them) and put them in prison until the following day, for it was already evening.
Acts 4:4 But many of those who heard the message believed (adhered to and trusted in and relied on Jesus as the Christ). And their number grew {and} came to about 5,000.
Acts 4:5 Then on the following day, their magistrates and elders and scribes were assembled in Jerusalem,
Acts 4:6 Including Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander and all others who belonged to the high priestly relationship.
Acts 4:7 And they set the men in their midst and repeatedly demanded, By what sort of power or by what kind of authority did [such people as] you do this [healing]?
Acts 4:8 Then Peter, [because he was] filled with [and controlled by] the Holy Spirit, said to them, Rulers of the people and members of the council (the Sanhedrin),

Acts 4:9 If we are being put on trial [here] today {and} examined concerning a good deed done to benefit a feeble (helpless) cripple, by what means this man has been restored to health,
Acts 4:10 Let it be known {and} understood by all of you, and by the whole house of Israel, that in the name and through the power {and} authority of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Whom you crucified, [but] Whom God raised from the dead, in Him {and} by means of Him this man is standing here before you well {and} sound in body.
Acts 4:11 This [Jesus] is the Stone which was despised {and} rejected by you, the builders, but which has become the Head of the corner [the Cornerstone].
Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in {and} through no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by {and} in which we must be saved.
Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness {and} unfettered eloquence of Peter and John and perceived that they were unlearned {and} untrained in the schools [common men with no educational advantages], they marveled; and they recognized that they had been with Jesus.
Acts 4:14 And since they saw the man who had been cured standing there beside them, they could not contradict the fact {or} say anything in opposition.
Acts 4:15 But having ordered [the prisoners] to go aside out of the council [chamber], they conferred (debated) among themselves,
Acts 4:16 Saying, What are we to do with these men? For that an extraordinary miracle has been performed by (through) them is plain to all the residents of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.
Acts 4:17 But in order that it may not spread further among the people {and} the nation, let us warn {and} forbid them with a stern threat to speak any more to anyone in this name [or about this Person].
Acts 4:18 [So] they summoned them and imperatively instructed them not to converse in any way {or} teach at all in {or} about the name of Jesus.
Acts 4:19 But Peter and John replied to them, Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you {and} obey you rather than God, you must decide (judge).
Acts 4:20 But we [ourselves] cannot help telling what we have seen and heard.
Acts 4:21 Then when [the rulers and council members] had further threatened them, they let them go, not seeing how they could secure a conviction against them because of the people; for everybody was praising {and} glorifying God for what had occurred.
Acts 4:22 For the man on whom this sign (miracle) of healing was performed was more than forty years old.
Acts 4:23 After they were permitted to go, [the apostles] returned to their own [company] and told all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.
Acts 4:24 And when they heard it, lifted their voices together with one united mind to God and said, O Sovereign Lord, You are He Who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything that is in them,
Acts 4:25 Who by the mouth of our forefather David, Your servant {and} child, said through the Holy Spirit, Why did the heathen (Gentiles) become wanton {and} insolent {and} rage, and the people imagine {and} study {and} plan vain (fruitless) things [that will not succeed]?
Acts 4:26 The kings of the earth took their stand in array [for attack] and the rulers were assembled {and} combined together against the Lord and against His Anointed (Christ, the Messiah).
Acts 4:27 For in this city there actually met and plotted together against Your holy Child {and} Servant Jesus, Whom You consecrated by anointing, both Herod and Pontius Pilate with the Gentiles and peoples of Israel,
Acts 4:28 To carry out all that Your hand and Your will {and} purpose had predestined (predetermined) should occur.
Acts 4:29 And now, Lord, observe their threats and grant to Your bond servants [full freedom] to declare Your message fearlessly,
Acts 4:30 While You stretch out Your hand to cure and to perform signs {and} wonders through the authority {and} by the power of the name of Your holy Child {and} Servant Jesus.
Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were assembled was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they continued to speak the Word of God with freedom {and} boldness {and} courage.
Acts 4:32 Now the company of believers was of one heart and soul, and not one of them claimed that anything which he possessed was [exclusively] his own, but everything they had was in common {and} for the use of all.
Acts 4:33 And with great strength {and} ability {and} power the apostles delivered their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace (loving-kindness and favor and goodwill) rested richly upon them all.
Acts 4:34 Nor was there a destitute {or} needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses proceeded to sell them, and one by one they brought (gave back) the amount received from the sales
Acts 4:35 And laid it at the feet of the apostles (special messengers). Then distribution was made according as anyone

had need.
Acts 4:36 Now Joseph, a Levite and native of Cyprus who was surnamed Barnabas by the apostles, which interpreted means Son of Encouragement,
Acts 4:37 Sold a field which belonged to him and brought the sum of money and laid it at the feet of the apostles.
Acts 5:1 BUT A certain man named Ananias with his wife Sapphira sold a piece of property,
Acts 5:2 And with his wife's knowledge {and} connivance he kept back {and} wrongfully appropriated some of the proceeds, bringing only a part and putting it at the feet of the apostles.
Acts 5:3 But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart that you should lie to {and} attempt to deceive the Holy Spirit, and should [in violation of your promise] withdraw secretly {and} appropriate to your own use part of the price from the sale of the land?
Acts 5:4 As long as it remained unsold, was it not still your own? And [even] after it was sold, was not [the money] at your disposal {and} under your control? Why then, is it that you have proposed {and} purposed in your heart to do this thing? [How could you have the heart to do such a deed?] You have not [simply] lied to men [playing false and showing yourself utterly deceitful] but to God.
Acts 5:5 Upon hearing these words, Ananias fell down and died. And great dread {and} terror took possession of all who heard of it.
Acts 5:6 And the young men arose and wrapped up [the body] and carried it out and buried it.
Acts 5:7 Now after an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not having learned of what had happened.
Acts 5:8 And Peter said to her, Tell me, did you sell the land for so much? Yes, she said, for so much.
Acts 5:9 Then Peter said to her, How could you two have agreed {and} conspired together to try to deceive the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out [also].
Acts 5:10 And instantly she fell down at his feet and died; and the young men entering found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.
Acts 5:11 And the whole church and all others who heard of these things were appalled [great awe and strange terror and dread seized them].
Acts 5:12 Now by the hands of the apostles (special messengers) numerous {and} startling signs {and} wonders were being performed among the people. And by common consent they all met together [at the temple] in the covered porch (walk) called Solomon's.
Acts 5:13 And none of those who were not of their number dared to join {and} associate with them, but the people held them in high regard {and} praised {and} made much of them.
Acts 5:14 More {and} more there were being added to the Lord those who believed [those who acknowledged Jesus as their Savior and devoted themselves to Him joined and gathered with them], crowds both of men and of women,
Acts 5:15 So that they [even] kept carrying out the sick into the streets and placing them on couches and sleeping pads, [in the hope] that as Peter passed by, at least his shadow might fall on some of them.
Acts 5:16 And the people gathered also from the towns {and} hamlets around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those troubled with foul spirits, and they were all cured.
Acts 5:17 But the high priest rose up and all who were his supporters, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and being filled with jealousy {and} indignation {and} rage,
Acts 5:18 They seized and arrested the apostles (special messengers) and put them in the public jail.
Acts 5:19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and, leading them out, said,
Acts 5:20 Go, take your stand in the temple courts and declare to the people the whole doctrine concerning this Life (the eternal life which Christ revealed).
Acts 5:21 And when they heard this, they accordingly went into the temple about daybreak and began to teach. Now the high priest and his supporters who were with him arrived and called together the council (Sanhedrin), even all the senate of the sons of Israel, and they sent to the prison to have [the apostles] brought.
Acts 5:22 But when the attendants arrived there, they failed to find them in the jail; so they came back and reported,
Acts 5:23 We found the prison quite safely locked up and the guards were on duty outside the doors, but when we opened [it], we found no one on the inside.
Acts 5:24 Now when the military leader of the temple area and the chief priests heard these facts, they were much perplexed {and} thoroughly at a loss about them, wondering into what this might grow.
Acts 5:25 But some man came and reported to them, saying, Listen! The men whom you put in jail are standing [right here] in the temple and teaching the people!
Acts 5:26 Then the military leader went with the attendants and brought [the prisoners], but without violence, for they

dreaded the people lest they be stoned by them.
Acts 5:27 So they brought them and set them before the council (Sanhedrin). And the high priest examined them by questioning,
Acts 5:28 Saying, We definitely commanded {and} strictly charged you not to teach in {or} about this Name; yet here you have flooded Jerusalem with your doctrine and you intend to bring this Man's blood upon us.
Acts 5:29 Then Peter and the apostles replied, We must obey God rather than men.
Acts 5:30 The God of our forefathers raised up Jesus, Whom you killed by hanging Him on a tree (cross).
Acts 5:31 God exalted Him to His right hand to be Prince {and} Leader and Savior {and} Deliverer {and} Preserver, in order to grant repentance to Israel and to bestow forgiveness {and} release from sins.
Acts 5:32 And we are witnesses of these things, and the Holy Spirit is also, Whom God has bestowed on those who obey Him.
Acts 5:33 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart {and} infuriated and wanted to kill the disciples.
Acts 5:34 But a certain Pharisee in the council (Sanhedrin) named Gamaliel, a teacher of the Law, highly esteemed by all the people, standing up, ordered that the apostles be taken outside for a little while.
Acts 5:35 Then he addressed them [the council, saying]: Men of Israel, take care in regard to what you propose to do concerning these men.
Acts 5:36 For before our time there arose Theudas, asserting himself to be a person of importance, with whom a number of men allied themselves, about 400; but he was killed and all who had listened to {and} adhered to him were scattered and brought to nothing.
Acts 5:37 And after this one rose up Judas the Galilean, [who led an uprising] during the time of the census, and drew away a popular following after him; he also perished and all his adherents were scattered.
Acts 5:38 Now in the present case let me say to you, stand off (withdraw) from these men and let them alone. For if this doctrine {or} purpose or undertaking {or} movement is of human origin, it will fail (be overthrown and come to nothing);
Acts 5:39 But if it is of God, you will not be able to stop {or} overthrow {or} destroy them; you might even be found fighting against God!
Acts 5:40 So, convinced by him, they took his advice; and summoning the apostles, they flogged them and sternly forbade them to speak in {or} about the name of Jesus, and allowed them to go.
Acts 5:41 So they went out from the presence of the council (Sanhedrin), rejoicing that they were being counted worthy [dignified by the indignity] to suffer shame {and} be exposed to disgrace for [the sake of] His name.
Acts 5:42 Yet [in spite of the threats] they never ceased for a single day, both in the temple area and at home, to teach {and} to proclaim the good news (Gospel) of Jesus [as] the Christ (the Messiah).
Acts 6:1 NOW ABOUT this time, when the number of the disciples was greatly increasing, complaint was made by the Hellenists (the Greek-speaking Jews) against the [native] Hebrews because their widows were being overlooked {and} neglected in the daily ministration (distribution of relief).
Acts 6:2 So the Twelve [apostles] convened the multitude of the disciples and said, It is not seemly {or} desirable {or} right that we should have to give up {or} neglect [preaching] the Word of God in order to attend to serving at tables {and} superintending the distribution of food.
Acts 6:3 Therefore select out from among yourselves, brethren, seven men of good {and} attested character {and} repute, full of the [Holy] Spirit and wisdom, whom we may assign to look after this business {and} duty.
Acts 6:4 But we will continue to devote ourselves steadfastly to prayer and the ministry of the Word.
Acts 6:5 And the suggestion pleased the whole assembly, and they selected Stephen, a man full of faith (a strong and welcome belief that Jesus is the Messiah) and full of {and} controlled by the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte (convert) from Antioch.
Acts 6:6 These they presented to the apostles, who after prayer laid their hands on them.
Acts 6:7 And the message of God kept on spreading, and the number of disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem; and [besides] a large number of the priests were obedient to the faith [in Jesus as the Messiah, through Whom is obtained eternal salvation in the kingdom of God].
Acts 6:8 Now Stephen, full of grace (divine blessing and favor) and power (strength and ability) worked great wonders and signs (miracles) among the people.
Acts 6:9 However, some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (freed Jewish slaves), as it was called, and [of the synagogues] of the Cyrenians and of the Alexandrians and of those from Cilicia and [the province of] Asia, arose [and undertook] to debate {and} dispute with Stephen.
Acts 6:10 But they were not able to resist the intelligence {and} the wisdom and [the inspiration of] the Spirit with

which {and} by Whom he spoke.
Acts 6:11 So they [secretly] instigated {and} instructed men to say, We have heard this man speak, using slanderous {and} abusive {and} blasphemous language against Moses and God.
Acts 6:12 [Thus] they incited the people as well as the elders and the scribes, and they came upon Stephen and arrested him and took him before the council (Sanhedrin).
Acts 6:13 And they brought forward false witnesses who asserted, This man never stops making statements against this sacred place and the Law [of Moses];
Acts 6:14 For we have heard him say that this Jesus the Nazarene will tear down {and} destroy this place, and will alter the institutions {and} usages which Moses transmitted to us.
Acts 6:15 Then all who sat in the council (Sanhedrin), as they gazed intently at Stephen, saw that his face had the appearance of the face of an angel.
Acts 7:1 AND THE high priest asked [Stephen], Are these charges true?
Acts 7:2 And he answered, Brethren and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our forefather Abraham when he was still in Mesopotamia, before he [went to] live in Haran,
Acts 7:3 And He said to him, Leave your own country and your relatives and come into the land (region) that I will point out to you.
Acts 7:4 So then he went forth from the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. And from there, after his father died, [God] transferred him to this country in which you are now dwelling.
Acts 7:5 Yet He gave him no inheritable property in it, [no] not even enough ground to set his foot on; but He promised that He would give it to Him for a permanent possession and to his descendants after him, even though [as yet] he had no child.
Acts 7:6 And this is [in effect] what God told him: That his descendants would be aliens (strangers) in a land belonging to other people, who would bring them into bondage and ill-treat them 400 years.
Acts 7:7 But I will judge the nation to whom they will be slaves, said God, and after that they will escape {and} come forth and worship Me in this [very] place.
Acts 7:8 And [God] made with Abraham a covenant (an agreement to be religiously observed) of which circumcision was the seal. And under these circumstances [Abraham] became the father of Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac [did so] when he became the father of Jacob, and Jacob [when each of his sons was born], the twelve patriarchs.
Acts 7:9 And the patriarchs [Jacob's sons], boiling with envy {and} hatred {and} anger, sold Joseph into slavery in Egypt; but God was with him,
Acts 7:10 And delivered him from all his distressing afflictions and won him goodwill {and} favor and wisdom {and} understanding in the sight of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who made him governor over Egypt and all his house.
Acts 7:11 Then there came a famine over all of Egypt and Canaan, with great distress, and our forefathers could find no fodder [for the cattle] {or} vegetable sustenance [for their households].
Acts 7:12 But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent forth our forefathers [to go there on their] first trip.
Acts 7:13 And on their second visit Joseph revealed himself to his brothers, and the family of Joseph became known to Pharaoh {and} his origin {and} race.
Acts 7:14 And Joseph sent an invitation calling to himself Jacob his father and all his kindred, seventy-five persons in all.
Acts 7:15 And Jacob went down into Egypt, where he himself died, as did [also] our forefathers;
Acts 7:16 And their bodies [Jacob's and Joseph's] were taken back to Shechem and laid in the tomb which Abraham had purchased for a sum of [silver] money from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.
Acts 7:17 But as the time for the fulfillment of the promise drew near which God had made to Abraham, the [Hebrew] people increased and multiplied in Egypt,
Acts 7:18 Until [the time when] there arose over Egypt another {and} a different king who did not know Joseph [neither knowing his history and services nor recognizing his merits].
Acts 7:19 He dealt treacherously with {and} defrauded our race; he abused {and} oppressed our forefathers, forcing them to expose their babies so that they might not be kept alive.
Acts 7:20 At this juncture Moses was born, and was exceedingly beautiful in God's sight. For three months he was nurtured in his father's house;
Acts 7:21 Then when he was exposed [to perish], the daughter of Pharaoh rescued him and took him {and} reared him as her own son.

Acts 7:22 So Moses was educated in all the wisdom {and} culture of the Egyptians, and he was mighty (powerful) in his speech and deeds.
Acts 7:23 And when he was in his fortieth year, it came into his heart to visit his kinsmen the children of Israel [to help them and to care for them].
Acts 7:24 And on seeing one of them being unjustly treated, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian {and} slaying [him].
Acts 7:25 He expected his brethren to understand that God was granting them deliverance by his hand [taking it for granted that they would accept him]; but they did not understand.
Acts 7:26 Then on the next day he suddenly appeared to some who were quarreling {and} fighting among themselves, and he urged them to make peace {and} become reconciled, saying, Men, you are brethren; why do you abuse {and} wrong one another?
Acts 7:27 Whereupon the man who was abusing his neighbor pushed [Moses] aside, saying, Who appointed you a ruler (umpire) and a judge over us?
Acts 7:28 Do you intend to slay me as you slew the Egyptian yesterday?
Acts 7:29 At that reply Moses sought safety by flight and he was an exile {and} an alien in the country of Midian, where he became the father of two sons.
Acts 7:30 And when forty years had gone by, there appeared to him in the wilderness (desert) of Mount Sinai an angel, in the flame of a burning bramblebush.
Acts 7:31 When Moses saw it, he was astonished {and} marveled at the sight; but when he went close to investigate, there came to him the voice of the Lord, saying,
Acts 7:32 I am the God of your forefathers, the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob. And Moses trembled {and} was so terrified that he did not venture to look.
Acts 7:33 Then the Lord said to him, Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground {and} worthy of veneration.
Acts 7:34 Because I have most assuredly seen the abuse {and} oppression of My people in Egypt and have heard their sighing {and} groaning, I have come down to rescue them. So, now come! I will send you back to Egypt [as My messenger].
Acts 7:35 It was this very Moses whom they had denied (disowned and rejected), saying, Who made you our ruler (referee) and judge? whom God sent to be a ruler and deliverer {and} redeemer, by {and} with the [protecting and helping] hand of the Angel that appeared to him in the bramblebush.
Acts 7:36 He it was who led them forth, having worked wonders and signs in Egypt and at the Red Sea and during the forty years in the wilderness (desert).
Acts 7:37 It was this [very] Moses who said to the children of Israel, God will raise up for you a Prophet from among your brethren as He raised me up.
Acts 7:38 This is he who in the assembly in the wilderness (desert) was the go-between for the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai and our forefathers, and he received living oracles (words that still live) to be handed down to us.
Acts 7:39 [And yet] our forefathers determined not to be subject to him [refusing to listen to {or} obey him]; but thrusting him aside they rejected him, and in their hearts yearned for {and} turned back to Egypt.
Acts 7:40 And they said to Aaron, Make us gods who shall [be our leaders and] go before us; as for this Moses who led us forth from the land of Egypt--we have no knowledge of what has happened to him.
Acts 7:41 And they [even] made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice to the idol and made merry {and} exulted in the work of their [own] hands.
Acts 7:42 But God turned [away from them] and delivered them up to worship {and} serve the host (stars) of heaven, as it is written in the book of the prophets: Did you [really] offer to Me slain beasts and sacrifices for forty years in the wilderness (desert), O house of Israel?
Acts 7:43 [No!] You took up the tent (the portable temple) of Moloch {and} carried it [with you], and the star of the god Rephan, the images which you [yourselves] made that you might worship them; and I will remove you [carrying you away into exile] beyond Babylon.
Acts 7:44 Our forefathers had the tent (tabernacle) of witness in the wilderness, even as He Who directed Moses to make it had ordered, according to the pattern {and} model he had seen.
Acts 7:45 Our forefathers in turn brought it [this tent of witness] in [with them into the land] with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations which God drove out before the face of our forefathers. [So it remained here] until the time of David,
Acts 7:46 Who found grace (favor and spiritual blessing) in the sight of God and prayed that he might be allowed to

find a dwelling place for the God of Jacob. [II Sam. 7:8-16; Ps. 132:1-5.]
Acts 7:47 But it was Solomon who built a house for Him. [I Kings 6.]
Acts 7:48 However, the Most High does not dwell in houses {and} temples made with hands; as the prophet says,
Acts 7:49 Heaven [is] My throne, and earth the footstool for My feet. What [kind of] house can you build for Me, says the Lord, or what is the place in which I can rest?
Acts 7:50 Was it not My hand that made all these things?
Acts 7:51 You stubborn {and} stiff-necked people, still heathen {and} uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are always actively resisting the Holy Spirit. As your forefathers [were], so you [are and so you do]!
Acts 7:52 Which of the prophets did your forefathers not persecute? And they slew those who proclaimed beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, Whom you now have betrayed and murdered--
Acts 7:53 You who received the Law as it was ordained {and} set in order {and} delivered by angels, and [yet] you did not obey it!
Acts 7:54 Now upon hearing these things, they [the Jews] were cut to the heart {and} infuriated, and they ground their teeth against [Stephen].
Acts 7:55 But he, full of the Holy Spirit {and} controlled by Him, gazed into heaven and saw the glory (the splendor and majesty) of God, and Jesus standing at God's right hand;
Acts 7:56 And he said, Look! I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing at God's right hand!
Acts 7:57 But they raised a great shout and put their hands over their ears and rushed together upon him.
Acts 7:58 Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses placed their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.
Acts 7:59 And while they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, Lord Jesus, receive {and} accept {and} welcome my spirit!
Acts 7:60 And falling on his knees, he cried out loudly, Lord, fix not this sin upon them [lay it not to their charge]! And when he had said this, he fell asleep [in death].
Acts 8:1 AND SAUL was [not only] consenting to [Stephen's] death [he was pleased and entirely approving]. On that day a great {and} severe persecution broke out against the church which was in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles (special messengers).
Acts 8:2 [A party of] devout men with others helped to carry out {and} bury Stephen and made great lamentation over him.
Acts 8:3 But Saul shamefully treated {and} laid waste the church continuously [with cruelty and violence]; and entering house after house, he dragged out men and women and committed them to prison.
Acts 8:4 Now those who were scattered abroad went about [through the land from place to place] preaching the glad tidings, the Word [the doctrine concerning the attainment through Christ of salvation in the kingdom of God].
Acts 8:5 Philip [the deacon, not the apostle] went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ (the Messiah) to them [the people];
Acts 8:6 And great crowds of people with one accord listened to {and} heeded what was said by Philip, as they heard him {and} watched the miracles {and} wonders which he kept performing [from time to time].
Acts 8:7 For foul spirits came out of many who were possessed by them, screaming {and} shouting with a loud voice, and many who were suffering from palsy or were crippled were restored to health.
Acts 8:8 And there was great rejoicing in that city.
Acts 8:9 But there was a man named Simon, who had formerly practiced magic arts in the city to the utter amazement of the Samaritan nation, claiming that he himself was an extraordinary {and} distinguished person.
Acts 8:10 They all paid earnest attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is that exhibition of the power of God which is called great (intense).
Acts 8:11 And they were attentive {and} made much of him, because for a long time he had amazed {and} bewildered {and} dazzled them with his skill in magic arts.
Acts 8:12 But when they believed the good news (the Gospel) about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ (the Messiah) as Philip preached it, they were baptized, both men and women.
Acts 8:13 Even Simon himself believed [he adhered to, trusted in, and relied on the teaching of Philip], and after being baptized, devoted himself constantly to him. And seeing signs {and} miracles of great power which were being performed, he was utterly amazed.
Acts 8:14 Now when the apostles (special messengers) at Jerusalem heard that [the country of] Samaria had accepted {and} welcomed the Word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,
Acts 8:15 And they came down and prayed for them that the Samaritans might receive the Holy Spirit;

Acts 8:16 For He had not yet fallen upon any of them, but they had only been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.
Acts 8:17 Then [the apostles] laid their hands on them one by one, and they received the Holy Spirit.
Acts 8:18 However, when Simon saw that the [Holy] Spirit was imparted through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he brought money {and} offered it to them,
Acts 8:19 Saying, Grant me also this power {and} authority, in order that anyone on whom I place my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.
Acts 8:20 But Peter said to him, Destruction overtake your money and you, because you imagined you could obtain the [free] gift of God with money!
Acts 8:21 You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is all wrong in God's sight [it is not straightforward or right or true before God].
Acts 8:22 So repent of this depravity {and} wickedness of yours and pray to the Lord that, if possible, this contriving thought {and} purpose of your heart may be removed {and} disregarded {and} forgiven you.
Acts 8:23 For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in a bond forged by iniquity [to fetter souls].
Acts 8:24 And Simon answered, Pray for me [beseech the Lord, both of you], that nothing of what you have said may befall me!
Acts 8:25 Now when [the apostles] had borne their testimony and preached the message of the Lord, they went back to Jerusalem, proclaiming the glad tidings (Gospel) to many villages of the Samaritans [on the way].
Acts 8:26 But an angel of the Lord said to Philip, Rise and proceed southward {or} at midday on the road that runs from Jerusalem down to Gaza. This is the desert [route].
Acts 8:27 So he got up and went. And behold, an Ethiopian, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure, had come to Jerusalem to worship.
Acts 8:28 And he was [now] returning, and sitting in his chariot he was reading the book of the prophet Isaiah.
Acts 8:29 Then the [Holy] Spirit said to Philip, Go forward and join yourself to this chariot.
Acts 8:30 Accordingly Philip, running up to him, heard [the man] reading the prophet Isaiah and asked, Do you really understand what you are reading?
Acts 8:31 And he said, How is it possible for me to do so unless someone explains it to me {and} guides me [in the right way]? And he earnestly requested Philip to come up and sit beside him.
Acts 8:32 Now this was the passage of Scripture which he was reading: Like a sheep He was led to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is dumb, so He opens not His mouth.
Acts 8:33 In His humiliation He was taken away by distressing {and} oppressive judgment {and} justice was denied Him [caused to cease]. Who can describe {or} relate in full the wickedness of His contemporaries (generation)? For His life is taken from the earth {and} a bloody death inflicted upon Him.
Acts 8:34 And the eunuch said to Philip, I beg of you, tell me about whom does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?
Acts 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this portion of Scripture he announced to him the glad tidings (Gospel) of Jesus {and} about Him.
Acts 8:36 And as they continued along on the way, they came to some water, and the eunuch exclaimed, See, [here is] water! What is to hinder my being baptized?
Acts 8:37 {And Philip said, If you believe with all your heart [if you have a conviction, full of joyful trust, that Jesus is the Messiah and accept Him as the Author of your salvation in the kingdom of God, giving Him your obedience, then] you may. And he replied, I do believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
Acts 8:38 And he ordered that the chariot be stopped; and both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and [Philip] baptized him.
Acts 8:39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord [suddenly] caught away Philip; and the eunuch saw him no more, and he went on his way rejoicing.
Acts 8:40 But Philip was found at Azotus, and passing on he preached the good news (Gospel) to all the towns until he reached Caesarea.
Acts 9:1 MEANWHILE SAUL, still drawing his breath hard from threatening and murderous desire against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest
Acts 9:2 And requested of him letters to the synagogues at Damascus [authorizing him], so that if he found any men or women belonging to the Way [of life as determined by faith in Jesus Christ], he might bring them bound [with chains] to Jerusalem.
Acts 9:3 Now as he traveled on, he came near to Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him,

Acts 9:4 And he fell to the ground. Then he heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me [harassing, troubling, and molesting Me]?
Acts 9:5 And Saul said, Who are You, Lord? And He said, I am Jesus, Whom you are persecuting. {It is dangerous and it will turn out badly for you to keep kicking against the goad [to offer vain and perilous resistance].}
Acts 9:6 {Trembling and astonished he asked, Lord, what do You desire me to do? The Lord said to him,} But arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.
Acts 9:7 The men who were accompanying him were unable to speak [for terror], hearing the voice but seeing no one.
Acts 9:8 Then Saul got up from the ground, but though his eyes were opened, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.
Acts 9:9 And he was unable to see for three days, and he neither ate nor drank [anything].
Acts 9:10 Now there was in Damascus a disciple named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, Ananias. And he answered, Here am I, Lord.
Acts 9:11 And the Lord said to him, Get up and go to the street called Straight and ask at the house of Judas for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying [there].
Acts 9:12 And he has seen {in a vision} a man named Ananias enter and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.
Acts 9:13 But Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard many people tell about this man, especially how much evil {and} what great suffering he has brought on Your saints at Jerusalem;
Acts 9:14 Now he is here and has authority from the high priests to put in chains all who call upon Your name.
Acts 9:15 But the Lord said to him, Go, for this man is a chosen instrument of Mine to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the descendants of Israel;
Acts 9:16 For I will make clear to him how much he will be afflicted {and} must endure {and} suffer for My name's sake.
Acts 9:17 So Ananias left and went into the house. And he laid his hands on Saul and said, Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, Who appeared to you along the way by which you came here, has sent me that you may recover your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.
Acts 9:18 And instantly something like scales fell from [Saul's] eyes, and he recovered his sight. Then he arose and was baptized,
Acts 9:19 And after he took some food, he was strengthened. For several days [afterward] he remained with the disciples at Damascus.
Acts 9:20 And immediately in the synagogues he proclaimed Jesus, saying, He is the Son of God!
Acts 9:21 And all who heard him were amazed and said, Is not this the very man who harassed {and} overthrew {and} destroyed in Jerusalem those who called upon this Name? And he has come here for the express purpose of arresting them {and} bringing them in chains before the chief priests.
Acts 9:22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and continued to confound {and} put to confusion the Jews who lived in Damascus by comparing {and} examining evidence {and} proving that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah).
Acts 9:23 After considerable time had elapsed, the Jews conspired to put Saul out of the way by slaying him,
Acts 9:24 But [the knowledge of] their plot was made known to Saul. They were guarding the [city's] gates day and night to kill him,
Acts 9:25 But his disciples took him at night and let him down through the [city's] wall, lowering him in a basket {or} hamper.
Acts 9:26 And when he had arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to associate himself with the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe he really was a disciple.
Acts 9:27 However, Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles, and he explained to them how along the way he had seen the Lord, Who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached freely {and} confidently {and} courageously in the name of Jesus.
Acts 9:28 So he went in and out [as one] among them at Jerusalem,
Acts 9:29 Preaching freely {and} confidently {and} boldly in the name of the Lord. And he spoke and discussed with {and} disputed against the Hellenists (the Grecian Jews), but they were seeking to slay him.
Acts 9:30 And when the brethren found it out, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus [his home town].
Acts 9:31 So the church throughout the whole of Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was edified [growing in wisdom, virtue, and piety] and walking in the respect {and} reverential fear of the Lord and in the consolation {and} exhortation of the Holy Spirit, continued to increase {and} was multiplied.

Acts 9:32 Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he went down also to the saints who lived at Lydda.
Acts 9:33 There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedfast for eight years and was paralyzed.
Acts 9:34 And Peter said to him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ (the Messiah) [now] makes you whole. Get up and make your bed! And immediately [Aeneas] stood up.
Acts 9:35 Then all the inhabitants of Lydda and the plain of Sharon saw [what had happened to] him and they turned to the Lord.
Acts 9:36 Now there was at Joppa a disciple [a woman] named [in Aramaic] Tabitha, which [in Greek] means Dorcas. She was abounding in good deeds and acts of charity.
Acts 9:37 About that time she fell sick and died, and when they had cleansed her, they laid [her] in an upper room.
Acts 9:38 Since Lydda was near Joppa [however], the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him begging him, Do come to us without delay.
Acts 9:39 So Peter [immediately] rose and accompanied them. And when he had arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood around him, crying and displaying undershirts (tunics) and [other] garments such as Dorcas was accustomed to make while she was with them.
Acts 9:40 But Peter put them all out [of the room] and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, Tabitha, get up! And she opened her eyes; and when she saw Peter, she raised herself {and} sat upright.
Acts 9:41 And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling in God's people and the widows, he presented her to them alive.
Acts 9:42 And this became known throughout all Joppa, and many came to believe on the Lord [to adhere to and trust in and rely on Him as the Christ and as their Savior].
Acts 9:43 And Peter remained in Joppa for considerable time with a certain Simon a tanner.
Acts 10:1 NOW [living] at Caesarea there was a man whose name was Cornelius, a centurion (captain) of what was known as the Italian Regiment,
Acts 10:2 A devout man who venerated God {and} treated Him with reverential obedience, as did all his household; and he gave much alms to the people and prayed continually to God.
Acts 10:3 About the ninth hour (about 3:00 p.m.) of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God entering and saying to him, Cornelius!
Acts 10:4 And he, gazing intently at him, became frightened and said, What is it, Lord? And the angel said to him, Your prayers and your [generous] gifts to the poor have come up [as a sacrifice] to God {and} have been remembered by Him.
Acts 10:5 And now send men to Joppa and have them call for {and} invite here a certain Simon whose surname is Peter;
Acts 10:6 He is lodging with Simon a tanner, whose house is by the seaside.
Acts 10:7 When the angel who spoke to him had left, Cornelius called two of his servants and a God-fearing soldier from among his own personal attendants.
Acts 10:8 And having rehearsed everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.
Acts 10:9 The next day as they were still on their way and were approaching the town, Peter went up to the roof of the house to pray, about the sixth hour (noon).
Acts 10:10 But he became very hungry, and wanted something to eat; and while the meal was being prepared a trance came over him,
Acts 10:11 And he saw the sky opened and something like a great sheet lowered by the four corners, descending to the earth.
Acts 10:12 It contained all kinds of quadrupeds {and wild beasts} and creeping things of the earth and birds of the air.
Acts 10:13 And there came a voice to him, saying, Rise up, Peter, kill and eat.
Acts 10:14 But Peter said, No, by no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common {and} unhallowed or [ceremonially] unclean.
Acts 10:15 And the voice came to him again a second time, What God has cleansed {and} pronounced clean, do not you defile {and} profane by regarding {and} calling common {and} unhallowed or unclean.
Acts 10:16 This occurred three times; then immediately the sheet was taken up to heaven.
Acts 10:17 Now Peter was still inwardly perplexed {and} doubted as to what the vision which he had seen could mean, when [just then] behold the messengers that were sent by Cornelius, who had made inquiry for Simon's house, stopped {and} stood before the gate.
Acts 10:18 And they called out to inquire whether Simon who was surnamed Peter was staying there.
Acts 10:19 And while Peter was earnestly revolving the vision in his mind {and} meditating on it, the [Holy] Spirit

said to him, Behold, three men are looking for you!
Acts 10:20 Get up and go below and accompany them without any doubt [about its legality] {or} any discrimination {or} hesitation, for I have sent them.
Acts 10:21 Then Peter went down to the men and said, I am the man you seek; what is the purpose of your coming?
Acts 10:22 And they said, Cornelius, a centurion (captain) who is just {and} upright {and} in right standing with God, being God-fearing {and} obedient and well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, has been instructed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house; and he has received in answer [to prayer] a warning to listen to {and} act upon what you have to say.
Acts 10:23 So Peter invited them in to be his guests [for the night]. The next day he arose and went away with them, and some of the brethren from Joppa accompanied him.
Acts 10:24 And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was waiting for {and} expecting them, and he had invited together his relatives and his intimate friends.
Acts 10:25 As Peter arrived, Cornelius met him, and falling down at his feet he made obeisance {and} paid worshipful reverence to him.
Acts 10:26 But Peter raised him up, saying, Get up; I myself am also a man.
Acts 10:27 And as [Peter] spoke with him, he entered the house and found a large group of persons assembled;
Acts 10:28 And he said to them, You yourselves are aware how it is not lawful {or} permissible for a Jew to keep company with or to visit {or} [even] to come near {or} to speak first to anyone of another nationality, but God has shown {and} taught me by words that I should not call any human being common {or} unhallowed or [ceremonially] unclean.
Acts 10:29 Therefore when I was sent for, I came without hesitation {or} objection {or} misgivings. So now I ask for what reason you sent for me.
Acts 10:30 And Cornelius said, This is now the fourth day since about this time I was observing the ninth hour (three o'clock in the afternoon) of prayer in my lodging place; [suddenly] a man stood before me in dazzling apparel,
Acts 10:31 And he said, Cornelius, your prayer has been heard {and} harkened to, and your donations to the poor have been known {and} preserved before God [so that He heeds and is about to help you].
Acts 10:32 Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is surnamed Peter; he is staying in the house of Simon the tanner by the seaside.
Acts 10:33 So at once I sent for you, and you [being a Jew] have done a kind {and} courteous {and} handsome thing in coming. Now then, we are all present in the sight of God to listen to all that you have been instructed by the Lord to say.
Acts 10:34 And Peter opened his mouth and said: Most certainly {and} thoroughly I now perceive {and} understand that God shows no partiality {and} is no respecter of persons,
Acts 10:35 But in every nation he who venerates {and} has a reverential fear for God, treating Him with worshipful obedience and living uprightly, is acceptable to Him {and} sure of being received and welcomed [by Him].
Acts 10:36 You know the contents of the message which He sent to Israel, announcing the good news (Gospel) of peace by Jesus Christ, Who is Lord of all--
Acts 10:37 The [same] message which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, starting from Galilee after the baptism preached by John--
Acts 10:38 How God anointed {and} consecrated Jesus of Nazareth with the [Holy] Spirit and with strength {and} ability {and} power; how He went about doing good and, in particular, curing all who were harassed {and} oppressed by [the power of] the devil, for God was with Him.
Acts 10:39 And we are [eye and ear] witnesses of everything that He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. And [yet] they put Him out of the way (murdered Him) by hanging Him on a tree;
Acts 10:40 But God raised Him to life on the third day and caused Him to be manifest (to be plainly seen),
Acts 10:41 Not by all the people but to us who were chosen (designated) beforehand by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.
Acts 10:42 And He charged us to preach to the people and to bear solemn testimony that He is the God-appointed {and} God-ordained Judge of the living and the dead.
Acts 10:43 To Him all the prophets testify (bear witness) that everyone who believes in Him [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him, giving himself up to Him] receives forgiveness of sins through His name.
Acts 10:44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all who were listening to the message.
Acts 10:45 And the believers from among the circumcised [the Jews] who came with Peter were surprised {and} amazed, because the free gift of the Holy Spirit had been bestowed {and} poured out largely even on the Gentiles.

Acts 10:46 For they heard them talking in [unknown] tongues (languages) and extolling {and} magnifying God. Then Peter asked,
Acts 10:47 Can anyone forbid {or} refuse water for baptizing these people, seeing that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?
Acts 10:48 And he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ (the Messiah). Then they begged him to stay on there for some days.
Acts 11:1 NOW THE apostles (special messengers) and the brethren who were throughout Judea heard [with astonishment] that the Gentiles (heathen) also had received {and} accepted {and} welcomed the Word of God [the doctrine concerning the attainment through Christ of salvation in the kingdom of God].
Acts 11:2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party [certain Jewish Christians] found fault with him [separating themselves from him in a hostile spirit, opposing and disputing and contending with him],
Acts 11:3 Saying, Why did you go to uncircumcised men and [even] eat with them?
Acts 11:4 But Peter began [at the beginning] and narrated {and} explained to them step by step [the whole list of events]. He said:
Acts 11:5 I was in the town of Joppa praying, and [falling] in a trance I saw a vision of something coming down from heaven, like a huge sheet lowered by the four corners; and it descended until it came to me.
Acts 11:6 Gazing intently {and} closely at it, I observed in it [a variety of] four-footed animals and wild beasts and reptiles of the earth and birds of the air,
Acts 11:7 And I heard a voice saying to me, Get up, Peter; kill and eat.
Acts 11:8 But I said, No, by no means, Lord; for nothing common {or} unhallowed or [ceremonially] unclean has ever entered my mouth.
Acts 11:9 But the voice answered a second time from heaven, What God has cleansed {and} pronounced clean, do not you defile {and} profane by regarding {or} calling it common {or} unhallowed or unclean.
Acts 11:10 This occurred three times, and then all was drawn up again into heaven.
Acts 11:11 And right then the three men sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house in which we were.
Acts 11:12 And the [Holy] Spirit instructed me to accompany them without [the least] hesitation {or} misgivings {or} discrimination. So these six brethren accompanied me also, and we went into the man's house.
Acts 11:13 And he related to us how he had seen the angel in his house which stood and said to him, Send men to Joppa and bring Simon who is surnamed Peter;
Acts 11:14 He will give {and} explain to you a message by means of which you and all your household [as well] will be saved [from eternal death].
Acts 11:15 When I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as He did on us at the beginning.
Acts 11:16 Then I recalled the declaration of the Lord, how He said, John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with (be placed in, introduced into) the Holy Spirit.
Acts 11:17 If then God gave to them the same Gift [equally] as He gave to us when we believed in (adhered to, trusted in, and relied on) the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I {and} what power {or} authority had I to interfere {or} hinder {or} forbid {or} withstand God?
Acts 11:18 When they heard this, they were quieted {and} made no further objection. And they glorified God, saying, Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance unto [real] life [after resurrection].
Acts 11:19 Meanwhile those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose in connection with Stephen had traveled as far away as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, without delivering the message [concerning the attainment through Christ of salvation in the kingdom of God] to anyone except Jews.
Acts 11:20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on returning to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, proclaiming [to them] the good news (the Gospel) about the Lord Jesus.
Acts 11:21 And the presence of the Lord was with them with power, so that a great number [learned] to believe (to adhere to and trust in and rely on the Lord) and turned {and} surrendered themselves to Him.
Acts 11:22 The rumors of this came to the ears of the church (assembly) in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.
Acts 11:23 When he arrived and saw what grace (favor) God was bestowing upon them, he was full of joy; and he continuously exhorted (warned, urged, and encouraged) them all to cleave unto {and} remain faithful to {and} devoted to the Lord with [resolute and steady] purpose of heart.
Acts 11:24 For he was a good man [good in himself and also at once for the good and the advantage of other people], full of {and} controlled by the Holy Spirit and full of faith (of his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, through Whom we obtain eternal salvation). And a large company was added to the Lord.

Acts 11:25 [Barnabas] went on to Tarsus to hunt for Saul.
Acts 11:26 And when he had found him, he brought him back to Antioch. For a whole year they assembled together with {and} were guests of the church and instructed a large number of people; and in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.
Acts 11:27 And during these days prophets (inspired teachers and interpreters of the divine will and purpose) came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.
Acts 11:28 And one of them named Agabus stood up and prophesied through the [Holy] Spirit that a great {and} severe famine would come upon the whole world. And this did occur during the reign of Claudius.
Acts 11:29 So the disciples resolved to send relief, each according to his individual ability [in proportion as he had prospered], to the brethren who lived in Judea.
Acts 11:30 And so they did, sending [their contributions] to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.
Acts 12:1 ABOUT THAT time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to afflict {and} oppress {and} torment some who belonged to the church (assembly).
Acts 12:2 And he killed James the brother of John with a sword;
Acts 12:3 And when he saw that it was pleasing to the Jews, he proceeded further and arrested Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread [the Passover week].
Acts 12:4 And when he had seized [Peter], he put him in prison and delivered him to four squads of soldiers of four each to guard him, purposing after the Passover to bring him forth to the people.
Acts 12:5 So Peter was kept in prison, but fervent prayer for him was persistently made to God by the church (assembly).
Acts 12:6 The very night before Herod was about to bring him forth, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison.
Acts 12:7 And suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared [standing beside him], and a light shone in the place where he was. And the angel gently smote Peter on the side and awakened him, saying, Get up quickly! And the chains fell off his hands.
Acts 12:8 And the angel said to him, Tighten your belt and bind on your sandals. And he did so. And he said to him, Wrap your outer garment around you and follow me.
Acts 12:9 And [Peter] went out [along] following him, and he was not conscious that what was apparently being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision.
Acts 12:10 When they had passed through the first guard and the second, they came to the iron gate which leads into the city. Of its own accord [the gate] swung open, and they went out and passed on through one street; and at once the angel left him.
Acts 12:11 Then Peter came to himself and said, Now I really know {and} am sure that the Lord has sent His angel and delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting [to do to me].
Acts 12:12 When he, at a glance, became aware of this [comprehending all the elements of the case], he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark, where a large number were assembled together and were praying.
Acts 12:13 And when he knocked at the gate of the porch, a maid named Rhoda came to answer.
Acts 12:14 And recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she failed to open the gate, but ran in and told the people that Peter was standing before the porch gate.
Acts 12:15 They said to her, You are crazy! But she persistently {and} strongly {and} confidently affirmed that it was the truth. They said, It is his angel!
Acts 12:16 But meanwhile Peter continued knocking, and when they opened the gate and saw him, they were amazed.
Acts 12:17 But motioning to them with his hand to keep quiet {and} listen, he related to them how the Lord had delivered him out of the prison. And he said, Report all this to James [the Less] and to the brethren. Then he left and went to some other place.
Acts 12:18 Now as soon as it was day, there was no small disturbance among the soldiers over what had become of Peter.
Acts 12:19 And when Herod had looked for him and could not find him, he placed the guards on trial and commanded that they should be led away [to execution]. Then [Herod] went down from Judea to Caesarea and stayed on there.
Acts 12:20 Now [Herod] cherished bitter animosity {and} hostility for the people of Tyre and Sidon; and [their deputies] came to him in a united body, and having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, they asked for peace, because their country was nourished by {and} depended on the king's [country] for food.
Acts 12:21 On an appointed day Herod arrayed himself in his royal robes, took his seat upon [his] throne, and

addressed an oration to them.
Acts 12:22 And the assembled people shouted, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man!
Acts 12:23 And at once an angel of the Lord smote him {and} cut him down, because he did not give God the glory (the preeminence and kingly majesty that belong to Him as the supreme Ruler); and he was eaten by worms and died.
Acts 12:24 But the Word of the Lord [concerning the attainment through Christ of salvation in the kingdom of God] continued to grow and spread.
Acts 12:25 And Barnabas and Saul came back from Jerusalem when they had completed their mission, bringing with them John whose surname was Mark.
Acts 13:1 NOW IN the church (assembly) at Antioch there were prophets (inspired interpreters of the will and purposes of God) and teachers: Barnabas, Symeon who was called Niger [Black], Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
Acts 13:2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Separate now for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.
Acts 13:3 Then after fasting and praying, they put their hands on them and sent them away.
Acts 13:4 So then, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from [that port] they sailed away to Cyprus.
Acts 13:5 When they arrived at Salamis, they preached the Word of God [concerning the attainment through Christ of salvation in the kingdom of God] in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John [Mark] as an attendant to assist them.
Acts 13:6 When they had passed through the entire island of Cyprus as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain Jewish wizard {or} sorcerer, a false prophet named Bar-Jesus.
Acts 13:7 He was closely associated with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, who was an intelligent {and} sensible man of sound understanding; he summoned to him Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the Word of God [concerning salvation in the kingdom of God attained through Christ].
Acts 13:8 But Elymas the wise man--for that is the translation of his name [which he had given himself]--opposed them, seeking to keep the proconsul from accepting the faith.
Acts 13:9 But Saul, who is also called Paul, filled with {and} controlled by the Holy Spirit, looked steadily at [Elymas]
Acts 13:10 And said, You master in every form of deception {and} recklessness, unscrupulousness, {and} wickedness, you son of the devil, you enemy of everything that is upright {and} good, will you never stop perverting {and} making crooked the straight paths of the Lord {and} plotting against His saving purposes?
Acts 13:11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind, [so blind that you will be] unable to see the sun for a time. Instantly there fell upon him a mist and a darkness, and he groped about seeking persons who would lead him by the hand.
Acts 13:12 Then the proconsul believed (became a Christian) when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished {and} deeply touched at the teaching concerning the Lord {and} from Him.
Acts 13:13 Now Paul and his companions sailed from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John [Mark] separated himself from them and went back to Jerusalem,
Acts 13:14 But they [themselves] came on from Perga and arrived at Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue there and sat down.
Acts 13:15 After the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the leaders [of the worship] of the synagogue sent to them saying, Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation {or} consolation {or} encouragement for the people, say it.
Acts 13:16 So Paul arose, and motioning with his hand said, Men of Israel and you who reverence {and} fear God, listen!
Acts 13:17 The God of this people Israel selected our forefathers and made this people great {and} important during their stay in the land of Egypt, and then with an uplifted arm He led them out from there.
Acts 13:18 And for about forty years {like a fatherly nurse} He cared for them in the wilderness {and} endured their behavior.
Acts 13:19 When He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He gave them [the Hebrews] their land as an inheritance [distributing it to them by lot; all of which took] about 450 years.
Acts 13:20 After that, He gave them judges until the prophet Samuel.
Acts 13:21 Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years.
Acts 13:22 And when He had deposed him, He raised up David to be their king; of him He bore witness and said, I have found David son of Jesse a man after My own heart, who will do all My will {and} carry out My program fully.

[I Sam. 13:14; Ps. 89:20; Isa. 44:28.]
Acts 13:23 Of this man's descendants God has brought to Israel a Savior [in the person of Jesus], according to His promise.
Acts 13:24 Before His coming John had [already] preached baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.
Acts 13:25 And as John was ending his course, he asked, What {or} {who} do you secretly think that I am? I am not He [the Christ. No], but note that after me One is coming, the sandals of Whose feet I am not worthy to untie!
Acts 13:26 Brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and all those others among you who reverence {and} fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation [the salvation obtained through Jesus Christ].
Acts 13:27 For those who dwell in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not know {or} recognize Him or understand the utterances of the prophets which are read every Sabbath, have actually fulfilled these very predictions by condemning {and} sentencing [Him].
Acts 13:28 And although they could find no cause deserving death with which to charge Him, yet they asked Pilate to have Him executed {and} put out of the way.
Acts 13:29 And when they had finished {and} fulfilled everything that was written about Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb.
Acts 13:30 But God raised Him from the dead.
Acts 13:31 And for many days He appeared to those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, and they are His witnesses to the people.
Acts 13:32 So now we are bringing you the good news (Gospel) that what God promised to our forefathers,
Acts 13:33 This He has completely fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus, as it is written in the second psalm, You are My Son; today I have begotten You [caused You to arise, to be born; formally shown You to be the Messiah by the resurrection].
Acts 13:34 And as to His having raised Him from among the dead, now no more to return to [undergo] putrefaction {and} dissolution [of the grave], He spoke in this way, I will fulfill {and} give to you the holy and sure mercy {and} blessings [that were promised and assured] to David.
Acts 13:35 For this reason He says also in another psalm, You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption [to undergo putrefaction and dissolution of the grave].
Acts 13:36 For David, after he had served God's will {and} purpose {and} counsel in his own generation, fell asleep [in death] and was buried among his forefathers, and he did see corruption {and} undergo putrefaction {and} dissolution [of the grave].
Acts 13:37 But He Whom God raised up [to life] saw no corruption [did not experience putrefaction and dissolution of the grave].
Acts 13:38 So let it be clearly known {and} understood by you, brethren, that through this Man forgiveness {and} removal of sins is now proclaimed to you;
Acts 13:39 And that through Him everyone who believes [who acknowledges Jesus as his Savior and devotes himself to Him] is absolved (cleared and freed) from every charge from which he could not be justified {and} freed by the Law of Moses {and} given right standing with God.
Acts 13:40 Take care, therefore, lest there come upon you what is spoken in the prophets:
Acts 13:41 Look, you scoffers {and} scorners, and marvel and perish {and} vanish away; for I am doing a deed in your days, a deed which you will never have confidence in {or} believe, [even] if someone [clearly describing it in detail] declares it to you.
Acts 13:42 As they [Paul and Barnabas] went out [of the synagogue], the people earnestly begged that these things might be told to them [further] the next Sabbath.
Acts 13:43 And when the congregation of the synagogue dispersed, many of the Jews and the devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked to them and urged them to continue [to trust themselves to and to stand fast] in the grace (the unmerited favor and blessing) of God.
Acts 13:44 The next Sabbath almost the entire city gathered together to hear the Word of God [concerning the attainment through Christ of salvation in the kingdom of God].
Acts 13:45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, filled with envy {and} jealousy they contradicted what was said by Paul and talked abusively [reviling and slandering him].
Acts 13:46 And Paul and Barnabas spoke out plainly {and} boldly, saying, It was necessary that God's message [concerning salvation through Christ] should be spoken to you first. But since you thrust it from you, you pass this judgment on yourselves that you are unworthy of eternal life {and} out of your own mouth you will be judged. [Now] behold, we turn to the Gentiles (the heathen).

Acts 13:47 For so the Lord has charged us, saying, I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles (the heathen), that you may bring [eternal] salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth.
Acts 13:48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they rejoiced and glorified (praised and gave thanks for) the Word of God; and as many as were destined (appointed and ordained) to eternal life believed (adhered to, trusted in, and relied on Jesus as the Christ and their Savior).
Acts 13:49 And so the Word of the Lord [concerning eternal salvation through Christ] scattered {and} spread throughout the whole region.
Acts 13:50 But the Jews stirred up the devout women of high rank and the outstanding men of the town, and instigated persecution against Paul and Barnabas and drove them out of their boundaries.
Acts 13:51 But [the apostles] shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium.
Acts 13:52 And the disciples were continually filled [throughout their souls] with joy and the Holy Spirit.
Acts 14:1 NOW AT Iconium [also Paul and Barnabas] went into the Jewish synagogue together and spoke with such power that a great number both of Jews and of Greeks believed (became Christians);
Acts 14:2 But the unbelieving Jews [who rejected their message] aroused the Gentiles and embittered their minds against the brethren.
Acts 14:3 So [Paul and Barnabas] stayed on there for a long time, speaking freely {and} fearlessly {and} boldly in the Lord, Who continued to bear testimony to the Word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be performed by their hands.
Acts 14:4 But the residents of the town were divided, some siding with the Jews and some with the apostles.
Acts 14:5 When there was an attempt both on the part of the Gentiles and the Jews together with their rulers, to insult {and} abuse {and} molest [Paul and Barnabas] and to stone them,
Acts 14:6 They, aware of the situation, made their escape to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and the neighboring districts;
Acts 14:7 And there they continued to preach the glad tidings (Gospel).
Acts 14:8 Now at Lystra a man sat who found it impossible to use his feet, for he was a cripple from birth and had never walked.
Acts 14:9 He was listening to Paul as he talked, and [Paul] gazing intently at him and observing that he had faith to be healed,
Acts 14:10 Shouted at him, saying, Stand erect on your feet! And he leaped up and walked.
Acts 14:11 And the crowds, when they saw what Paul had done, lifted up their voices, shouting in the Lycaonian language, The gods have come down to us in human form!
Acts 14:12 They called Barnabas Zeus, and they called Paul, because he led in the discourse, Hermes [god of speech].
Acts 14:13 And the priest of Zeus, whose [temple] was at the entrance of the town, brought bulls and garlands to the [city's] gates and wanted to join the people in offering sacrifice.
Acts 14:14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothing and dashed out among the crowd, shouting,
Acts 14:15 Men, why are you doing this? We also are [only] human beings, of nature like your own, and we bring you the good news (Gospel) that you should turn away from these foolish {and} vain things to the living God, Who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything that they contain.
Acts 14:16 In generations past He permitted all the nations to walk in their own ways;
Acts 14:17 Yet He did not neglect to leave some witness of Himself, for He did you good {and} [showed you] kindness and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with nourishment and happiness.
Acts 14:18 Even in [the light of] these words they with difficulty prevented the people from offering sacrifice to them.
Acts 14:19 But some Jews arrived there from Antioch and Iconium; and having persuaded the people {and} won them over, they stoned Paul and [afterward] dragged him out of the town, thinking that he was dead.
Acts 14:20 But the disciples formed a circle about him, and he got up and went back into the town; and on the morrow he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.
Acts 14:21 When they had preached the good news (Gospel) to that town and made disciples of many of the people, they went back to Lystra and Iconium and Antioch,
Acts 14:22 Establishing {and} strengthening the souls {and} the hearts of the disciples, urging {and} warning {and} encouraging them to stand firm in the faith, and [telling them] that it is through many hardships {and} tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.
Acts 14:23 And when they had appointed {and} ordained elders for them in each church with prayer and fasting, they committed them to the Lord in Whom they had come to believe [being full of joyful trust that He is the Christ, the

Messiah].
Acts 14:24 Then they went through Pisidia and arrived at Pamphylia.
Acts 14:25 And when they had spoken the Word in Perga [the doctrine concerning the attainment through Christ of salvation in the kingdom of God], they went down to Attalia;
Acts 14:26 And from there they sailed back to Antioch, where they had [first] been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had [now] completed.
Acts 14:27 Arriving there, they gathered the church together and declared all that God had accomplished with them and how He had opened to the Gentiles a door of faith [in Jesus as the Messiah, through Whom we obtain salvation in the kingdom of God].
Acts 14:28 And there they stayed no little time with the disciples.
Acts 15:1 BUT SOME men came down from Judea and were instructing the brethren, Unless you are circumcised in accordance with the Mosaic custom, you cannot be saved.
Acts 15:2 And when Paul and Barnabas had no small disagreement and discussion with them, it was decided that Paul and Barnabas and some of the others of their number should go up to Jerusalem [and confer] with the apostles (special messengers) and the elders about this matter.
Acts 15:3 So, being fitted out {and} sent on their way by the church, they went through both Phoenicia and Samaria telling of the conversion of the Gentiles (the heathen), and they caused great rejoicing among all the brethren.
Acts 15:4 When they arrived in Jerusalem, they were heartily welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they told them all that God had accomplished through them.
Acts 15:5 But some who believed [who acknowledged Jesus as their Savior and devoted themselves to Him] belonged to the sect of the Pharisees, and they rose up and said, It is necessary to circumcise [the Gentile converts] and to charge them to obey the Law of Moses.
Acts 15:6 The apostles and the elders were assembled together to look into {and} consider this matter.
Acts 15:7 And after there had been a long debate, Peter got up and said to them, Brethren, you know that quite a while ago God made a choice {or} selection from among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the message of the Gospel [concerning the attainment through Christ of salvation in the kingdom of God] and believe (credit and place their confidence in it).
Acts 15:8 And God, Who is acquainted with {and} understands the heart, bore witness to them, giving them the Holy Spirit as He also did to us;
Acts 15:9 And He made no difference between us and them, but cleansed their hearts by faith (by a strong and welcome conviction that Jesus is the Messiah, through Whom we obtain eternal salvation in the kingdom of God).
Acts 15:10 Now then, why do you try to test God by putting a yoke on the necks of the disciples, such as neither our forefathers nor we [ourselves] were able to endure?
Acts 15:11 But we believe that we are saved through the grace (the undeserved favor and mercy) of the Lord Jesus, just as they [are].
Acts 15:12 Then the whole assembly remained silent, and they listened [attentively] as Barnabas and Paul rehearsed what signs and wonders God had performed through them among the Gentiles.
Acts 15:13 When they had finished talking, James replied, Brethren, listen to me.
Acts 15:14 Simeon [Peter] has rehearsed how God first visited the Gentiles, to take out of them a people [to bear and honor] His name.
Acts 15:15 And with this the predictions of the prophets agree, as it is written,
Acts 15:16 After this I will come back, and will rebuild the house of David, which has fallen; I will rebuild its [very] ruins, and I will set it up again,
Acts 15:17 So that the rest of men may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles upon whom My name has been invoked,
Acts 15:18 Says the Lord, Who has been making these things known from the beginning of the world.
Acts 15:19 Therefore it is my opinion that we should not put obstacles in the way of {and} annoy {and} disturb those of the Gentiles who turn to God,
Acts 15:20 But we should send word to them in writing to abstain from {and} avoid anything that has been polluted by being offered to idols, and all sexual impurity, and [eating meat of animals] that have been strangled, and [tasting of] blood.
Acts 15:21 For from ancient generations Moses has had his preachers in every town, for he is read [aloud] every Sabbath in the synagogues.
Acts 15:22 Then the apostles and the elders, together with the whole church, resolved to select men from among their number and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They chose Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, [both]

leading men among the brethren, {and} sent them.
Acts 15:23 With [them they sent] the following letter: The brethren, both the apostles and the elders, to the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings:
Acts 15:24 As we have heard that some persons from our number have disturbed you with their teaching, unsettling your minds {and} throwing you into confusion, although we gave them no express orders {or} instructions [on the points in question],
Acts 15:25 It has been resolved by us in assembly to select men and send them [as messengers] to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,
Acts 15:26 Men who have hazarded their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Acts 15:27 So we have sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will bring you the same message by word of mouth.
Acts 15:28 For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to lay upon you any greater burden than these indispensable requirements:
Acts 15:29 That you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from [tasting] blood and from [eating the meat of animals] that have been strangled and from sexual impurity. If you keep yourselves from these things, you will do well. Farewell [be strong]!
Acts 15:30 So when [the messengers] were sent off, they went down to Antioch; and having assembled the congregation, they delivered the letter.
Acts 15:31 And when they read it, the people rejoiced at the consolation {and} encouragement [it brought them].
Acts 15:32 And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets (inspired interpreters of the will and purposes of God), urged {and} warned {and} consoled {and} encouraged the brethren with many words and strengthened them.
Acts 15:33 And after spending some time there, they were sent back by the brethren with [the greeting] peace to those who had sent them.
Acts 15:34 {However, Silas decided to stay on there.}
Acts 15:35 But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch and with many others also continued teaching and proclaiming the good news, the Word of the Lord [concerning the attainment through Christ of eternal salvation in God's kingdom].
Acts 15:36 And after some time Paul said to Barnabas, Come, let us go back and again visit {and} help {and} minister to the brethren in every town where we made known the message of the Lord, and see how they are getting along.
Acts 15:37 Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark [his near relative].
Acts 15:38 But Paul did not think it best to have along with them the one who had quit {and} deserted them in Pamphylia and had not gone on with them to the work.
Acts 15:39 And there followed a sharp disagreement between them, so that they separated from each other, and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus.
Acts 15:40 But Paul selected Silas and set out, being commended by the brethren to the grace (the favor and mercy) of the Lord.
Acts 15:41 And he passed through Syria and Cilicia, establishing {and} strengthening the churches.
Acts 16:1 AND [Paul] went down to Derbe and also to Lystra. A disciple named Timothy was there, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer [she had become convinced that Jesus is the Messiah and the Author of eternal salvation, and yielded obedience to Him]; but [Timothy's] father was a Greek.
Acts 16:2 He [Timothy] had a good reputation among the brethren at Lystra and Iconium.
Acts 16:3 Paul desired Timothy to go with him [as a missionary]; and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews that were in those places, all of whom knew that his father was a Greek.
Acts 16:4 As they went on their way from town to town, they delivered over [to the assemblies] for their observance the regulations decided upon by the apostles and elders who were at Jerusalem.
Acts 16:5 So the churches were strengthened {and} made firm in the faith, and they increased in number day after day.
Acts 16:6 And Paul and Silas passed through the territory of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Word in [the province of] Asia.
Acts 16:7 And when they had come opposite Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them.
Acts 16:8 So passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.
Acts 16:9 [There] a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man from Macedonia stood pleading with him and saying, Come over to Macedonia and help us!
Acts 16:10 And when he had seen the vision, we [including Luke] at once endeavored to go on into Macedonia, confidently inferring that God had called us to proclaim the glad tidings (Gospel) to them.
Acts 16:11 Therefore, setting sail from Troas, we came in a direct course to Samothrace, and the next day went on to

Neapolis.
Acts 16:12 And from there [we came] to Philippi, which is the chief city of the district of Macedonia and a [Roman] colony. We stayed on in this place some days;
Acts 16:13 And on the Sabbath day we went outside the [city's] gate to the bank of the river where we supposed there was an [accustomed] place of prayer, and we sat down and addressed the women who had assembled there.
Acts 16:14 One of those who listened to us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in fabrics dyed in purple. She was [already] a worshiper of God, and the Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.
Acts 16:15 And when she was baptized along with her household, she earnestly entreated us, saying, If in your opinion I am one really convinced [that Jesus is the Messiah and the Author of salvation] {and} that I will be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay. And she induced us [to do it].
Acts 16:16 As we were on our way to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who was possessed by a spirit of divination [claiming to foretell future events and to discover hidden knowledge], and she brought her owners much gain by her fortunetelling.
Acts 16:17 She kept following Paul and [the rest of] us, shouting loudly, These men are the servants of the Most High God! They announce to you the way of salvation!
Acts 16:18 And she did this for many days. Then Paul, being sorely annoyed {and} worn out, turned and said to the spirit within her, I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her! And it came out that very moment.
Acts 16:19 But when her owners discovered that their hope of profit was gone, they caught hold of Paul and Silas and dragged them before the authorities in the forum (marketplace), [where trials are held].
Acts 16:20 And when they had brought them before the magistrates, they declared, These fellows are Jews and they are throwing our city into great confusion.
Acts 16:21 They encourage the practice of customs which it is unlawful for us Romans to accept or observe!
Acts 16:22 The crowd [also] joined in the attack upon them, and the rulers tore the clothes off of them and commanded that they be beaten with rods.
Acts 16:23 And when they had struck them with many blows, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely.
Acts 16:24 He, having received [so strict a] charge, put them into the inner prison (the dungeon) and fastened their feet in the stocks.
Acts 16:25 But about midnight, as Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the [other] prisoners were listening to them,
Acts 16:26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the very foundations of the prison were shaken; and at once all the doors were opened and everyone's shackles were unfastened.
Acts 16:27 When the jailer, startled out of his sleep, saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was on the point of killing himself, because he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.
Acts 16:28 But Paul shouted, Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!
Acts 16:29 Then [the jailer] called for lights and rushed in, and trembling {and} terrified he fell down before Paul and Silas.
Acts 16:30 And he brought them out [of the dungeon] and said, Men, what is it necessary for me to do that I may be saved?
Acts 16:31 And they answered, Believe in the Lord Jesus {Christ} [give yourself up to Him, take yourself out of your own keeping and entrust yourself into His keeping] and you will be saved, [and this applies both to] you and your household as well.
Acts 16:32 And they declared the Word of the Lord [the doctrine concerning the attainment through Christ of eternal salvation in the kingdom of God] to him and to all who were in his house.
Acts 16:33 And he took them the same hour of the night and bathed [them because of their bloody] wounds, and he was baptized immediately and all [the members of] his [household].
Acts 16:34 Then he took them up into his house and set food before them; and he leaped much for joy {and} exulted with all his family that he believed in God [accepting and joyously welcoming what He had made known through Christ].
Acts 16:35 But when it was day, the magistrates sent policemen, saying, Release those fellows {and} let them go.
Acts 16:36 And the jailer repeated the words to Paul, saying, The magistrates have sent to release you {and} let you go; now therefore come out and go in peace.
Acts 16:37 But Paul answered them, They have beaten us openly {and} publicly, without a trial {and} uncondemned,

men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and do they now thrust us out secretly? No, indeed! Let them come here themselves and conduct us out!
Acts 16:38 The police reported this message to the magistrates, and they were frightened when they heard that the prisoners were Roman citizens;
Acts 16:39 So they came themselves and [striving to appease them by entreaty] apologized to them. And they brought them out and asked them to leave the city.
Acts 16:40 So [Paul and Silas] left the prison and went to Lydia's house; and when they had seen the brethren, they warned {and} urged {and} consoled {and} encouraged them and departed.
Acts 17:1 NOW AFTER [Paul and Silas] had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.
Acts 17:2 And Paul entered, as he usually did, and for three Sabbaths he reasoned {and} argued with them from the Scriptures,
Acts 17:3 Explaining [them] {and} [quoting passages] setting forth {and} proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, This Jesus, Whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ (the Messiah).
Acts 17:4 And some of them [accordingly] were induced to believe and associated themselves with Paul and Silas, as did a great number of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.
Acts 17:5 But the unbelieving Jews were aroused to jealousy, and, getting hold of some wicked men (ruffians and rascals) and loungers in the marketplace, they gathered together a mob, set the town in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring [Paul and Silas] out to the people.
Acts 17:6 But when they failed to find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brethren before the city authorities, crying, These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also,
Acts 17:7 And Jason has received them to his house {and} privately protected them! And they are all ignoring {and} acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, [actually] asserting that there is another king, one Jesus!
Acts 17:8 And both the crowd and the city authorities, on hearing this, were irritated (stirred up and troubled).
Acts 17:9 And when they had taken security [bail] from Jason and the others, they let them go.
Acts 17:10 Now the brethren at once sent Paul and Silas away by night to Beroea; and when they arrived, they entered the synagogue of the Jews.
Acts 17:11 Now these [Jews] were better disposed {and} more noble than those in Thessalonica, for they were entirely ready {and} accepted {and} welcomed the message [concerning the attainment through Christ of eternal salvation in the kingdom of God] with inclination of mind {and} eagerness, searching {and} examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.
Acts 17:12 Many of them therefore became believers, together with not a few prominent Greeks, women as well as men.
Acts 17:13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica learned that the Word of God [concerning the attainment through Christ of eternal salvation in the kingdom of God] was also preached by Paul at Beroea, they came there too, disturbing {and} inciting the masses.
Acts 17:14 At once the brethren sent Paul off on his way to the sea, but Silas and Timothy remained behind.
Acts 17:15 Those who escorted Paul brought him as far as Athens; and receiving instructions for Silas and Timothy that they should come to him as soon as possible, they departed.
Acts 17:16 Now while Paul was awaiting them at Athens, his spirit was grieved {and} roused to anger as he saw that the city was full of idols.
Acts 17:17 So he reasoned {and} argued in the synagogue with the Jews and those who worshiped there, and in the marketplace [where assemblies are held] day after day with any who chanced to be there.
Acts 17:18 And some also of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him {and} began to engage in discussion. And some said, What is this babbler with his scrap-heap learning trying to say? Others said, He seems to be an announcer of foreign deities--because he preached Jesus and the resurrection.
Acts 17:19 And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus [Mars Hill meeting place], saying, May we know what this novel (unheard of and unprecedented) teaching is which you are openly declaring?
Acts 17:20 For you set forth some startling things, foreign {and} strange to our ears; we wish to know therefore just what these things mean--
Acts 17:21 For the Athenians, all of them, and the foreign residents {and} visitors among them spent all their leisure time in nothing except telling or hearing something newer than the last--
Acts 17:22 So Paul, standing in the center of the Areopagus [Mars Hill meeting place], said: Men of Athens, I perceive in every way [on every hand and with every turn I make] that you are most religious {or} very reverent to

demons.
Acts 17:23 For as I passed along and carefully observed your objects of worship, I came also upon an altar with this inscription, To the unknown god. Now what you are already worshiping as unknown, this I set forth to you.
Acts 17:24 The God Who produced {and} formed the world and all things in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in handmade shrines.
Acts 17:25 Neither is He served by human hands, as though He lacked anything, for it is He Himself Who gives life and breath and all things to all [people].
Acts 17:26 And He made from one [common origin, one source, one blood] all nations of men to settle on the face of the earth, having definitely determined [their] allotted periods of time and the fixed boundaries of their habitation (their settlements, lands, and abodes),
Acts 17:27 So that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after Him and find Him, although He is not far from each one of us.
Acts 17:28 For in Him we live and move and have our being; as even some of your [own] poets have said, For we are also His offspring.
Acts 17:29 Since then we are God's offspring, we ought not to suppose that Deity (the Godhead) is like gold or silver or stone, [of the nature of] a representation by human art and imagination, {or} anything constructed {or} invented.
Acts 17:30 Such [former] ages of ignorance God, it is true, ignored {and} allowed to pass unnoticed; but now He charges all people everywhere to repent (to change their minds for the better and heartily to amend their ways, with abhorrence of their past sins),
Acts 17:31 Because He has fixed a day when He will judge the world righteously (justly) by a Man Whom He has destined {and} appointed for that task, and He has made this credible {and} given conviction {and} assurance {and} evidence to everyone by raising Him from the dead.
Acts 17:32 Now when they had heard [that there had been] a resurrection from the dead, some scoffed; but others said, We will hear you again about this matter.
Acts 17:33 So Paul went out from among them.
Acts 17:34 But some men were on his side {and} joined him and believed (became Christians); among them were Dionysius, a judge of the Areopagus, and a woman named Damaris, and some others with them.
Acts 18:1 AFTER THIS [Paul] departed from Athens and went to Corinth.
Acts 18:2 There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently arrived from Italy with Priscilla his wife, due to the fact that Claudius had issued an edict that all the Jews were to leave Rome. And [Paul] went to see them,
Acts 18:3 And because he was of the same occupation, he stayed with them; and they worked [together], for they were tentmakers by trade.
Acts 18:4 But he discoursed {and} argued in the synagogue every Sabbath and won over [both] Jews and Greeks.
Acts 18:5 By the time Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was completely engrossed with preaching, earnestly arguing {and} testifying to the Jews that Jesus [is] the Christ.
Acts 18:6 But since they kept opposing {and} abusing {and} reviling him, he shook out his clothing [against them] and said to them, Your blood be upon your [own] heads! I am innocent [of it]. From now on I will go to the Gentiles (the heathen).
Acts 18:7 He then left there and went to the house of a man named Titus Justus, who worshiped God and whose house was next door to the synagogue.
Acts 18:8 But Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed [that Jesus is the Messiah and acknowledged Him with joyful trust as Savior and Lord], together with his entire household; and many of the Corinthians who listened [to Paul also] believed and were baptized.
Acts 18:9 And one night the Lord said to Paul in a vision, Have no fear, but speak and do not keep silent;
Acts 18:10 For I am with you, and no man shall assault you to harm you, for I have many people in this city.
Acts 18:11 So he settled down among them for a year and six months, teaching the Word of God [concerning the attainment through Christ of eternal salvation in the kingdom of God].
Acts 18:12 But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia (most of Greece), the Jews unitedly made an attack upon Paul and brought him before the judge's seat,
Acts 18:13 Declaring, This fellow is advising {and} inducing {and} inciting people to worship God in violation of the Law [of Rome and of Moses].
Acts 18:14 But when Paul was about to open his mouth to reply, Gallio said to the Jews, If it were a matter of some misdemeanor or villainy, O Jews, I should have cause to bear with you {and} listen;
Acts 18:15 But since it is merely a question [of doctrine] about words and names and your own law, see to it

yourselves; I decline to be a judge of such matters {and} I have no intention of trying such cases.
Acts 18:16 And he drove them away from the judgment seat.
Acts 18:17 Then they [the Greeks] all seized Sosthenes, the leader of the synagogue, and beat him right in front of the judgment seat. But Gallio paid no attention to any of this.
Acts 18:18 Afterward Paul remained many days longer, and then told the brethren farewell and sailed for Syria; and he was accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he [Paul] cut his hair, for he had made a vow.
Acts 18:19 Then they arrived in Ephesus, and [Paul] left the others there; but he himself entered the synagogue and discoursed {and} argued with the Jews.
Acts 18:20 When they asked him to remain for a longer time, he would not consent;
Acts 18:21 But when he was leaving them he said, I will return to you if God is willing, and he set sail from Ephesus.
Acts 18:22 When he landed at Caesarea, he went up and saluted the church [at Jerusalem], and then went down to Antioch.
Acts 18:23 After staying there some time, he left and went from place to place in an orderly journey through the territory of Galatia and Phrygia, establishing the disciples {and} imparting new strength to them.
Acts 18:24 Meanwhile, there was a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, who came to Ephesus. He was a cultured {and} eloquent man, well versed {and} mighty in the Scriptures.
Acts 18:25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and burning with spiritual zeal, he spoke and taught diligently {and} accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he was acquainted only with the baptism of John.
Acts 18:26 He began to speak freely (fearlessly and boldly) in the synagogue; but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him with them and expounded to him the way of God more definitely {and} accurately.
Acts 18:27 And when [Apollos] wished to cross to Achaia (most of Greece), the brethren wrote to the disciples there, urging {and} encouraging them to accept {and} welcome him heartily. When he arrived, he proved a great help to those who through grace (God's unmerited favor and mercy) had believed (adhered to, trusted in, and relied on Christ as Lord and Savior).
Acts 18:28 For with great power he refuted the Jews in public [discussions], showing {and} proving by the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah).
Acts 19:1 WHILE APOLLOS was in Corinth, Paul went through the upper inland districts and came down to Ephesus. There he found some disciples.
Acts 19:2 And he asked them, Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed [on Jesus as the Christ]? And they said, No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.
Acts 19:3 And he asked, Into what [baptism] then were you baptized? They said, Into John's baptism.
Acts 19:4 And Paul said, John baptized with the baptism of repentance, continually telling the people that they should believe in the One Who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus [having a conviction full of joyful trust that He is Christ, the Messiah, and being obedient to Him].
Acts 19:5 On hearing this they were baptized [again, this time] in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Acts 19:6 And as Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke in [foreign, unknown] tongues (languages) and prophesied.
Acts 19:7 There were about twelve of them in all.
Acts 19:8 And he went into the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, persuading {and} arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God.
Acts 19:9 But when some became more and more stubborn (hardened and unbelieving), discrediting {and} reviling {and} speaking evil of the Way [of the Lord] before the congregation, he separated himself from them, taking the disciples with him, and went on holding daily discussions in the lecture room of Tyrannus {from about ten o'clock till three}.
Acts 19:10 This continued for two years, so that all the inhabitants of [the province of] Asia, Jews as well as Greeks, heard the Word of the Lord [concerning the attainment through Christ of eternal salvation in the kingdom of God].
Acts 19:11 And God did unusual {and} extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul,
Acts 19:12 So that handkerchiefs {or} towels or aprons which had touched his skin were carried away {and} put upon the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.
Acts 19:13 Then some of the traveling Jewish exorcists (men who adjure evil spirits) also undertook to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, I solemnly implore {and} charge you by the Jesus Whom Paul preaches!
Acts 19:14 Seven sons of a certain Jewish chief priest named Sceva were doing this.
Acts 19:15 But [one] evil spirit retorted, Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?

Acts 19:16 Then the man in whom the evil spirit dwelt leaped upon them, mastering two of them, and was so violent against them that they dashed out of that house [in fear], stripped naked and wounded.
Acts 19:17 This became known to all who lived in Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks, and alarm {and} terror fell upon them all; and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled {and} magnified.
Acts 19:18 Many also of those who were now believers came making full confession {and} thoroughly exposing their [former deceptive and evil] practices.
Acts 19:19 And many of those who had practiced curious, magical arts collected their books and [throwing them, book after book, on the pile] burned them in the sight of everybody. When they counted the value of them, they found it amounted to 50,000 pieces of silver (about $9,300).
Acts 19:20 Thus the Word of the Lord [concerning the attainment through Christ of eternal salvation in the kingdom of God] grew {and} spread {and} intensified, prevailing mightily.
Acts 19:21 Now after these events Paul determined in the [Holy] Spirit that he would travel through Macedonia and Achaia (most of Greece) and go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must visit Rome also.
Acts 19:22 And having sent two of his assistants, Timothy and Erastus, into Macedonia, he himself stayed on in [the province of] Asia for a while.
Acts 19:23 But as time went on, there arose no little disturbance concerning the Way [of the Lord].
Acts 19:24 For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of [the goddess] Artemis [Diana], brought no small income to his craftsmen.
Acts 19:25 These he called together, along with the workmen of similar trades, and said, Men, you are acquainted with the facts {and} understand that from this business we derive our wealth {and} livelihood.
Acts 19:26 Now you notice and hear that not only at Ephesus but almost all over [the province of] Asia this Paul has persuaded {and} induced people to believe his teaching and has alienated a considerable company of them, saying that gods that are made with human hands are not really gods at all.
Acts 19:27 Now there is danger not merely that this trade of ours may be discredited, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis may come into disrepute {and} count for nothing, and that her glorious magnificence may be degraded and fall into contempt--she whom all [the province of] Asia and the wide world worship.
Acts 19:28 As they listened to this, they were filled with rage and they continued to shout, Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!
Acts 19:29 Then the city was filled with confusion; and they rushed together into the amphitheater, dragging along with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were fellow travelers with Paul.
Acts 19:30 Paul wished to go in among the crowd, but the disciples would not permit him to do it.
Acts 19:31 Even some of the Asiarchs (political or religious officials in Asia) who were his friends also sent to him and warned him not to risk venturing into the theater.
Acts 19:32 Now some shouted one thing and some another, for the gathering was in a tumult and most of them did not know why they had come together.
Acts 19:33 Some of the crowd called upon Alexander [to speak], since the Jews had pushed {and} urged him forward. And Alexander motioned with his hand, wishing to make a defense {and} [planning] to apologize to the people.
Acts 19:34 But as soon as they saw him {and} recognized that he was a Jew, a shout went up from them as the voice of one man, as for about two hours they cried, Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!
Acts 19:35 And when the town clerk had calmed the crowd down, he said, Men of Ephesus, what man is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is guardian of the temple of the great Artemis and of the sacred stone [image of her] that fell from the sky?
Acts 19:36 Seeing then that these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet (keep yourselves in check) and do nothing rashly.
Acts 19:37 For you have brought these men here, who are [guilty of] neither temple robberies nor blasphemous speech about our goddess.
Acts 19:38 Now then, if Demetrius and his fellow tradesmen who are with him have a grievance against anyone, the courts are open and proconsuls are [available]; let them bring charges against one another [legally].
Acts 19:39 But if you require anything further about this {or} {about other matters}, it must be decided {and} cleared up in the regular assembly.
Acts 19:40 For we are in danger of being called to render an account {and} of being accused of rioting because of [this commotion] today, there being no reason that we can offer to justify this disorder.
Acts 19:41 And when he had said these things, he dismissed the assembly.
Acts 20:1 AFTER THE uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples and warned {and} consoled {and} urged {and}

encouraged them; then he embraced them {and} told them farewell and set forth on his journey to Macedonia.
Acts 20:2 Then after he had gone through those districts and had warned {and} consoled {and} urged {and} encouraged the brethren with much discourse, he came to Greece.
Acts 20:3 Having spent three months there, when a plot was formed against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he resolved to go back through Macedonia.
Acts 20:4 He was accompanied by Sopater the son of Pyrrhus from Beroea, and by the Thessalonians Aristarchus and Secundus, and Gaius of Derbe and Timothy, and the Asians Tychicus and Trophimus.
Acts 20:5 These went on ahead and were waiting for us [including Luke] at Troas,
Acts 20:6 But we [ourselves] sailed from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread [the Passover week], and in five days we joined them at Troas, where we remained for seven days.
Acts 20:7 And on the first day of the week, when we were assembled together to break bread [the Lord's Supper], Paul discoursed with them, intending to leave the next morning; and he kept on with his message until midnight.
Acts 20:8 Now there were numerous lights in the upper room where we were assembled,
Acts 20:9 And there was a young man named Eutychus sitting in the window. He was borne down with deep sleep as Paul kept on talking still longer, and [finally] completely overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was picked up dead.
Acts 20:10 But Paul went down and bent over him and embraced him, saying, Make no ado; his life is within him.
Acts 20:11 When Paul had gone back upstairs and had broken bread and eaten [with them], and after he had talked confidentially {and} communed with them for a considerable time--until daybreak [in fact]--he departed.
Acts 20:12 They took the youth home alive, and were not a little comforted {and} cheered {and} refreshed {and} encouraged.
Acts 20:13 But going on ahead to the ship, the rest of us set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul aboard there, for that was what he had directed, intending himself to go by land [on foot].
Acts 20:14 So when he met us at Assos, we took him aboard and sailed on to Mitylene.
Acts 20:15 And sailing from there, we arrived the day after at a point opposite Chios; the following day we struck across to Samos, and the next day we arrived at Miletus.
Acts 20:16 For Paul had determined to sail on past Ephesus, lest he might have to spend time [unnecessarily] in [the province of] Asia; for he was hastening on so that he might reach Jerusalem, if at all possible, by the day of Pentecost.
Acts 20:17 However, from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and summoned the elders of the church [to come to him there].
Acts 20:18 And when they arrived he said to them: You yourselves are well acquainted with my manner of living among you from the first day that I set foot in [the province of] Asia, and how I continued afterward,
Acts 20:19 Serving the Lord with all humility in tears and in the midst of adversity (affliction and trials) which befell me, due to the plots of the Jews [against me];
Acts 20:20 How I did not shrink from telling you anything that was for your benefit and teaching you in public meetings and from house to house,
Acts 20:21 But constantly {and} earnestly I bore testimony both to Jews and Greeks, urging them to turn in repentance [that is due] to God and to have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ [that is due Him].
Acts 20:22 And now, you see, I am going to Jerusalem, bound by the [Holy] Spirit {and} obligated {and} compelled by the [convictions of my own] spirit, not knowing what will befall me there--
Acts 20:23 Except that the Holy Spirit clearly {and} emphatically affirms to me in city after city that imprisonment and suffering await me.
Acts 20:24 But {none of these things move me;} neither do I esteem my life dear to myself, if only I may finish my course {with joy} and the ministry which I have obtained from [which was entrusted to me by] the Lord Jesus, faithfully to attest to the good news (Gospel) of God's grace (His unmerited favor, spiritual blessing, and mercy).
Acts 20:25 And now, observe, I perceive that all of you, among whom I have gone in and out proclaiming the kingdom, will see my face no more.
Acts 20:26 Therefore I testify {and} protest to you on this [our parting] day that I am clean {and} innocent {and} not responsible for the blood of any of you.
Acts 20:27 For I never shrank {or} kept back {or} fell short from declaring to you the whole purpose {and} plan {and} counsel of God.
Acts 20:28 Take care {and} be on guard for yourselves and the whole flock over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you bishops and guardians, to shepherd (tend and feed and guide) the church of the Lord {or} {of God} which He obtained for Himself [buying it and saving it for Himself] with His own blood.
Acts 20:29 I know that after I am gone, ferocious wolves will get in among you, not sparing the flock;

Acts 20:30 Even from among your own selves men will come to the front who, by saying perverse (distorted and corrupt) things, will endeavor to draw away the disciples after them [to their own party].
Acts 20:31 Therefore be always alert {and} on your guard, being mindful that for three years I never stopped night or day seriously to admonish {and} advise {and} exhort you one by one with tears.
Acts 20:32 And now [brethren], I commit you to God [I deposit you in His charge, entrusting you to His protection and care]. And I commend you to the Word of His grace [to the commands and counsels and promises of His unmerited favor]. It is able to build you up and to give you [your rightful] inheritance among all God's set-apart ones (those consecrated, purified, and transformed of soul).
Acts 20:33 I coveted no man's silver or gold or [costly] garments.
Acts 20:34 You yourselves know personally that these hands ministered to my own needs and those [of the persons] who were with me.
Acts 20:35 In everything I have pointed out to you [by example] that, by working diligently in this manner, we ought to assist the weak, being mindful of the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, It is more blessed (makes one happier and more to be envied) to give than to receive.
Acts 20:36 Having spoken thus, he knelt down with them all and prayed.
Acts 20:37 And they all wept freely and threw their arms around Paul's neck and kissed him fervently {and} repeatedly,
Acts 20:38 Being especially distressed {and} sorrowful because he had stated that they were about to see his face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship.
Acts 21:1 AND WHEN we had torn ourselves away from them {and} withdrawn, we set sail and made a straight run to Cos, and on the following [day came] to Rhodes and from there to Patara.
Acts 21:2 There we found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia; so we went aboard and sailed away.
Acts 21:3 After we had sighted Cyprus, leaving it on our left we sailed on to Syria and put in at Tyre, for there the ship was to unload her cargo.
Acts 21:4 And having looked up the disciples there, we remained with them for seven days. Prompted by the [Holy] Spirit, they kept telling Paul not to set foot in Jerusalem.
Acts 21:5 But when our time there was ended, we left and proceeded on our journey; and all of them with their wives and children accompanied us on our way till we were outside the city. There we knelt down on the beach and prayed.
Acts 21:6 Then when we had told one another farewell, we went on board the ship, and they returned to their own homes.
Acts 21:7 When we had completed the voyage from Tyre, we landed at Ptolemais, where we paid our respects to the brethren and remained with them for one day.
Acts 21:8 On the morrow we left there and came to Caesarea; and we went into the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the Seven [first deacons], and stayed with him.
Acts 21:9 And he had four maiden daughters who had the gift of prophecy.
Acts 21:10 While we were remaining there for some time, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.
Acts 21:11 And coming to [see] us, he took Paul's belt and with it bound his own feet and hands and said, Thus says the Holy Spirit: The Jews at Jerusalem shall bind like this the man who owns this belt, and they shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles (heathen).
Acts 21:12 When we heard this, both we and the residents of that place pleaded with him not to go up to Jerusalem.
Acts 21:13 Then Paul replied, What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart like this? For I hold myself in readiness not only to be arrested {and} bound {and} imprisoned at Jerusalem, but also [even] to die for the name of the Lord Jesus.
Acts 21:14 And when he would not yield to [our] persuading, we stopped [urging and imploring him], saying, The Lord's will be done!
Acts 21:15 After these days we packed our baggage and went up to Jerusalem.
Acts 21:16 And some of the disciples from Caesarea came with us, conducting us to the house of Mnason, a man from Cyprus, one of the disciples of long standing, with whom we were to lodge.
Acts 21:17 When we arrived in Jerusalem, the brethren received {and} welcomed us gladly.
Acts 21:18 On the next day Paul went in with us to [see] James, and all the elders of the church were present [also].
Acts 21:19 After saluting them, Paul gave a detailed account of the things God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.
Acts 21:20 And upon hearing it, they adored {and} exalted {and} praised {and} thanked God. And they said to [Paul], You see, brother, how many thousands of believers there are among the Jews, and all of them are enthusiastic

upholders of the [Mosaic] Law.
Acts 21:21 Now they have been informed about you that you continually teach all the Jews who live among the Gentiles to turn back from {and} forsake Moses, advising them not to circumcise their children or pay any attention to the observance of the [Mosaic] customs.
Acts 21:22 What then [is best that] should be done? A multitude will come together, for they will surely hear that you have arrived.
Acts 21:23 Therefore do just what we tell you. With us are four men who have taken a vow upon themselves.
Acts 21:24 Take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses [for the temple offering], so that they may have their heads shaved. Thus everybody will know that there is no truth in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself walk in observance of the Law.
Acts 21:25 But with regard to the Gentiles who have believed (adhered to, trusted in, and relied on Christ), we have sent them a letter with our decision that they should keep themselves free from anything that has been sacrificed to idols and from [tasting] blood and [eating the meat of animals] which have been strangled and from all impurity {and} sexual immorality.
Acts 21:26 Then Paul took the [four] men with him and the following day [he went through the rites of] purifying himself along with them. And they entered the temple to give notice when the days of purification (the ending of each vow) would be fulfilled and the usual offering could be presented on behalf of each of them.
Acts 21:27 When the seven days were drawing to a close, some of the Jews from [the province of] Asia, who had caught sight of Paul in the temple, incited all the rabble and laid hands on him,
Acts 21:28 Shouting, Men of Israel, help! [Help!] This is the man who is teaching everybody everywhere against the people and the Law and this place! Moreover, he has also [actually] brought Greeks into the temple; he has desecrated {and} polluted this holy place!
Acts 21:29 For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with Paul and they supposed that he had brought the man into the temple [into the inner court forbidden to Gentiles].
Acts 21:30 Then the whole city was aroused {and} thrown into confusion, and the people rushed together; they laid hands on Paul and dragged him outside the temple, and immediately the gates were closed.
Acts 21:31 Now while they were trying to kill him, word came to the commandant of the regular Roman garrison that the whole of Jerusalem was in a state of ferment.
Acts 21:32 So immediately he took soldiers and centurions and hurried down among them; and when the people saw the commandant and the troops, they stopped beating Paul.
Acts 21:33 Then the commandant approached and arrested Paul and ordered that he be secured with two chains. He then inquired who he was and what he had done.
Acts 21:34 Some in the crowd kept shouting back one thing and others something else, and since he could not ascertain the facts because of the furor, he ordered that Paul be removed to the barracks.
Acts 21:35 And when [Paul] came to mount the steps, he was actually being carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the mob;
Acts 21:36 For the mass of the people kept following them, shouting, Away with him! [Kill him!]
Acts 21:37 Just as Paul was about to be taken into the barracks, he asked the commandant, May I say something to you? And the man replied, Can you speak Greek?
Acts 21:38 Are you not then [as I supposed] the Egyptian who not long ago stirred up a rebellion and led those 4,000 men who were cutthroats out into the wilderness (desert)?
Acts 21:39 Paul answered, I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no insignificant {or} undistinguished city. I beg you, allow me to address the people.
Acts 21:40 And when the man had granted him permission, Paul, standing on the steps, gestured with his hand to the people; and there was a great hush. Then he spoke to them in the Hebrew dialect, saying:
Acts 22:1 BRETHREN AND fathers, listen to the defense which I now make in your presence.
Acts 22:2 And when they heard that he addressed them in the Hebrew tongue, they were all the more quiet. And he continued,
Acts 22:3 I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia but reared in this city. At the feet of Gamaliel I was educated according to the strictest care in the Law of our fathers, being ardent [even a zealot] for God, as all of you are today.
Acts 22:4 [Yes] I harassed (troubled, molested, and persecuted) this Way [of the Lord] to the death, putting in chains and committing to prison both men and women,
Acts 22:5 As the high priest and whole council of elders (Sanhedrin) can testify; for from them indeed I received letters with which I was on my way to the brethren in Damascus in order to take also those [believers] who were there,

and bring them in chains to Jerusalem that they might be punished.
Acts 22:6 But as I was on my journey and approached Damascus, about noon a great blaze of light flashed suddenly from heaven and shone about me.
Acts 22:7 And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me [harass and trouble and molest Me]?
Acts 22:8 And I replied, Who are You, Lord? And He said to me, I am Jesus the Nazarene, Whom you are persecuting.
Acts 22:9 Now the men who were with me saw the light, but they did not hear [the sound of the uttered words of] the voice of the One Who was speaking to me [so that they could understand it].
Acts 22:10 And I asked, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord answered me, Get up and go into Damascus, and there it will be told you all that it is destined {and} appointed for you to do.
Acts 22:11 And since I could not see because [of the dazzlingly glorious intensity] of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and [thus] I arrived in Damascus.
Acts 22:12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the Law, well spoken of by all the Jews who resided there,
Acts 22:13 Came to see me, and standing by my side said to me, Brother Saul, look up {and} receive back your sight. And in that very instant I [recovered my sight and] looking up saw him.
Acts 22:14 And he said, The God of our forefathers has destined {and} appointed you to come progressively to know His will [to perceive, to recognize more strongly and clearly, and to become better and more intimately acquainted with His will], and to see the Righteous One (Jesus Christ, the Messiah), and to hear a voice from His [own] mouth {and} a message from His [own] lips;
Acts 22:15 For you will be His witness unto all men of everything that you have seen and heard.
Acts 22:16 And now, why do you delay? Rise and be baptized, and by calling upon His name, wash away your sins.
Acts 22:17 Then when I had come back to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple [enclosure], I fell into a trance (an ecstasy);
Acts 22:18 And I saw Him as He said to me, Hurry, get quickly out of Jerusalem, because they will not receive your testimony about Me.
Acts 22:19 And I said, Lord, they themselves well know that throughout all the synagogues I cast into prison and flogged those who believed on (adhered to and trusted in and relied on) You.
Acts 22:20 And when the blood of Your witness (martyr) Stephen was shed, I also was personally standing by and consenting {and} approving and guarding the garments of those who slew him.
Acts 22:21 And the Lord said to me, Go, for I will send you far away unto the Gentiles (nations).
Acts 22:22 Up to the moment that Paul made this last statement, the people listened to him; but now they raised their voices and shouted, Away with such a fellow from the earth! He is not fit to live!
Acts 22:23 And as they were shouting and tossing {and} waving their garments and throwing dust into the air,
Acts 22:24 The commandant ordered that Paul be brought into the barracks, and that he be examined by scourging in order that [the commandant] might learn why the people cried out thus against him.
Acts 22:25 But when they had stretched him out with the thongs (leather straps), Paul asked the centurion who was standing by, Is it legal for you to flog a man who is a Roman citizen and uncondemned [without a trial]?
Acts 22:26 When the centurion heard that, he went to the commandant and said to him, What are you about to do? This man is a Roman citizen!
Acts 22:27 So the commandant came and said to [Paul], Tell me, are you a Roman citizen? And he said, Yes [indeed]!
Acts 22:28 The commandant replied, I purchased this citizenship [as a capital investment] for a big price. Paul said, But I was born [Roman]!
Acts 22:29 Instantly those who were about to examine {and} flog him withdrew from him; and the commandant also was frightened, for he realized that [Paul] was a Roman citizen and he had put him in chains.
Acts 22:30 But the next day, desiring to know the real cause for which the Jews accused him, he unbound him and ordered the chief priests and all the council (Sanhedrin) to assemble; and he brought Paul down and placed him before them.
Acts 23:1 THEN PAUL, gazing earnestly at the council (Sanhedrin), said, Brethren, I have lived before God, doing my duty with a perfectly good conscience until this very day [as a citizen, a true and loyal Jew].
Acts 23:2 At this the high priest Ananias ordered those who stood near him to strike him on the mouth.
Acts 23:3 Then Paul said to him, God is about to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Do you sit as a judge to try me in accordance with the Law, and yet in defiance of the Law you order me to be struck?
Acts 23:4 Those who stood near exclaimed, Do you rail at {and} insult the high priest of God?

Acts 23:5 And Paul said, I was not conscious, brethren, that he was a high priest; for the Scripture says, You shall not speak ill of a ruler of your people.
Acts 23:6 But Paul, when he perceived that one part of them were Sadducees and the other part Pharisees, cried out to the council (Sanhedrin), Brethren, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; it is with regard to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am indicted {and} being judged.
Acts 23:7 So when he had said this, an angry dispute arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees; and the whole [crowded] assemblage was divided [into two factions].
Acts 23:8 For the Sadducees hold that there is no resurrection, nor angel nor spirit, but the Pharisees declare openly {and} speak out freely, acknowledging [their belief in] them both.
Acts 23:9 Then a great uproar ensued, and some of the scribes of the Pharisees' party stood up and thoroughly fought the case, [contending fiercely] and declaring, We find nothing evil {or} wrong in this man. But if a spirit or an angel [really] spoke to him--? {Let us not fight against God!}
Acts 23:10 And when the strife became more and more tense {and} violent, the commandant, fearing that Paul would be torn in pieces by them, ordered the troops to go down and take him forcibly from among them and conduct him back into the barracks.
Acts 23:11 And [that same] following night the Lord stood beside Paul and said, Take courage, {Paul,} for as you have borne faithful witness concerning Me at Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome.
Acts 23:12 Now when daylight came, the Jews formed a plot and bound themselves by an oath {and} under a curse neither to eat nor drink till they had done away with Paul.
Acts 23:13 There were more than forty [men of them], who formed this conspiracy [swearing together this oath and curse].
Acts 23:14 And they went to the chief priests and elders, saying, We have strictly bound ourselves by an oath {and} under a curse not to taste any food until we have slain Paul.
Acts 23:15 So now you, along with the council (Sanhedrin), give notice to the commandant to bring [Paul] down to you, as if you were going to investigate his case more accurately. But we [ourselves] are ready to slay him before he comes near.
Acts 23:16 But the son of Paul's sister heard of their intended attack, and he went and got into the barracks and told Paul.
Acts 23:17 Then Paul, calling in one of the centurions, said, Take this young man to the commandant, for he has something to report to him.
Acts 23:18 So he took him and conducted him to the commandant and said, Paul the prisoner called me to him and requested me to conduct this young man to you, for he has something to report to you.
Acts 23:19 The commandant took him by the hand, and going aside with him, asked privately, What is it that you have to report to me?
Acts 23:20 And he replied, The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down to the council (Sanhedrin) tomorrow, as if [they were] intending to examine him more exactly.
Acts 23:21 But do not yield to their persuasion, for more than forty of their men are lying in ambush waiting for him, having bound themselves by an oath {and} under a curse neither to eat nor drink till they have killed him; and even now they are all ready, [just] waiting for your promise.
Acts 23:22 So the commandant sent the youth away, charging him, Do not disclose to anyone that you have given me this information.
Acts 23:23 Then summoning two of the centurions, he said, Have two hundred footmen ready by the third hour of the night (about 9:00 p.m.) to go as far as Caesarea, with seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen.
Acts 23:24 Also provide beasts for mounts for Paul to ride, and bring him in safety to Felix the governor.
Acts 23:25 And he wrote a letter having this message:
Acts 23:26 Claudius Lysias sends greetings to His Excellency Felix the governor.
Acts 23:27 This man was seized [as prisoner] by the Jews, and was about to be killed by them when I came upon them with the troops and rescued him, because I learned that he is a Roman citizen.
Acts 23:28 And wishing to know the exact accusation which they were making against him, I brought him down before their council (Sanhedrin),
Acts 23:29 [Where] I found that he was charged in regard to questions of their own law, but he was accused of nothing that would call for death or [even] for imprisonment.
Acts 23:30 [However] when it was pointed out to me that there would be a conspiracy against the man, I sent him to you immediately, directing his accusers also to present before you their charge against him.

Acts 23:31 So the soldiers, in compliance with their instructions, took Paul and conducted him during the night to Antipatris.
Acts 23:32 And the next day they returned to the barracks, leaving the mounted men to proceed with him.
Acts 23:33 When these came to Caesarea and gave the letter to the governor, they also presented Paul before him.
Acts 23:34 Having read the letter, he asked to what province [Paul] belonged. When he discovered that he was from Cilicia [an imperial province],
Acts 23:35 He said, I will hear your case fully when your accusers also have come. And he ordered that an eye be kept on him in Herod's palace (the Praetorium).
Acts 24:1 FIVE DAYS later, the high priest Ananias came down [from Jerusalem to Caesarea] with some elders and a certain forensic advocate Tertullus [acting as spokesman and counsel]. They presented to the governor their evidence against Paul.
Acts 24:2 And when he was called, Tertullus began the complaint [against him] by saying: Since through you we obtain {and} enjoy much peace, and since by your foresight {and} provision wonderful reforms (amendments and improvements) are introduced {and} effected on behalf of this nation,
Acts 24:3 In every way and in every place, most excellent Felix, we accept {and} acknowledge this with deep appreciation {and} with all gratitude.
Acts 24:4 But not to hinder {or} detain you too long, I beg you in your clemency {and} courtesy {and} kindness to grant us a brief {and} concise hearing.
Acts 24:5 For we have found this man a perfect pest (a real plague), an agitator {and} source of disturbance to all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the [heretical, division-producing] sect of the Nazarenes.
Acts 24:6 He also [even] tried to desecrate {and} defile the temple, but we laid hands on him {and would have sentenced him by our Law,}
Acts 24:7 {But the commandant Lysias came and took him from us with violence and force,}
Acts 24:8 {And ordered his accusers to present themselves to you.} By examining {and} cross-questioning him yourself, you will be able to ascertain the truth from him about all these things with which we charge him.
Acts 24:9 The Jews also agreed {and} joined in the accusation, declaring that all these things were exactly so.
Acts 24:10 And when the governor had beckoned to Paul to speak, he answered: Because I know that for many years you have been a judge over this nation, I find it easier to make my defense {and} do it cheerfully {and} with good courage.
Acts 24:11 As you can readily verify, it is not more than twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem to worship;
Acts 24:12 And neither in the temple nor in the synagogues nor in the city did they find me disputing with anybody or bringing together a seditious crowd.
Acts 24:13 Neither can they present argument {or} evidence to prove to you what they now bring against me.
Acts 24:14 But this I confess to you, however, that in accordance with the Way [of the Lord], which they call a [heretical, division-producing] sect, I worship (serve) the God of our fathers, still persuaded of the truth of {and} believing in {and} placing full confidence in everything laid down in the Law [of Moses] {or} written in the prophets;
Acts 24:15 Having [the same] hope in God which these themselves hold {and} look for, that there is to be a resurrection both of the righteous and the unrighteous (the just and the unjust).
Acts 24:16 Therefore I always exercise {and} discipline myself [mortifying my body, deadening my carnal affections, bodily appetites, and worldly desires, endeavoring in all respects] to have a clear (unshaken, blameless) conscience, void of offense toward God and toward men.
Acts 24:17 Now after several years I came up [to Jerusalem] to bring to my people contributions of charity and offerings.
Acts 24:18 While I was engaged in presenting these, they found me [occupied in the rites of purification] in the temple, without any crowd or uproar. But some Jews from [the province of] Asia [were there],
Acts 24:19 Who ought to be here before you and to present their charges, if they have anything against me.
Acts 24:20 Or else let these men themselves tell of what crime {or} wrongdoing they found me guilty when I appeared before the council (Sanhedrin),
Acts 24:21 Unless it be this one sentence which I cried out as I stood among them, In regard to the resurrection of the dead I am indicted {and} on trial before you this day!
Acts 24:22 But Felix, having a rather accurate understanding of the Way [of the Lord], put them off {and} adjourned the trial, saying, When Lysias the commandant comes down, I will determine your case more fully.
Acts 24:23 Then he ordered the centurion to keep [Paul] in custody, but to treat him with indulgence [giving him some liberty] and not to hinder his friends from ministering to his needs {and} serving him.

Acts 24:24 Some days later Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was a Jewess; and he sent for Paul and listened to him [talk] about faith in Christ Jesus.
Acts 24:25 But as he continued to argue about uprightness, purity of life (the control of the passions), and the judgment to come, Felix became alarmed {and} terrified and said, Go away for the present; when I have a convenient opportunity, I will send for you.
Acts 24:26 At the same time he hoped to get money from Paul, for which reason he continued to send for him and was in his company {and} conversed with him often.
Acts 24:27 But when two years had gone by, Felix was succeeded in office by Porcius Festus; and wishing to gain favor with the Jews, Felix left Paul still a prisoner in chains.
Acts 25:1 NOW WHEN Festus had entered into his own province, after three days he went up from Caesarea to Jerusalem.
Acts 25:2 And [there] the chief priests and the principal men of the Jews laid charges before him against Paul, and they kept begging {and} urging him,
Acts 25:3 Asking as a favor that he would have him brought to Jerusalem; [meanwhile] they were planning an ambush to slay him on the way.
Acts 25:4 Festus answered that Paul was in custody in Caesarea and that he himself planned to leave for there soon.
Acts 25:5 So, said he, let those who are in a position of authority {and} are influential among you go down with me, and if there is anything amiss {or} criminal about the man, let them so charge him.
Acts 25:6 So when Festus had remained among them not more than eight or ten days, he went down to Caesarea, took his seat the next day on the judgment bench, and ordered Paul to be brought before him.
Acts 25:7 And when he arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood all around him, bringing many grave accusations against him which they were not able to prove.
Acts 25:8 Paul declared in [his own] defense, Neither against the Law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I offended in any way.
Acts 25:9 But Festus, wishing to ingratiate himself with the Jews, answered Paul, Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and there be put on trial [before the Jewish Sanhedrin] in my presence concerning these charges?
Acts 25:10 But Paul replied, I am standing before Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be tried. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you know better [than your question implies].
Acts 25:11 If then I am a wrongdoer {and} a criminal and have committed anything for which I deserve to die, I do not beg off {and} seek to escape death; but if there is no ground for their accusations against me, no one can give me up {and} make a present of me [give me up freely] to them. I appeal to Caesar.
Acts 25:12 Then Festus, when he had consulted with the [men who formed his] council, answered, You have appealed to Caesar; to Caesar you shall go.
Acts 25:13 Now after an interval of some days, Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived at Caesarea to pay their respects to Festus [to welcome him and wish him well].
Acts 25:14 And while they remained there for many days, Festus acquainted the king with Paul's case, telling him, There is a man left a prisoner in chains by Felix;
Acts 25:15 And when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me about him, petitioning for a judicial hearing {and} condemnation of him.
Acts 25:16 But I replied to them that it was not the custom of the Romans to give up freely any man for punishment before the accused had met the accusers face to face and had opportunity to defend himself concerning the charge brought against him.
Acts 25:17 So when they came here together, I did not delay, but on the morrow took my place on the judgment seat and ordered that the man be brought before me.
Acts 25:18 [But] when the accusers stood up, they brought forward no accusation [in his case] of any such misconduct as I was expecting.
Acts 25:19 Instead they had some points of controversy with him about their own religion {or} superstition and concerning one Jesus, Who had died but Whom Paul kept asserting [over and over] to be alive.
Acts 25:20 And I, being puzzled to know how to make inquiries into such questions, asked whether he would be willing to go to Jerusalem and there be tried regarding them.
Acts 25:21 But when Paul had appealed to have his case retained for examination {and} decision by the emperor, I ordered that he be detained until I could send him to Caesar.
Acts 25:22 Then Agrippa said to Festus, I also desire to hear the man myself. Tomorrow, [Festus] replied, you shall hear him.

Acts 25:23 So the next day Agrippa and Bernice approached with great display, and they went into the audience hall accompanied by the military commandants and the prominent citizens of the city. At the order of Festus Paul was brought in.
Acts 25:24 Then Festus said, King Agrippa and all the men present with us, you see this man about whom the whole Jewish people came to me {and} complained, both at Jerusalem and here, insisting {and} shouting that he ought not to live any longer.
Acts 25:25 But I found nothing that he had done deserving of death. Still, as he himself appealed to the emperor, I determined to send him to Rome.
Acts 25:26 [However] I have nothing in particular {and} definite to write to my lord concerning him. So I have brought him before all of you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that after [further] examination has been made, I may have something to put in writing.
Acts 25:27 For it seems to me senseless {and} absurd to send a prisoner and not state the accusations against him.
Acts 26:1 THEN AGRIPPA said to Paul, You are permitted to speak on your own behalf. At that Paul stretched forth his hand and made his defense [as follows]:
Acts 26:2 I consider myself fortunate, King Agrippa, that it is before you that I am to make my defense today in regard to all the charges brought against me by [the] Jews,
Acts 26:3 [Especially] because you are so fully {and} unusually conversant with all the Jewish customs and controversies; therefore, I beg you to hear me patiently.
Acts 26:4 My behavior {and} manner of living from my youth up is known by all the Jews; [they are aware] that from [its] commencement my youth was spent among my own race in Jerusalem.
Acts 26:5 They have had knowledge of me for a long time, if they are willing to testify to it, that in accordance with the strictest sect of our religion I have lived as a Pharisee.
Acts 26:6 And now I stand here on trial [to be judged on the ground] of the hope of that promise made to our forefathers by God,
Acts 26:7 Which hope [of the Messiah and the resurrection] our twelve tribes confidently expect to realize as they fervently worship [without ceasing] night and day. And for that hope, O king, I am accused by Jews {and} considered a criminal!
Acts 26:8 Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?
Acts 26:9 I myself indeed was [once] persuaded that it was my duty to do many things contrary to {and} in defiance of the name of Jesus of Nazareth.
Acts 26:10 And that is what I did in Jerusalem; I [not only] locked up many of the [faithful] saints (holy ones) in prison by virtue of authority received from the chief priests, but when they were being condemned to death, I cast my vote against them.
Acts 26:11 And frequently I punished them in all the synagogues to make them blaspheme; and in my bitter fury against them, I harassed (troubled, molested, persecuted) {and} pursued them even to foreign cities.
Acts 26:12 Thus engaged I proceeded to Damascus with the authority and orders of the chief priests,
Acts 26:13 When on the road at midday, O king, I saw a light from heaven surpassing the brightness of the sun, flashing about me and those who were traveling with me.
Acts 26:14 And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice in the Hebrew tongue saying to me, Saul, Saul, why do you continue to persecute Me [to harass and trouble and molest Me]? It is dangerous {and} turns out badly for you to keep kicking against the goads [to keep offering vain and perilous resistance].
Acts 26:15 And I said, Who are You, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus, Whom you are persecuting.
Acts 26:16 But arise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, that I might appoint you to serve as [My] minister and to bear witness both to what you have seen of Me and to that in which I will appear to you,
Acts 26:17 Choosing you out [selecting you for Myself] {and} delivering you from among this [Jewish] people and the Gentiles to whom I am sending you--
Acts 26:18 To open their eyes that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may thus receive forgiveness {and} release from their sins and a place {and} portion among those who are consecrated {and} purified by faith in Me.
Acts 26:19 Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision,
Acts 26:20 But made known openly first of all to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout the whole land of Judea, and also among the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works {and} live lives consistent with {and} worthy of their repentance.
Acts 26:21 Because of these things the Jews seized me in the temple [enclosure] and tried to do away with me.

Acts 26:22 [But] to this day I have had the help which comes from God [as my ally], and so I stand here testifying to small and great alike, asserting nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses declared would come to pass--
Acts 26:23 That the Christ (the Anointed One) must suffer and that He, by being the first to rise from the dead, would declare {and} show light both to the [Jewish] people and to the Gentiles.
Acts 26:24 And as he thus proceeded with his defense, Festus called out loudly, Paul, you are mad! Your great learning is driving you insane!
Acts 26:25 But Paul replied, I am not mad, most noble Festus, but I am uttering the straight, sound truth.
Acts 26:26 For the king understands about these things well enough, and [therefore] to him I speak with bold frankness {and} confidence. I am convinced that not one of these things has escaped his notice, for all this did not take place in a corner [in secret].
Acts 26:27 King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? [Do you give credence to God's messengers and their words?] I perceive {and} know that you do believe.
Acts 26:28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, You think it a small task to make a Christian of me [just offhand to induce me with little ado and persuasion, at very short notice].
Acts 26:29 And Paul replied, Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you, but also all who are listening to me today, might become such as I am, except for these chains.
Acts 26:30 Then the king arose, and the governor and Bernice and all those who were seated with them;
Acts 26:31 And after they had gone out, they said to one another, This man is doing nothing deserving of death or [even] of imprisonment.
Acts 26:32 And Agrippa said to Festus, This man could have been set at liberty if he had not appealed to Caesar.
Acts 27:1 NOW WHEN it was determined that we [including Luke] should sail for Italy, they turned Paul and some other prisoners over to a centurion of the imperial regiment named Julius.
Acts 27:2 And going aboard a ship from Adramyttium which was about to sail for the ports along the coast of [the province of] Asia, we put out to sea; and Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica, accompanied us.
Acts 27:3 The following day we landed at Sidon, and Julius treated Paul in a loving way, with much consideration (kindness and care), permitting him to go to his friends [there] and be refreshed {and} be cared for.
Acts 27:4 After putting to sea from there we passed to the leeward (south side) of Cyprus [for protection], for the winds were contrary to us.
Acts 27:5 And when we had sailed over [the whole length] of sea which lies off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we reached Myra in Lycia.
Acts 27:6 There the centurion found an Alexandrian ship bound for Italy, and he transferred us to it.
Acts 27:7 For a number of days we made slow progress and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus; then, as the wind did not permit us to proceed, we went under the lee (shelter) of Crete off Salmone,
Acts 27:8 And coasting along it with difficulty, we arrived at a place called Fair Havens, near which is located the town of Lasea.
Acts 27:9 But as [the season was well advanced, for] much time had been lost and navigation was already dangerous, for the time for the Fast [the Day of Atonement, about the beginning of October] had already gone by, Paul warned {and} advised them,
Acts 27:10 Saying, Sirs, I perceive [after careful observation] that this voyage will be attended with disaster and much heavy loss, not only of the cargo and the ship but of our lives also.
Acts 27:11 However, the centurion paid greater attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said.
Acts 27:12 And as the harbor was not well situated {and} so unsuitable to winter in, the majority favored the plan of putting to sea again from there, hoping somehow to reach Phoenice, a harbor of Crete facing southwest and northwest, and winter there.
Acts 27:13 So when the south wind blew softly, supposing they were gaining their object, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, hugging the coast.
Acts 27:14 But soon afterward a violent wind [of the character of a typhoon], called a northeaster, came bursting down from the island.
Acts 27:15 And when the ship was caught and was unable to head against the wind, we gave up and, letting her drift, were borne along.
Acts 27:16 We ran under the shelter of a small island called Cauda, where we managed with [much] difficulty to draw the [ship's small] boat on deck {and} secure it.
Acts 27:17 After hoisting it on board, they used supports with ropes to undergird {and} brace the ship; then afraid that

they would be driven into the Syrtis [quicksands off the north coast of Africa], they lowered the gear (sails and ropes) and so were driven along.
Acts 27:18 As we were being dangerously tossed about by the violence of the storm, the next day they began to throw the freight overboard;
Acts 27:19 And the third day they threw out with their own hands the ship's equipment (the tackle and the furniture).
Acts 27:20 And when neither sun nor stars were visible for many days and no small tempest kept raging about us, all hope of our being saved was finally abandoned.
Acts 27:21 Then as they had eaten nothing for a long time, Paul came forward into their midst and said, Men, you should have listened to me, and should not have put to sea from Crete and brought on this disaster and harm {and} misery {and} loss.
Acts 27:22 But [even] now I beg you to be in good spirits {and} take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you but only of the ship.
Acts 27:23 For this [very] night there stood by my side an angel of the God to Whom I belong and Whom I serve {and} worship,
Acts 27:24 And he said, Do not be frightened, Paul! It is necessary for you to stand before Caesar; and behold, God has given you all those who are sailing with you.
Acts 27:25 So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith (complete confidence) in God that it will be exactly as it was told me;
Acts 27:26 But we shall have to be stranded on some island.
Acts 27:27 The fourteenth night had come and we were drifting {and} being driven about in the Adriatic Sea, when about midnight the sailors began to suspect that they were drawing near to some land.
Acts 27:28 So they took soundings and found twenty fathoms, and a little farther on they sounded again and found fifteen fathoms.
Acts 27:29 Then fearing that we might fall off [our course] onto rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and kept wishing for daybreak to come.
Acts 27:30 And as the sailors were trying to escape [secretly] from the ship and were lowering the small boat into the sea, pretending that they were going to lay out anchors from the bow,
Acts 27:31 Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, Unless these men remain in the ship, you cannot be saved.
Acts 27:32 Then the soldiers cut away the ropes that held the small boat, and let it fall {and} drift away.
Acts 27:33 While they waited until it should become day, Paul entreated them all to take some food, saying, This is the fourteenth day that you have been continually in suspense {and} on the alert without food, having eaten nothing.
Acts 27:34 So I urge (warn, exhort, encourage, advise) you to take some food [for your safety]--it will give you strength; for not a hair is to perish from the head of any one of you.
Acts 27:35 Having said these words, he took bread and, giving thanks to God before them all, he broke it and began to eat.
Acts 27:36 Then they all became more cheerful {and} were encouraged and took food themselves.
Acts 27:37 All told there were 276 souls of us in the ship.
Acts 27:38 And after they had eaten sufficiently, [they proceeded] to lighten the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.
Acts 27:39 Now when it was day [and they saw the land], they did not recognize it, but they noticed a bay with a beach on which they [taking counsel] purposed to run the ship ashore if they possibly could.
Acts 27:40 So they cut the cables {and} severed the anchors and left them in the sea; at the same time unlashing the ropes that held the rudders and hoisting the foresail to the wind, they headed for the beach.
Acts 27:41 But striking a crosscurrent (a place open to two seas) they ran the ship aground. The prow stuck fast and remained immovable, and the stern began to break up under the violent force of the waves.
Acts 27:42 It was the counsel of the soldiers to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim to land and escape;
Acts 27:43 But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, prevented their carrying out their purpose. He commanded those who could swim to throw themselves overboard first and make for the shore,
Acts 27:44 And the rest on heavy boards or pieces of the vessel. And so it was that all escaped safely to land.
Acts 28:1 AFTER WE were safe on the island, we knew {and} recognized that it was called Malta.
Acts 28:2 And the natives showed us unusual {and} remarkable kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed {and} received us all, since it had begun to rain and was cold.
Acts 28:3 Now Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and he was laying them on the fire when a viper crawled out because of the heat and fastened itself on his hand.

Acts 28:4 When the natives saw the little animal hanging from his hand, they said to one another, Doubtless this man is a murderer, for though he has been saved from the sea, Justice [the goddess of avenging] has not permitted that he should live.
Acts 28:5 Then [Paul simply] shook off the small creature into the fire and suffered no evil effects.
Acts 28:6 However, they were waiting, expecting him to swell up or suddenly drop dead; but when they had watched him a long time and saw nothing fatal {or} harmful come to him, they changed their minds and kept saying over and over that he was a god.
Acts 28:7 In the vicinity of that place there were estates belonging to the head man of the island, named Publius, who accepted {and} welcomed {and} entertained us with hearty hospitality for three days.
Acts 28:8 And it happened that the father of Publius was sick in bed with recurring attacks of fever and dysentery; and Paul went to see him, and after praying and laying his hands on him, he healed him.
Acts 28:9 After this had occurred, the other people on the island who had diseases also kept coming and were cured.
Acts 28:10 They showed us every respect {and} presented many gifts to us, honoring us with many honors; and when we sailed, they provided {and} put on [board our ship] everything we needed.
Acts 28:11 It was after three months' stay there that we set sail in a ship which had wintered in the island, an Alexandrian ship with the Twin Brothers [Castor and Pollux] as its figurehead.
Acts 28:12 We landed at Syracuse and remained there three days,
Acts 28:13 And from there we made a circuit [following the coast] and reached Rhegium; and one day later a south wind sprang up, and the next day we arrived at Puteoli.
Acts 28:14 There we found some [Christian] brethren and were entreated to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome.
Acts 28:15 And the [Christian] brethren there, having had news of us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us. When Paul saw them, he thanked God and received new courage.
Acts 28:16 When we arrived at Rome, {the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard, but} Paul was permitted to live by himself with the soldier who guarded him.
Acts 28:17 Three days after [our arrival], he called together the leading local Jews; and when they had gathered, he said to them, Brethren, though I have done nothing against the people or against the customs of our forefathers, yet I was turned over as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.
Acts 28:18 After they had examined me, they were ready to release me because I was innocent of any offense deserving the death penalty.
Acts 28:19 But when the Jews protested, I was forced to appeal to Caesar, though it was not because I had any charge to make against my nation.
Acts 28:20 This is the reason therefore why I have begged to see you and to talk with you, since it is because of the Hope of Israel (the Messiah) that I am bound with this chain.
Acts 28:21 And they answered him, We have not received any letters about you from Judea, and none of the [Jewish] brethren coming here has reported or spoken anything evil about you.
Acts 28:22 But we think it fitting {and} are eager to hear from you what it is that you have in mind {and} believe {and} what your opinion is, for with regard to this sect it is known to all of us that it is everywhere denounced.
Acts 28:23 So when they had set a day with him, they came in large numbers to his lodging. And he fully set forth {and} explained the matter to them from morning until night, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets.
Acts 28:24 And some were convinced {and} believed what he said, and others did not believe.
Acts 28:25 And as they disagreed among themselves, they began to leave, [but not before] Paul had added one statement [more]: The Holy Spirit was right in saying through Isaiah the prophet to your forefathers:
Acts 28:26 Go to this people and say to them, You will indeed hear {and} hear with your ears but will not understand, and you will indeed look {and} look with your eyes but will not see [not perceive, have knowledge of or become acquainted with what you look at, at all].
Acts 28:27 For the heart (the understanding, the soul) of this people has grown dull (stupid, hardened, and calloused), and their ears are heavy {and} hard of hearing and they have shut tight their eyes, so that they may not perceive {and} have knowledge {and} become acquainted with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their souls and turn [to Me and be converted], that I may heal them.
Acts 28:28 So let it be understood by you then that [this message of] the salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen [to it]!
Acts 28:29 {And when he had said these things, the Jews went away, arguing and disputing among themselves.}

Acts 28:30 After this Paul lived there for two entire years [at his own expense] in his own rented lodging, and he welcomed all who came to him,
Acts 28:31 Preaching to them the kingdom of God and teaching them about the Lord Jesus Christ with boldness {and} quite openly, and without being molested {or} hindered.
Rom 1:1 FROM PAUL, a bond servant of Jesus Christ (the Messiah) called to be an apostle, (a special messenger) set apart to [preach] the Gospel (good news) of {and} from God,
Rom 1:2 Which He promised in advance [long ago] through His prophets in the sacred Scriptures--
Rom 1:3 [The Gospel] regarding His Son, Who as to the flesh (His human nature) was descended from David,
Rom 1:4 And [as to His divine nature] according to the Spirit of holiness was openly designated the Son of God in power [in a striking, triumphant and miraculous manner] by His resurrection from the dead, even Jesus Christ our Lord (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
Rom 1:5 It is through Him that we have received grace (God's unmerited favor) and [our] apostleship to promote obedience to the faith {and} make disciples for His name's sake among all the nations,
Rom 1:6 And this includes you, called of Jesus Christ {and} invited [as you are] to belong to Him.
Rom 1:7 To [you then] all God's beloved ones in Rome, called to be saints {and} designated for a consecrated life: Grace {and} spiritual blessing and peace be yours from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
Rom 1:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because [the report of] your faith is made known to all the world {and} is commended everywhere.
Rom 1:9 For God is my witness, Whom I serve with my [whole] spirit [rendering priestly and spiritual service] in [preaching] the Gospel {and} [telling] the good news of His Son, how incessantly I always mention you when at my prayers.
Rom 1:10 I keep pleading that somehow by God's will I may now at last prosper {and} come to you.
Rom 1:11 For I am yearning to see you, that I may impart {and} share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen {and} establish you;
Rom 1:12 That is, that we may be mutually strengthened {and} encouraged {and} comforted by each other's faith, both yours and mine.
Rom 1:13 I want you to know, brethren, that many times I have planned {and} intended to come to you, though thus far I have been hindered {and} prevented, in order that I might have some fruit (some result of my labors) among you, as I have among the rest of the Gentiles.
Rom 1:14 Both to Greeks and to barbarians (to the cultured and to the uncultured), both to the wise and the foolish, I have an obligation to discharge {and} a duty to perform {and} a debt to pay.
Rom 1:15 So, for my part, I am willing {and} eagerly ready to preach the Gospel to you also who are in Rome.
Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the Gospel (good news) {of Christ,} for it is God's power working unto salvation [for deliverance from eternal death] to everyone who believes {with} a personal trust {and} a confident surrender {and} firm reliance, to the Jew first and also to the Greek,
Rom 1:17 For in the Gospel a righteousness which God ascribes is revealed, both springing from faith and leading to faith [disclosed through the way of faith that arouses to more faith]. As it is written, The man who through faith is just {and} upright shall live {and} shall live by faith.
Rom 1:18 For God's [holy] wrath {and} indignation are revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who in their wickedness repress {and} hinder the truth {and} make it inoperative.
Rom 1:19 For that which is known about God is evident to them {and} made plain in their inner consciousness, because God [Himself] has shown it to them.
Rom 1:20 For ever since the creation of the world His invisible nature {and} attributes, that is, His eternal power and divinity, have been made intelligible {and} clearly discernible in {and} through the things that have been made (His handiworks). So [men] are without excuse [altogether without any defense or justification],
Rom 1:21 Because when they knew {and} recognized Him as God, they did not honor {and} glorify Him as God or give Him thanks. But instead they became futile {and} godless in their thinking [with vain imaginings, foolish reasoning, and stupid speculations] and their senseless minds were darkened.
Rom 1:22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools [professing to be smart, they made simpletons of themselves].
Rom 1:23 And by them the glory and majesty {and} excellence of the immortal God were exchanged for {and} represented by images, resembling mortal man and birds and beasts and reptiles.
Rom 1:24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their [own] hearts to sexual impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves [abandoning them to the degrading power of sin],
Rom 1:25 Because they exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the

Creator, Who is blessed forever! Amen (so be it).
Rom 1:26 For this reason God gave them over {and} abandoned them to vile affections {and} degrading passions. For their women exchanged their natural function for an unnatural {and} abnormal one,
Rom 1:27 And the men also turned from natural relations with women and were set ablaze (burning out, consumed) with lust for one another--men committing shameful acts with men and suffering in their own bodies {and} personalities the inevitable consequences {and} penalty of their wrong-doing {and} going astray, which was [their] fitting retribution.
Rom 1:28 And so, since they did not see fit to acknowledge God {or} approve of Him {or} consider Him worth the knowing, God gave them over to a base {and} condemned mind to do things not proper {or} decent {but} loathsome,
Rom 1:29 Until they were filled (permeated and saturated) with every kind of unrighteousness, iniquity, grasping {and} covetous greed, and malice. [They were] full of envy {and} jealousy, murder, strife, deceit {and} treachery, ill will {and} cruel ways. [They were] secret backbiters {and} gossipers,
Rom 1:30 Slanderers, hateful to {and} hating God, full of insolence, arrogance, [and] boasting; inventors of new forms of evil, disobedient {and} undutiful to parents.
Rom 1:31 [They were] without understanding, conscienceless {and} faithless, heartless {and} loveless [and] merciless.
Rom 1:32 Though they are fully aware of God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve to die, they not only do them themselves but approve {and} applaud others who practice them.
Rom 2:1 THEREFORE YOU have no excuse {or} defense {or} justification, O man, whoever you are who judges {and} condemns another. For in posing as judge {and} passing sentence on another, you condemn yourself, because you who judge are habitually practicing the very same things [that you censure and denounce].
Rom 2:2 [But] we know that the judgment (adverse verdict, sentence) of God falls justly {and} in accordance with truth upon those who practice such things.
Rom 2:3 And do you think {or} imagine, O man, when you judge {and} condemn those who practice such things and yet do them yourself, that you will escape God's judgment {and} elude His sentence {and} adverse verdict?
Rom 2:4 Or are you [so blind as to] trifle with {and} presume upon {and} despise {and} underestimate the wealth of His kindness and forbearance and long-suffering patience? Are you unmindful {or} actually ignorant [of the fact] that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repent (to change your mind and inner man to accept God's will)?
Rom 2:5 But by your callous stubbornness {and} impenitence of heart you are storing up wrath {and} indignation for yourself on the day of wrath {and} indignation, when God's righteous judgment (just doom) will be revealed.
Rom 2:6 For He will render to every man according to his works [justly, as his deeds deserve]:
Rom 2:7 To those who by patient persistence in well-doing [springing from piety] seek [unseen but sure] glory and honor and [the eternal blessedness of] immortality, He will give eternal life.
Rom 2:8 But for those who are self-seeking {and} self-willed {and} disobedient to the Truth but responsive to wickedness, there will be indignation and wrath.
Rom 2:9 [And] there will be tribulation {and} anguish and calamity {and} constraint for every soul of man who [habitually] does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek (Gentile).
Rom 2:10 But glory and honor and [heart] peace shall be awarded to everyone who [habitually] does good, the Jew first and also the Greek (Gentile).
Rom 2:11 For God shows no partiality [undue favor or unfairness; with Him one man is not different from another].
Rom 2:12 All who have sinned without the Law will also perish without [regard to] the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged {and} condemned by the Law.
Rom 2:13 For it is not merely hearing the Law [read] that makes one righteous before God, but it is the doers of the Law who will be held guiltless {and} acquitted {and} justified.
Rom 2:14 When Gentiles who have not the [divine] Law do instinctively what the Law requires, they are a law to themselves, since they do not have the Law.
Rom 2:15 They show that the essential requirements of the Law are written in their hearts {and} are operating there, with which their consciences (sense of right and wrong) also bear witness; and their [moral] decisions (their arguments of reason, their condemning or approving thoughts) will accuse or perhaps defend {and} excuse [them]
Rom 2:16 On that day when, as my Gospel proclaims, God by Jesus Christ will judge men in regard to the things which they conceal (their hidden thoughts).
Rom 2:17 But if you bear the name of Jew and rely upon the Law and pride yourselves in God {and} your relationship to Him,
Rom 2:18 And know {and} understand His will and discerningly approve the better things {and} have a sense of what is vital, because you are instructed by the Law;

Rom 2:19 And if you are confident that you [yourself] are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, and [that
Rom 2:20 You are] a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the childish, having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and truth--
Rom 2:21 Well then, you who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you teach against stealing, do you steal (take what does not really belong to you)?
Rom 2:22 You who say not to commit adultery, do you commit adultery [are you unchaste in action or in thought]? You who abhor {and} loathe idols, do you rob temples [do you appropriate to your own use what is consecrated to God, thus robbing the sanctuary and doing sacrilege]?
Rom 2:23 You who boast in the Law, do you dishonor God by breaking the Law [by stealthily infringing upon or carelessly neglecting or openly breaking it]?
Rom 2:24 For, as it is written, The name of God is maligned {and} blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you! [The words to this effect are from your own Scriptures.]
Rom 2:25 Circumcision does indeed profit if you keep the Law; but if you habitually transgress the Law, your circumcision is made uncircumcision.
Rom 2:26 So if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be credited to him as [equivalent to] circumcision?
Rom 2:27 Then those who are physically uncircumcised but keep the Law will condemn you who, although you have the code in writing and have circumcision, break the Law.
Rom 2:28 For he is not a [real] Jew who is only one outwardly {and} publicly, nor is [true] circumcision something external and physical.
Rom 2:29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and [true] circumcision is of the heart, a spiritual and not a literal [matter]. His praise is not from men but from God.
Rom 3:1 THEN WHAT advantage remains to the Jew? [How is he favored?] Or what is the value {or} benefit of circumcision?
Rom 3:2 Much in every way. To begin with, to the Jews were entrusted the oracles (the brief communications, the intentions, the utterances) of God.
Rom 3:3 What if some did not believe {and} were without faith? Does their lack of faith {and} their faithlessness nullify {and} make ineffective {and} void the faithfulness of God {and} His fidelity [to His Word]?
Rom 3:4 By no means! Let God be found true though every human being is false {and} a liar, as it is written, That You may be justified {and} shown to be upright in what You say, and prevail when You are judged [by sinful men].
Rom 3:5 But if our unrighteousness thus establishes {and} exhibits the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unjust {and} wrong to inflict His wrath upon us [Jews]? I speak in a [purely] human way.
Rom 3:6 By no means! Otherwise, how could God judge the world?
Rom 3:7 But [you say] if through my falsehood God's integrity is magnified {and} advertised {and} abounds to His glory, why am I still being judged as a sinner?
Rom 3:8 And why should we not do evil that good may come?--as some slanderously charge us with teaching. Such [false teaching] is justly condemned by them.
Rom 3:9 Well then, are we [Jews] superior {and} better off than they? No, not at all. We have already charged that all men, both Jews and Greeks (Gentiles), are under sin [held down by and subject to its power and control].
Rom 3:10 As it is written, None is righteous, just {and} truthful {and} upright {and} conscientious, no, not one.
Rom 3:11 No one understands [no one intelligently discerns {or} comprehends]; no one seeks out God.
Rom 3:12 All have turned aside; together they have gone wrong {and} have become unprofitable {and} worthless; no one does right, not even one!
Rom 3:13 Their throat is a yawning grave; they use their tongues to deceive (to mislead and to deal treacherously). The venom of asps is beneath their lips.
Rom 3:14 Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.
Rom 3:15 Their feet are swift to shed blood.
Rom 3:16 Destruction [as it dashes them to pieces] and misery mark their ways.
Rom 3:17 And they have no experience of the way of peace [they know nothing about peace, for a peaceful way they do not even recognize].
Rom 3:18 There is no [reverential] fear of God before their eyes.
Rom 3:19 Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that [the murmurs and excuses of] every mouth may be hushed and all the world may be held accountable to God.

Rom 3:20 For no person will be justified (made righteous, acquitted, and judged acceptable) in His sight by observing the works prescribed by the Law. For [the real function of] the Law is to make men recognize {and} be conscious of sin [not mere perception, but an acquaintance with sin which works toward repentance, faith, and holy character].
Rom 3:21 But now the righteousness of God has been revealed independently {and} altogether apart from the Law, although actually it is attested by the Law and the Prophets,
Rom 3:22 Namely, the righteousness of God which comes by believing {with} personal trust {and} confident reliance on Jesus Christ (the Messiah). [And it is meant] for all who believe. For there is no distinction,
Rom 3:23 Since all have sinned and are falling short of the honor {and} glory which God bestows {and} receives.
Rom 3:24 [All] are justified {and} made upright {and} in right standing with God, freely {and} gratuitously by His grace (His unmerited favor and mercy), through the redemption which is [provided] in Christ Jesus,
Rom 3:25 Whom God put forward [before the eyes of all] as a mercy seat {and} propitiation by His blood [the cleansing and life-giving sacrifice of atonement and reconciliation, to be received] through faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over {and} ignored former sins without punishment.
Rom 3:26 It was to demonstrate {and} prove at the present time (in the now season) that He Himself is righteous and that He justifies {and} accepts as righteous him who has [true] faith in Jesus.
Rom 3:27 Then what becomes of [our] pride {and} [our] boasting? It is excluded (banished, ruled out entirely). On what principle? [On the principle] of doing good deeds? No, but on the principle of faith.
Rom 3:28 For we hold that a man is justified {and} made upright by faith independent of {and} distinctly apart from good deeds (works of the Law). [The observance of the Law has nothing to do with justification.]
Rom 3:29 Or is God merely [the God] of Jews? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also,
Rom 3:30 Since it is one and the same God Who will justify the circumcised by faith [which germinated from Abraham] and the uncircumcised through their [newly acquired] faith. [For it is the same trusting faith in both cases, a firmly relying faith in Jesus Christ].
Rom 3:31 Do we then by [this] faith make the Law of no effect, overthrow it {or} make it a dead letter? Certainly not! On the contrary, we confirm {and} establish {and} uphold the Law.
Rom 4:1 [BUT] IF so, what shall we say about Abraham, our forefather humanly speaking--[what did he] find out? [How does this affect his position, and what was gained by him?]
Rom 4:2 For if Abraham was justified (established as just by acquittal from guilt) by good works [that he did, then] he has grounds for boasting. But not before God!
Rom 4:3 For what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed in (trusted in) God, and it was credited to his account as righteousness (right living and right standing with God).
Rom 4:4 Now to a laborer, his wages are not counted as a favor {or} a gift, but as an obligation (something owed to him).
Rom 4:5 But to one who, not working [by the Law], trusts (believes fully) in Him Who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited to him as righteousness (the standing acceptable to God).
Rom 4:6 Thus David congratulates the man {and} pronounces a blessing on him to whom God credits righteousness apart from the works he does:
Rom 4:7 Blessed {and} happy {and} to be envied are those whose iniquities are forgiven and whose sins are covered up {and} completely buried.
Rom 4:8 Blessed {and} happy {and} to be envied is the person of whose sin the Lord will take no account {nor} reckon it against him.
Rom 4:9 Is this blessing (happiness) then meant only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? We say that faith was credited to Abraham as righteousness.
Rom 4:10 How then was it credited [to him]? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised.
Rom 4:11 He received the mark of circumcision as a token {or} an evidence [and] seal of the righteousness which he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised--[faith] so that he was to be made the father of all who [truly] believe, though without circumcision, and who thus have righteousness (right standing with God) imputed to them {and} credited to their account,
Rom 4:12 As well as [that he be made] the father of those circumcised persons who are not merely circumcised, but also walk in the way of that faith which our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.
Rom 4:13 For the promise to Abraham or his posterity, that he should inherit the world, did not come through [observing the commands of] the Law but through the righteousness of faith.

Rom 4:14 If it is the adherents of the Law who are to be the heirs, then faith is made futile {and} empty of all meaning and the promise [of God] is made void (is annulled and has no power).
Rom 4:15 For the Law results in [divine] wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression [of it either].
Rom 4:16 Therefore, [inheriting] the promise is the outcome of faith {and} depends [entirely] on faith, in order that it might be given as an act of grace (unmerited favor), to make it stable {and} valid {and} guaranteed to all his descendants--not only to the devotees {and} adherents of the Law, but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, who is [thus] the father of us all.
Rom 4:17 As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed.
Rom 4:18 [For Abraham, human reason for] hope being gone, hoped in faith that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been promised, So [numberless] shall your descendants be.
Rom 4:19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered the [utter] impotence of his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or [when he considered] the barrenness of Sarah's [deadened] womb.
Rom 4:20 No unbelief {or} distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong {and} was empowered by faith as he gave praise {and} glory to God,
Rom 4:21 Fully satisfied {and} assured that God was able {and} mighty to keep His word {and} to do what He had promised.
Rom 4:22 That is why his faith was credited to him as righteousness (right standing with God).
Rom 4:23 But [the words], It was credited to him, were written not for his sake alone,
Rom 4:24 But [they were written] for our sakes too. [Righteousness, standing acceptable to God] will be granted {and} credited to us also who believe in (trust in, adhere to, and rely on) God, Who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,
Rom 4:25 Who was betrayed {and} put to death because of our misdeeds and was raised to secure our justification (our acquittal), [making our account balance and absolving us from all guilt before God].
Rom 5:1 THEREFORE, SINCE we are justified (acquitted, declared righteous, and given a right standing with God) through faith, let us [grasp the fact that we] have [the peace of reconciliation to hold and to enjoy] peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
Rom 5:2 Through Him also we have [our] access (entrance, introduction) by faith into this grace (state of God's favor) in which we [firmly and safely] stand. And let us rejoice {and} exult in our hope of experiencing {and} enjoying the glory of God.
Rom 5:3 Moreover [let us also be full of joy now!] let us exult {and} triumph in our troubles {and} rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that pressure {and} affliction {and} hardship produce patient {and} unswerving endurance.
Rom 5:4 And endurance (fortitude) develops maturity of character (approved faith and tried integrity). And character [of this sort] produces [the habit of] joyful and confident hope of eternal salvation.
Rom 5:5 Such hope never disappoints {or} deludes {or} shames us, for God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us.
Rom 5:6 While we were yet in weakness [powerless to help ourselves], at the fitting time Christ died for (in behalf of) the ungodly.
Rom 5:7 Now it is an extraordinary thing for one to give his life even for an upright man, though perhaps for a noble {and} lovable {and} generous benefactor someone might even dare to die.
Rom 5:8 But God shows {and} clearly proves His [own] love for us by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) died for us.
Rom 5:9 Therefore, since we are now justified (acquitted, made righteous, and brought into right relationship with God) by Christ's blood, how much more [certain is it that] we shall be saved by Him from the indignation {and} wrath of God.
Rom 5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, it is much more [certain], now that we are reconciled, that we shall be saved (daily delivered from sin's dominion) through His [resurrection] life.
Rom 5:11 Not only so, but we also rejoice {and} exultingly glory in God [in His love and perfection] through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have now received {and} enjoy [our] reconciliation.
Rom 5:12 Therefore, as sin came into the world through one man, and death as the result of sin, so death spread to all men, [no one being able to stop it or to escape its power] because all men sinned.
Rom 5:13 [To be sure] sin was in the world before ever the Law was given, but sin is not charged to men's account where there is no law [to transgress].

Rom 5:14 Yet death held sway from Adam to Moses [the Lawgiver], even over those who did not themselves transgress [a positive command] as Adam did. Adam was a type (prefigure) of the One Who was to come [in reverse, the former destructive, the Latter saving].
Rom 5:15 But God's free gift is not at all to be compared to the trespass [His grace is out of all proportion to the fall of man]. For if many died through one man's falling away (his lapse, his offense), much more profusely did God's grace and the free gift [that comes] through the undeserved favor of the one Man Jesus Christ abound {and} overflow to {and} for [the benefit of] many.
Rom 5:16 Nor is the free gift at all to be compared to the effect of that one [man's] sin. For the sentence [following the trespass] of one [man] brought condemnation, whereas the free gift [following] many transgressions brings justification (an act of righteousness).
Rom 5:17 For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God's] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness [putting them into right standing with Himself] reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
Rom 5:18 Well then, as one man's trespass [one man's false step and falling away led] to condemnation for all men, so one Man's act of righteousness [leads] to acquittal {and} right standing with God and life for all men.
Rom 5:19 For just as by one man's disobedience (failing to hear, heedlessness, and carelessness) the many were constituted sinners, so by one Man's obedience the many will be constituted righteous (made acceptable to God, brought into right standing with Him).
Rom 5:20 But then Law came in, [only] to expand {and} increase the trespass [making it more apparent and exciting opposition]. But where sin increased {and} abounded, grace (God's unmerited favor) has surpassed it {and} increased the more {and} superabounded,
Rom 5:21 So that, [just] as sin has reigned in death, [so] grace (His unearned and undeserved favor) might reign also through righteousness (right standing with God) which issues in eternal life through Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) our Lord.
Rom 6:1 WHAT SHALL we say [to all this]? Are we to remain in sin in order that God's grace (favor and mercy) may multiply {and} overflow?
Rom 6:2 Certainly not! How can we who died to sin live in it any longer?
Rom 6:3 Are you ignorant of the fact that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?
Rom 6:4 We were buried therefore with Him by the baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious [power] of the Father, so we too might [habitually] live {and} behave in newness of life.
Rom 6:5 For if we have become one with Him by sharing a death like His, we shall also be [one with Him in sharing] His resurrection [by a new life lived for God].
Rom 6:6 We know that our old (unrenewed) self was nailed to the cross with Him in order that [our] body [which is the instrument] of sin might be made ineffective {and} inactive for evil, that we might no longer be the slaves of sin.
Rom 6:7 For when a man dies, he is freed (loosed, delivered) from [the power of] sin [among men].
Rom 6:8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,
Rom 6:9 Because we know that Christ (the Anointed One), being once raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has power over Him.
Rom 6:10 For by the death He died, He died to sin [ending His relation to it] once for all; and the life that He lives, He is living to God [in unbroken fellowship with Him].
Rom 6:11 Even so consider yourselves also dead to sin {and} your relation to it broken, but alive to God [living in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus.
Rom 6:12 Let not sin therefore rule as king in your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies, to make you yield to its cravings {and} be subject to its lusts {and} evil passions.
Rom 6:13 Do not continue offering or yielding your bodily members [and faculties] to sin as instruments (tools) of wickedness. But offer {and} yield yourselves to God as though you have been raised from the dead to [perpetual] life, and your bodily members [and faculties] to God, presenting them as implements of righteousness.
Rom 6:14 For sin shall not [any longer] exert dominion over you, since now you are not under Law [as slaves], but under grace [as subjects of God's favor and mercy].
Rom 6:15 What then [are we to conclude]? Shall we sin because we live not under Law but under God's favor {and} mercy? Certainly not!
Rom 6:16 Do you not know that if you continually surrender yourselves to anyone to do his will, you are the slaves of him whom you obey, whether that be to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience which leads to righteousness (right

doing and right standing with God)?
Rom 6:17 But thank God, though you were once slaves of sin, you have become obedient with all your heart to the standard of teaching in which you were instructed {and} to which you were committed.
Rom 6:18 And having been set free from sin, you have become the servants of righteousness (of conformity to the divine will in thought, purpose, and action).
Rom 6:19 I am speaking in familiar human terms because of your natural limitations. For as you yielded your bodily members [and faculties] as servants to impurity and ever increasing lawlessness, so now yield your bodily members [and faculties] once for all as servants to righteousness (right being and doing) [which leads] to sanctification.
Rom 6:20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.
Rom 6:21 But then what benefit (return) did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? [None] for the end of those things is death.
Rom 6:22 But now since you have been set free from sin and have become the slaves of God, you have your present reward in holiness and its end is eternal life.
Rom 6:23 For the wages which sin pays is death, but the [bountiful] free gift of God is eternal life through (in union with) Jesus Christ our Lord.
Rom 7:1 DO YOU not know, brethren--for I am speaking to men who are acquainted with the Law--that legal claims have power over a person only for as long as he is alive?
Rom 7:2 For [instance] a married woman is bound by law to her husband as long as he lives; but if her husband dies, she is loosed {and} discharged from the law concerning her husband.
Rom 7:3 Accordingly, she will be held an adulteress if she unites herself to another man while her husband lives. But if her husband dies, the marriage law no longer is binding on her [she is free from that law]; and if she unites herself to another man, she is not an adulteress.
Rom 7:4 Likewise, my brethren, you have undergone death as to the Law through the [crucified] body of Christ, so that now you may belong to Another, to Him Who was raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God.
Rom 7:5 When we were living in the flesh (mere physical lives), the sinful passions that were awakened {and} aroused up by [what] the Law [makes sin] were constantly operating in our natural powers (in our bodily organs, in the sensitive appetites and wills of the flesh), so that we bore fruit for death.
Rom 7:6 But now we are discharged from the Law {and} have terminated all intercourse with it, having died to what once restrained {and} held us captive. So now we serve not under [obedience to] the old code of written regulations, but [under obedience to the promptings] of the Spirit in newness [of life].
Rom 7:7 What then do we conclude? Is the Law identical with sin? Certainly not! Nevertheless, if it had not been for the Law, I should not have recognized sin {or} have known its meaning. [For instance] I would not have known about covetousness [would have had no consciousness of sin or sense of guilt] if the Law had not [repeatedly] said, You shall not covet {and} have an evil desire [for one thing and another].
Rom 7:8 But sin, finding opportunity in the commandment [to express itself], got a hold on me {and} aroused {and} stimulated all kinds of forbidden desires (lust, covetousness). For without the Law sin is dead [the sense of it is inactive and a lifeless thing].
Rom 7:9 Once I was alive, but quite apart from {and} unconscious of the Law. But when the commandment came, sin lived again and I died (was sentenced by the Law to death).
Rom 7:10 And the very legal ordinance which was designed {and} intended to bring life actually proved [to mean to me] death.
Rom 7:11 For sin, seizing the opportunity {and} getting a hold on me [by taking its incentive] from the commandment, beguiled {and} entrapped {and} cheated me, and using it [as a weapon], killed me.
Rom 7:12 The Law therefore is holy, and [each] commandment is holy and just and good.
Rom 7:13 Did that which is good then prove fatal [bringing death] to me? Certainly not! It was sin, working death in me by using this good thing [as a weapon], in order that through the commandment sin might be shown up clearly to be sin, that the extreme malignity and immeasurable sinfulness of sin might plainly appear.
Rom 7:14 We know that the Law is spiritual; but I am a creature of the flesh [carnal, unspiritual], having been sold into slavery under [the control of] sin.
Rom 7:15 For I do not understand my own actions [I am baffled, bewildered]. I do not practice {or} accomplish what I wish, but I do the very thing that I loathe [which my moral instinct condemns].
Rom 7:16 Now if I do [habitually] what is contrary to my desire, [that means that] I acknowledge {and} agree that the Law is good (morally excellent) {and} that I take sides with it.
Rom 7:17 However, it is no longer I who do the deed, but the sin [principle] which is at home in me {and} has

possession of me.
Rom 7:18 For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot perform it. [I have the intention and urge to do what is right, but no power to carry it out.]
Rom 7:19 For I fail to practice the good deeds I desire to do, but the evil deeds that I do not desire to do are what I am [ever] doing.
Rom 7:20 Now if I do what I do not desire to do, it is no longer I doing it [it is not myself that acts], but the sin [principle] which dwells within me [fixed and operating in my soul].
Rom 7:21 So I find it to be a law (rule of action of my being) that when I want to do what is right {and} good, evil is ever present with me {and} I am subject to its insistent demands.
Rom 7:22 For I endorse {and} delight in the Law of God in my inmost self [with my new nature].
Rom 7:23 But I discern in my bodily members [in the sensitive appetites and wills of the flesh] a different law (rule of action) at war against the law of my mind (my reason) and making me a prisoner to the law of sin that dwells in my bodily organs [in the sensitive appetites and wills of the flesh].
Rom 7:24 O unhappy {and} pitiable {and} wretched man that I am! Who will release {and} deliver me from [the shackles of] this body of death?
Rom 7:25 O thank God! [He will!] through Jesus Christ (the Anointed One) our Lord! So then indeed I, of myself with the mind {and} heart, serve the Law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.
Rom 8:1 THEREFORE, [there is] now no condemnation (no adjudging guilty of wrong) for those who are in Christ Jesus, {who live [and] walk not after the dictates of the flesh, but after the dictates of the Spirit.}
Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has freed me from the law of sin and of death.
Rom 8:3 For God has done what the Law could not do, [its power] being weakened by the flesh [the entire nature of man without the Holy Spirit]. Sending His own Son in the guise of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, [God] condemned sin in the flesh [subdued, overcame, deprived it of its power over all who accept that sacrifice],
Rom 8:4 So that the righteous {and} just requirement of the Law might be fully met in us who live {and} move not in the ways of the flesh but in the ways of the Spirit [our lives governed not by the standards and according to the dictates of the flesh, but controlled by the Holy Spirit].
Rom 8:5 For those who are according to the flesh {and} are controlled by its unholy desires set their minds on {and} pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit {and} are controlled by the desires of the Spirit set their minds on {and} seek those things which gratify the [Holy] Spirit.
Rom 8:6 Now the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death [death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the [Holy] Spirit is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever].
Rom 8:7 [That is] because the mind of the flesh [with its carnal thoughts and purposes] is hostile to God, for it does not submit itself to God's Law; indeed it cannot.
Rom 8:8 So then those who are living the life of the flesh [catering to the appetites and impulses of their carnal nature] cannot please {or} satisfy God, {or} be acceptable to Him.
Rom 8:9 But you are not living the life of the flesh, you are living the life of the Spirit, if the [Holy] Spirit of God [really] dwells within you [directs and controls you]. But if anyone does not possess the [Holy] Spirit of Christ, he is none of His [he does not belong to Christ, is not truly a child of God].
Rom 8:10 But if Christ lives in you, [then although] your [natural] body is dead by reason of sin {and} guilt, the spirit is alive because of [the] righteousness [that He imputes to you].
Rom 8:11 And if the Spirit of Him Who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, [then] He Who raised up Christ {Jesus} from the dead will also restore to life your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies through His Spirit Who dwells in you.
Rom 8:12 So then, brethren, we are debtors, but not to the flesh [we are not obligated to our carnal nature], to live [a life ruled by the standards set up by the dictates] of the flesh.
Rom 8:13 For if you live according to [the dictates of] the flesh, you will surely die. But if through the power of the [Holy] Spirit you are [habitually] putting to death (making extinct, deadening) the [evil] deeds prompted by the body, you shall [really and genuinely] live forever.
Rom 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
Rom 8:15 For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father!

Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God.
Rom 8:17 And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him]; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.
Rom 8:18 [But what of that?] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time (this present life) are not worth being compared with the glory that is about to be revealed to us {and} in us {and} for us {and} conferred on us!
Rom 8:19 For [even the whole] creation (all nature) waits expectantly {and} longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known [waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship].
Rom 8:20 For the creation (nature) was subjected to frailty (to futility, condemned to frustration), not because of some intentional fault on its part, but by the will of Him Who so subjected it--[yet] with the hope
Rom 8:21 That nature (creation) itself will be set free from its bondage to decay {and} corruption [and gain an entrance] into the glorious freedom of God's children.
Rom 8:22 We know that the whole creation [of irrational creatures] has been moaning together in the pains of labor until now.
Rom 8:23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves too, who have {and} enjoy the firstfruits of the [Holy] Spirit [a foretaste of the blissful things to come] groan inwardly as we wait for the redemption of our bodies [from sensuality and the grave, which will reveal] our adoption (our manifestation as God's sons).
Rom 8:24 For in [this] hope we were saved. But hope [the object of] which is seen is not hope. For how can one hope for what he already sees?
Rom 8:25 But if we hope for what is still unseen by us, we wait for it with patience {and} composure.
Rom 8:26 So too the [Holy] Spirit comes to our aid {and} bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer {nor} how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication {and} pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings {and} groanings too deep for utterance.
Rom 8:27 And He Who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the [Holy] Spirit [what His intent is], because the Spirit intercedes {and} pleads [before God] in behalf of the saints according to {and} in harmony with God's will.
Rom 8:28 We are assured {and} know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together {and} are [fitting into a plan] for good to {and} for those who love God and are called according to [His] design {and} purpose.
Rom 8:29 For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand], He also destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] to be molded into the image of His Son [and share inwardly His likeness], that He might become the firstborn among many brethren.
Rom 8:30 And those whom He thus foreordained, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified (acquitted, made righteous, putting them into right standing with Himself). And those whom He justified, He also glorified [raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition or state of being].
Rom 8:31 What then shall we say to [all] this? If God is for us, who [can be] against us? [Who can be our foe, if God is on our side?]
Rom 8:32 He who did not withhold {or} spare [even] His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely {and} graciously give us all [other] things?
Rom 8:33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect [when it is] God Who justifies [that is, Who puts us in right relation to Himself? Who shall come forward and accuse or impeach those whom God has chosen? Will God, Who acquits us?]
Rom 8:34 Who is there to condemn [us]? Will Christ Jesus (the Messiah), Who died, or rather Who was raised from the dead, Who is at the right hand of God actually pleading {as} He intercedes for us?
Rom 8:35 Who shall ever separate us from Christ's love? Shall suffering {and} affliction {and} tribulation? Or calamity {and} distress? Or persecution or hunger or destitution or peril or sword?
Rom 8:36 Even as it is written, For Thy sake we are put to death all the day long; we are regarded {and} counted as sheep for the slaughter.
Rom 8:37 Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors {and} gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us.
Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things impending {and} threatening nor things to come, nor powers,
Rom 8:39 Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Rom 9:1 I AM speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying; my conscience [enlightened and prompted] by the Holy Spirit bearing witness with me

Rom 9:2 That I have bitter grief and incessant anguish in my heart.
Rom 9:3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed {and} cut off {and} banished from Christ for the sake of my brethren {and} instead of them, my natural kinsmen {and} my fellow countrymen.
Rom 9:4 For they are Israelites, and to them belong God's adoption [as a nation] and the glorious Presence (Shekinah). With them were the special covenants made, to them was the Law given. To them [the temple] worship was revealed and [God's own] promises announced.
Rom 9:5 To them belong the patriarchs, and as far as His natural descent was concerned, from them is the Christ, Who is exalted {and} supreme over all, God, blessed forever! Amen (so let it be).
Rom 9:6 However, it is not as though God's Word had failed [coming to nothing]. For it is not everybody who is a descendant of Jacob (Israel) who belongs to [the true] Israel.
Rom 9:7 And they are not all the children of Abraham because they are by blood his descendants. No, [the promise was] Your descendants will be called {and} counted through the line of Isaac [though Abraham had an older son].
Rom 9:8 That is to say, it is not the children of the body [of Abraham] who are made God's children, but it is the offspring to whom the promise applies that shall be counted [as Abraham's true] descendants.
Rom 9:9 For this is what the promise said, About this time [next year] will I return and Sarah shall have a son.
Rom 9:10 And not only that, but this too: Rebecca conceived [two sons under exactly the same circumstances] by our forefather Isaac,
Rom 9:11 And the children were yet unborn and had so far done nothing either good or evil. Even so, in order further to carry out God's purpose of selection (election, choice), which depends not on works {or} what men can do, but on Him Who calls [them],
Rom 9:12 It was said to her that the elder [son] should serve the younger [son].
Rom 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated (held in relative disregard in comparison with My feeling for Jacob).
Rom 9:14 What shall we conclude then? Is there injustice upon God's part? Certainly not!
Rom 9:15 For He says to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy and I will have compassion (pity) on whom I will have compassion.
Rom 9:16 So then [God's gift] is not a question of human will and human effort, but of God's mercy. [It depends not on one's own willingness nor on his strenuous exertion as in running a race, but on God's having mercy on him.]
Rom 9:17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, I have raised you up for this very purpose of displaying My power in [dealing with] you, so that My name may be proclaimed the whole world over.
Rom 9:18 So then He has mercy on whomever He wills (chooses) and He hardens (makes stubborn and unyielding the heart of) whomever He wills.
Rom 9:19 You will say to me, Why then does He still find fault {and} blame us [for sinning]? For who can resist {and} withstand His will?
Rom 9:20 But who are you, a mere man, to criticize {and} contradict {and} answer back to God? Will what is formed say to him that formed it, Why have you made me thus?
Rom 9:21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same mass (lump) one vessel for beauty {and} distinction {and} honorable use, and another for menial {or} ignoble {and} dishonorable use?
Rom 9:22 What if God, although fully intending to show [the awfulness of] His wrath and to make known His power {and} authority, has tolerated with much patience the vessels (objects) of [His] anger which are ripe for destruction?
Rom 9:23 And [what if] He thus purposes to make known {and} show the wealth of His glory in [dealing with] the vessels (objects) of His mercy which He has prepared beforehand for glory,
Rom 9:24 Even including ourselves whom He has called, not only from among the Jews but also from among the Gentiles (heathen)?
Rom 9:25 Just as He says in Hosea, Those who were not My people I will call My people, and her who was not beloved [I will call] My beloved.
Rom 9:26 And it shall be that in the very place where it was said to them, You are not My people, they shall be called sons of the living God.
Rom 9:27 And Isaiah calls out (solemnly cries aloud) over Israel: Though the number of the sons of Israel be like the sand of the sea, only the remnant (a small part of them) will be saved [from perdition, condemnation, judgment]!
Rom 9:28 For the Lord will execute His sentence upon the earth [He will conclude and close His account with men completely and without delay], rigorously cutting it short in His justice.
Rom 9:29 It is as Isaiah predicted, If the Lord of hosts had not left us a seed [from which to propagate descendants], we [Israel] would have fared like Sodom and have been made like Gomorrah.

Rom 9:30 What shall we say then? That Gentiles who did not follow after righteousness [who did not seek salvation by right relationship to God] have attained it by faith [a righteousness imputed by God, based on and produced by faith],
Rom 9:31 Whereas Israel, though ever in pursuit of a law [for the securing] of righteousness (right standing with God), actually did not succeed in fulfilling the Law.
Rom 9:32 For what reason? Because [they pursued it] not through faith, relying [instead] on the merit of their works [they did not depend on faith but on what they could do]. They have stumbled over the Stumbling Stone.
Rom 9:33 As it is written, Behold I am laying in Zion a Stone that will make men stumble, a Rock that will make them fall; but he who believes in Him [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] shall not be put to shame {nor} be disappointed in his expectations.
Rom 10:1 BRETHREN, [with all] my heart's desire {and} goodwill for [Israel], I long and pray to God that they may be saved.
Rom 10:2 I bear them witness that they have a [certain] zeal {and} enthusiasm for God, but it is not enlightened {and} according to [correct and vital] knowledge.
Rom 10:3 For being ignorant of the righteousness that God ascribes [which makes one acceptable to Him in word, thought, and deed] and seeking to establish a {righteousness} {(a means of salvation)} of their own, they did not obey {or} submit themselves to God's righteousness.
Rom 10:4 For Christ is the end of the Law [the limit at which it ceases to be, for the Law leads up to Him Who is the fulfillment of its types, and in Him the purpose which it was designed to accomplish is fulfilled. That is, the purpose of the Law is fulfilled in Him] as the means of righteousness (right relationship to God) for everyone who trusts in {and} adheres to {and} relies on Him.
Rom 10:5 For Moses writes that the man who [can] practice the righteousness (perfect conformity to God's will) which is based on the Law [with all its intricate demands] shall live by it.
Rom 10:6 But the righteousness based on faith [imputed by God and bringing right relationship with Him] says, Do not say in your heart, Who will ascend into Heaven? that is, to bring Christ down;
Rom 10:7 Or who will descend into the abyss? that is, to bring Christ up from the dead [as if we could be saved by our own efforts].
Rom 10:8 But what does it say? The Word (God's message in Christ) is near you, on your lips and in your heart; that is, the Word (the message, the basis and object) of faith which we preach,
Rom 10:9 Because if you acknowledge {and} confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and in your heart believe (adhere to, trust in, and rely on the truth) that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
Rom 10:10 For with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) {and} confirms [his] salvation.
Rom 10:11 The Scripture says, No man who believes in Him [who adheres to, relies on, and trusts in Him] will [ever] be put to shame {or} be disappointed.
Rom 10:12 [No one] for there is no distinction between Jew and Greek. The same Lord is Lord over all [of us] and He generously bestows His riches upon all who call upon Him [in faith].
Rom 10:13 For everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord [invoking Him as Lord] will be saved.
Rom 10:14 But how are people to call upon Him Whom they have not believed [in Whom they have no faith, on Whom they have no reliance]? And how are they to believe in Him [adhere to, trust in, and rely upon Him] of Whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher?
Rom 10:15 And how can men [be expected to] preach unless they are sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings! [How welcome is the coming of those who preach the good news of His good things!]
Rom 10:16 But they have not all heeded the Gospel; for Isaiah says, Lord, who has believed (had faith in) what he has heard from us?
Rom 10:17 So faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself).
Rom 10:18 But I ask, Have they not heard? Indeed they have; [for the Scripture says] Their voice [that of nature bearing God's message] has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the far bounds of the world.
Rom 10:19 Again I ask, Did Israel not understand? [Did the Jews have no warning that the Gospel was to go forth to the Gentiles, to all the earth?] First, there is Moses who says, I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry.
Rom 10:20 Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, I have been found by those who did not seek Me; I have shown (revealed)

Myself to those who did not [consciously] ask for Me.
Rom 10:21 But of Israel he says, All day long I have stretched out My hands to a people unyielding {and} disobedient and self-willed [to a faultfinding, contrary, and contradicting people].
Rom 11:1 I ASK then: Has God totally rejected {and} disowned His people? Of course not! Why, I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin! [I Sam. 12:22; Jer. 31:37; 33:24-26; Phil. 3:5.]
Rom 11:2 No, God has not rejected {and} disowned His people [whose destiny] He had marked out {and} appointed {and} foreknown from the beginning. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?
Rom 11:3 Lord, they have killed Your prophets; they have demolished Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life.
Rom 11:4 But what is God's reply to him? I have kept for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal! [I Kings 19:18.]
Rom 11:5 So too at the present time there is a remnant (a small believing minority), selected (chosen) by grace (by God's unmerited favor and graciousness).
Rom 11:6 But if it is by grace (His unmerited favor and graciousness), it is no longer conditioned on works or anything men have done. Otherwise, grace would no longer be grace [it would be meaningless].
Rom 11:7 What then [shall we conclude]? Israel failed to obtain what it sought [God's favor by obedience to the Law]. Only the elect (those chosen few) obtained it, while the rest of them became callously indifferent (blinded, hardened, and made insensible to it).
Rom 11:8 As it is written, God gave them a spirit (an attitude) of stupor, eyes that should not see and ears that should not hear, [that has continued] down to this very day.
Rom 11:9 And David says, Let their table (their feasting, banqueting) become a snare and a trap, a pitfall and a just retribution [rebounding like a boomerang upon them];
Rom 11:10 Let their eyes be darkened (dimmed) so that they cannot see, and make them bend their back [stooping beneath their burden] forever.
Rom 11:11 So I ask, Have they stumbled so as to fall [to their utter spiritual ruin, irretrievably]? By no means! But through their false step {and} transgression salvation [has come] to the Gentiles, so as to arouse Israel [to see and feel what they forfeited] and so to make them jealous.
Rom 11:12 Now if their stumbling (their lapse, their transgression) has so enriched the world [at large], and if [Israel's] failure means such riches for the Gentiles, think what an enrichment {and} greater advantage will follow their full reinstatement!
Rom 11:13 But now I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I lay great stress on my ministry {and} magnify my office,
Rom 11:14 In the hope of making my fellow Jews jealous [in order to stir them up to imitate, copy, and appropriate], and thus managing to save some of them.
Rom 11:15 For if their rejection {and} exclusion from the benefits of salvation were [overruled] for the reconciliation of a world to God, what will their acceptance {and} admission mean? [It will be nothing short of] life from the dead!
Rom 11:16 Now if the first handful of dough offered as the firstfruits [Abraham and the patriarchs] is consecrated (holy), so is the whole mass [the nation of Israel]; and if the root [Abraham] is consecrated (holy), so are the branches.
Rom 11:17 But if some of the branches were broken off, while you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among them to share the richness [of the root and sap] of the olive tree,
Rom 11:18 Do not boast over the branches {and} pride yourself at their expense. If you do boast {and} feel superior, remember it is not you that support the root, but the root [that supports] you.
Rom 11:19 You will say then, Branches were broken (pruned) off so that I might be grafted in!
Rom 11:20 That is true. But they were broken (pruned) off because of their unbelief (their lack of real faith), and you are established through faith [because you do believe]. So do not become proud {and} conceited, but rather stand in awe {and} be reverently afraid.
Rom 11:21 For if God did not spare the natural branches [because of unbelief], neither will He spare you [if you are guilty of the same offense].
Rom 11:22 Then note {and} appreciate the gracious kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's gracious kindness to you--provided you continue in His grace {and} abide in His kindness; otherwise you too will be cut off (pruned away).
Rom 11:23 And even those others [the fallen branches, Jews], if they do not persist in [clinging to] their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again.

Rom 11:24 For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and against nature grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much easier will it be to graft these natural [branches] back on [the original parent stock of] their own olive tree.
Rom 11:25 Lest you be self-opinionated (wise in your own conceits), I do not want you to miss this hidden truth {and} mystery, brethren: a hardening (insensibility) has [temporarily] befallen a part of Israel [to last] until the full number of the ingathering of the Gentiles has come in,
Rom 11:26 And so all Israel will be saved. As it is written, The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will banish ungodliness from Jacob.
Rom 11:27 And this will be My covenant (My agreement) with them when I shall take away their sins.
Rom 11:28 From the point of view of the Gospel (good news), they [the Jews, at present] are enemies [of God], which is for your advantage {and} benefit. But from the point of view of God's choice (of election, of divine selection), they are still the beloved (dear to Him) for the sake of their forefathers.
Rom 11:29 For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call.]
Rom 11:30 Just as you were once disobedient {and} rebellious toward God but now have obtained [His] mercy, through their disobedience,
Rom 11:31 So they also now are being disobedient [when you are receiving mercy], that they in turn may one day, through the mercy you are enjoying, also receive mercy [that they may share the mercy which has been shown to you--through you as messengers of the Gospel to them].
Rom 11:32 For God has consigned (penned up) all men to disobedience, only that He may have mercy on them all [alike].
Rom 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unfathomable (inscrutable, unsearchable) are His judgments (His decisions)! And how untraceable (mysterious, undiscoverable) are His ways (His methods, His paths)!
Rom 11:34 For who has known the mind of the Lord {and} who has understood His thoughts, or who has [ever] been His counselor?
Rom 11:35 Or who has first given God anything that he might be paid back {or} that he could claim a recompense?
Rom 11:36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. [For all things originate with Him and come from Him; all things live through Him, and all things center in and tend to consummate and to end in Him.] To Him be glory forever! Amen (so be it).
Rom 12:1 I APPEAL to you therefore, brethren, {and} beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service {and} spiritual worship.
Rom 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, {even} the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].
Rom 12:3 For by the grace (unmerited favor of God) given to me I warn everyone among you not to estimate {and} think of himself more highly than he ought [not to have an exaggerated opinion of his own importance], but to rate his ability with sober judgment, each according to the degree of faith apportioned by God to him.
Rom 12:4 For as in one physical body we have many parts (organs, members) and all of these parts do not have the same function {or} use,
Rom 12:5 So we, numerous as we are, are one body in Christ (the Messiah) and individually we are parts one of another [mutually dependent on one another].
Rom 12:6 Having gifts (faculties, talents, qualities) that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them: [He whose gift is] prophecy, [let him prophesy] according to the proportion of his faith;
Rom 12:7 [He whose gift is] practical service, let him give himself to serving; he who teaches, to his teaching;
Rom 12:8 He who exhorts (encourages), to his exhortation; he who contributes, let him do it in simplicity {and} liberality; he who gives aid {and} superintends, with zeal {and} singleness of mind; he who does acts of mercy, with genuine cheerfulness {and} joyful eagerness.
Rom 12:9 [Let your] love be sincere (a real thing); hate what is evil [loathe all ungodliness, turn in horror from wickedness], but hold fast to that which is good.
Rom 12:10 Love one another with brotherly affection [as members of one family], giving precedence {and} showing honor to one another.

Rom 12:11 Never lag in zeal {and} in earnest endeavor; be aglow {and} burning with the Spirit, serving the Lord.
Rom 12:12 Rejoice {and} exult in hope; be steadfast and patient in suffering {and} tribulation; be constant in prayer.
Rom 12:13 Contribute to the needs of God's people [sharing in the necessities of the saints]; pursue the practice of hospitality.
Rom 12:14 Bless those who persecute you [who are cruel in their attitude toward you]; bless and do not curse them.
Rom 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice [sharing others' joy], and weep with those who weep [sharing others' grief].
Rom 12:16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty (snobbish, high-minded, exclusive), but readily adjust yourself to [people, things] {and} give yourselves to humble tasks. Never overestimate yourself {or} be wise in your own conceits.
Rom 12:17 Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is honest {and} proper {and} noble [aiming to be above reproach] in the sight of everyone.
Rom 12:18 If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.
Rom 12:19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave the way open for [God's] wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is Mine, I will repay (requite), says the Lord.
Rom 12:20 But if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head.
Rom 12:21 Do not let yourself be overcome by evil, but overcome (master) evil with good.
Rom 13:1 LET EVERY person be loyally subject to the governing (civil) authorities. For there is no authority except from God [by His permission, His sanction], and those that exist do so by God's appointment.
Rom 13:2 Therefore he who resists {and} sets himself up against the authorities resists what God has appointed {and} arranged [in divine order]. And those who resist will bring down judgment upon themselves [receiving the penalty due them].
Rom 13:3 For civil authorities are not a terror to [people of] good conduct, but to [those of] bad behavior. Would you have no dread of him who is in authority? Then do what is right and you will receive his approval {and} commendation.
Rom 13:4 For he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, [you should dread him and] be afraid, for he does not bear {and} wear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant to execute His wrath (punishment, vengeance) on the wrongdoer.
Rom 13:5 Therefore one must be subject, not only to avoid God's wrath {and} escape punishment, but also as a matter of principle {and} for the sake of conscience.
Rom 13:6 For this same reason you pay taxes, for [the civil authorities] are official servants under God, devoting themselves to attending to this very service.
Rom 13:7 Render to all men their dues. [Pay] taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, and honor to whom honor is due.
Rom 13:8 Keep out of debt {and} owe no man anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor [who practices loving others] has fulfilled the Law [relating to one's fellowmen, meeting all its requirements].
Rom 13:9 The commandments, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet (have an evil desire), and any other commandment, are summed up in the single command, You shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself.
Rom 13:10 Love does no wrong to one's neighbor [it never hurts anybody]. Therefore love meets all the requirements {and} is the fulfilling of the Law.
Rom 13:11 Besides this you know what [a critical] hour this is, how it is high time now for you to wake up out of your sleep (rouse to reality). For salvation (final deliverance) is nearer to us now than when we first believed (adhered to, trusted in, and relied on Christ, the Messiah).
Rom 13:12 The night is far gone and the day is almost here. Let us then drop (fling away) the works {and} deeds of darkness and put on the [full] armor of light.
Rom 13:13 Let us live {and} conduct ourselves honorably {and} becomingly as in the [open light of] day, not in reveling (carousing) and drunkenness, not in immorality and debauchery (sensuality and licentiousness), not in quarreling and jealousy.
Rom 13:14 But clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah), and make no provision for [indulging] the flesh [put a stop to thinking about the evil cravings of your physical nature] to [gratify its] desires (lusts).
Rom 14:1 AS FOR the man who is a weak believer, welcome him [into your fellowship], but not to criticize his opinions {or} pass judgment on his scruples {or} perplex him with discussions.
Rom 14:2 One [man's faith permits him to] believe he may eat anything, while a weaker one [limits his] eating to

vegetables.
Rom 14:3 Let not him who eats look down on {or} despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains criticize {and} pass judgment on him who eats; for God has accepted {and} welcomed him.
Rom 14:4 Who are you to pass judgment on {and} censure another's household servant? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he shall stand {and} be upheld, for the Master (the Lord) is mighty to support him {and} make him stand.
Rom 14:5 One man esteems one day as better than another, while another man esteems all days alike [sacred]. Let everyone be fully convinced (satisfied) in his own mind.
Rom 14:6 He who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. He also who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God; while he who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God.
Rom 14:7 None of us lives to himself [but to the Lord], and none of us dies to himself [but to the Lord, for]
Rom 14:8 If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or we die, we belong to the Lord.
Rom 14:9 For Christ died and lived again for this very purpose, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.
Rom 14:10 Why do you criticize {and} pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you look down upon {or} despise your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God.
Rom 14:11 For it is written, As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God [acknowledge Him to His honor and to His praise].
Rom 14:12 And so each of us shall give an account of himself [give an answer in reference to judgment] to God.
Rom 14:13 Then let us no more criticize {and} blame {and} pass judgment on one another, but rather decide {and} endeavor never to put a stumbling block {or} an obstacle or a hindrance in the way of a brother.
Rom 14:14 I know and am convinced (persuaded) as one in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is [forbidden as] essentially unclean (defiled and unholy in itself). But [none the less] it is unclean (defiled and unholy) to anyone who thinks it is unclean.
Rom 14:15 But if your brother is being pained {or} his feelings hurt {or} if he is being injured by what you eat, [then] you are no longer walking in love. [You have ceased to be living and conducting yourself by the standard of love toward him.] Do not let what you eat hurt {or} cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died!
Rom 14:16 Do not therefore let what seems good to you be considered an evil thing [by someone else]. [In other words, do not give occasion for others to criticize that which is justifiable for you.]
Rom 14:17 [After all] the kingdom of God is not a matter of [getting the] food and drink [one likes], but instead it is righteousness (that state which makes a person acceptable to God) and [heart] peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Rom 14:18 He who serves Christ in this way is acceptable {and} pleasing to God and is approved by men.
Rom 14:19 So let us then definitely aim for {and} eagerly pursue what makes for harmony and for mutual upbuilding (edification and development) of one another.
Rom 14:20 You must not, for the sake of food, undo {and} break down and destroy the work of God! Everything is indeed [ceremonially] clean {and} pure, but it is wrong for anyone to hurt the conscience of others {or} to make them fall by what he eats.
Rom 14:21 The right thing is to eat no meat or drink no wine [at all], or [do anything else] if it makes your brother stumble {or} hurts his conscience {or} offends or weakens him.
Rom 14:22 Your personal convictions [on such matters]--exercise [them] as in God's presence, keeping them to yourself [striving only to know the truth and obey His will]. Blessed (happy, to be envied) is he who has no reason to judge himself for what he approves [who does not convict himself by what he chooses to do].
Rom 14:23 But the man who has doubts (misgivings, an uneasy conscience) about eating, and then eats [perhaps because of you], stands condemned [before God], because he is not true to his convictions {and} he does not act from faith. For whatever does not originate {and} proceed from faith is sin [whatever is done without a conviction of its approval by God is sinful].
Rom 15:1 WE WHO are strong [in our convictions and of robust faith] ought to bear with the failings {and} the frailties {and} the tender scruples of the weak; [we ought to help carry the doubts and qualms of others] and not to please ourselves.
Rom 15:2 Let each one of us make it a practice to please (make happy) his neighbor for his good {and} for his true welfare, to edify him [to strengthen him and build him up spiritually].
Rom 15:3 For Christ did not please Himself [gave no thought to His own interests]; but, as it is written, The reproaches {and} abuses of those who reproached {and} abused you fell on Me.

Rom 15:4 For whatever was thus written in former days was written for our instruction, that by [our steadfast and patient] endurance and the encouragement [drawn] from the Scriptures we might hold fast to {and} cherish hope.
Rom 15:5 Now may the God Who gives the power of patient endurance (steadfastness) and Who supplies encouragement, grant you to live in such mutual harmony {and} such full sympathy with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,
Rom 15:6 That together you may [unanimously] with united hearts {and} one voice, praise and glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).
Rom 15:7 Welcome {and} receive [to your hearts] one another, then, even as Christ has welcomed {and} received you, for the glory of God.
Rom 15:8 For I tell you that Christ (the Messiah) became a servant {and} a minister to the circumcised (the Jews) in order to show God's truthfulness {and} honesty by confirming (verifying) the promises [given] to our fathers,
Rom 15:9 And [also in order] that the Gentiles (nations) might glorify God for His mercy [not covenanted] to them. As it is written, Therefore I will praise You among the Gentiles and sing praises to Your name.
Rom 15:10 Again it is said, Rejoice (exult), O Gentiles, along with His [own] people;
Rom 15:11 And again, Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise Him!
Rom 15:12 And further Isaiah says, There shall be a Sprout from the Root of Jesse, He Who rises to rule over the Gentiles; in Him shall the Gentiles hope.
Rom 15:13 May the God of your hope so fill you with all joy and peace in believing [through the experience of your faith] that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound {and} be overflowing (bubbling over) with hope.
Rom 15:14 Personally I am satisfied about you, my brethren, that you yourselves are rich in goodness, amply filled with all [spiritual] knowledge and competent to admonish {and} counsel {and} instruct one another also.
Rom 15:15 Still on some points I have written to you the more boldly {and} unreservedly by way of reminder. [I have done so] because of the grace (the unmerited favor) bestowed on me by God
Rom 15:16 In making me a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles. I act in the priestly service of the Gospel (the good news) of God, in order that the sacrificial offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable [to God], consecrated {and} made holy by the Holy Spirit.
Rom 15:17 In Christ Jesus, then, I have legitimate reason to glory (exult) in my work for God [in what through Christ Jesus I have accomplished concerning the things of God].
Rom 15:18 For [of course] I will not venture (presume) to speak thus of any work except what Christ has actually done through me [as an instrument in His hands] to win obedience from the Gentiles, by word and deed,
Rom 15:19 [Even as my preaching has been accompanied] with the power of signs and wonders, [and all of it] by the power of the Holy Spirit. [The result is] that starting from Jerusalem and as far round as Illyricum, I have fully preached the Gospel [faithfully executing, accomplishing, carrying out to the full the good news] of Christ (the Messiah) in its entirety.
Rom 15:20 Thus my ambition has been to preach the Gospel, not where Christ's name has already been known, lest I build on another man's foundation;
Rom 15:21 But [instead I would act on the principle] as it is written, They shall see who have never been told of Him, and they shall understand who have never heard [of Him].
Rom 15:22 This [ambition] is the reason why I have so frequently been hindered from coming to visit you.
Rom 15:23 But now since I have no further opportunity for work in these regions, and since I have longed for enough years to come to you,
Rom 15:24 I hope to see you in passing [through Rome] as I go [on my intended trip] to Spain, and to be aided on my journey there by you, after I have enjoyed your company for a little while.
Rom 15:25 For the present, however, I am going to Jerusalem to bring aid (relief) for the saints (God's people there).
Rom 15:26 For it has been the good pleasure of Macedonia and Achaia to make some contribution for the poor among the saints of Jerusalem.
Rom 15:27 They were pleased to do it; and surely they are in debt to them, for if these Gentiles have come to share in their [the Jerusalem Jews'] spiritual blessings, then they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings.
Rom 15:28 When therefore I have completed this mission and have delivered to them [at Jerusalem] what has been raised, I shall go on by way of you to Spain.
Rom 15:29 And I know that when I do come to you, I shall come in the abundant blessing {of the Gospel} of Christ.
Rom 15:30 I appeal to you [I entreat you], brethren, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love [given by] the Spirit, to unite with me in earnest wrestling in prayer to God in my behalf.
Rom 15:31 [Pray] that I may be delivered (rescued) from the unbelievers in Judea and that my mission of relief to

Jerusalem may be acceptable {and} graciously received by the saints (God's people there),
Rom 15:32 So that by God's will I may subsequently come to you with joy (with a happy heart) and be refreshed [by the interval of rest] in your company.
Rom 15:33 May [our] peace-giving God be with you all! Amen (so be it).
Rom 16:1 NOW I introduce {and} commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deaconess of the church at Cenchreae,
Rom 16:2 That you may receive her in the Lord [with a Christian welcome], as saints (God's people) ought to receive one another. And help her in whatever matter she may require assistance from you, for she has been a helper of many including myself [shielding us from suffering].
Rom 16:3 Give my greetings to Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,
Rom 16:4 Who risked their lives [endangering their very necks] for my life. To them not only I but also all the churches among the Gentiles give thanks.
Rom 16:5 [Remember me] also to the church [that meets] in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was a firstfruit (first convert) to Christ in Asia.
Rom 16:6 Greet Mary, who has worked so hard among you.
Rom 16:7 Remember me to Andronicus and Junias, my tribal kinsmen and once my fellow prisoners. They are men held in high esteem among the apostles, who also were in Christ before I was.
Rom 16:8 Remember me to Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord.
Rom 16:9 Salute Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my dear Stachys.
Rom 16:10 Greet Apelles, that one tried {and} approved in Christ (the Messiah). Remember me to those who belong to the household of Aristobulus.
Rom 16:11 Greet my tribal kinsman Herodion, and those in the Lord who belong to the household of Narcissus.
Rom 16:12 Salute those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet my dear Persis, who has worked so hard in the Lord.
Rom 16:13 Remember me to Rufus, eminent in the Lord, also to his mother [who has been] a mother to me as well.
Rom 16:14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brethren who are with them.
Rom 16:15 Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.
Rom 16:16 Greet one another with a holy (consecrated) kiss. All the churches of Christ (the Messiah) wish to be remembered to you.
Rom 16:17 I appeal to you, brethren, to be on your guard concerning those who create dissensions and difficulties {and} cause divisions, in opposition to the doctrine (the teaching) which you have been taught. [I warn you to turn aside from them, to] avoid them.
Rom 16:18 For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ but their own appetites {and} base desires, and by ingratiating and flattering speech, they beguile the hearts of the unsuspecting {and} simpleminded [people].
Rom 16:19 For while your loyalty {and} obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, I would have you well versed {and} wise as to what is good and innocent {and} guileless as to what is evil.
Rom 16:20 And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) be with you.
Rom 16:21 Timothy, my fellow worker, wishes to be remembered to you, as do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my tribal kinsmen.
Rom 16:22 I, Tertius, the writer of this letter, greet you in the Lord.
Rom 16:23 Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church here, greets you. So do Erastus, the city treasurer, and our brother Quartus.
Rom 16:24 {The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) be with you all. Amen (so be it).}
Rom 16:25 Now to Him Who is able to strengthen you in the faith which is in accordance with my Gospel and the preaching of (concerning) Jesus Christ (the Messiah), according to the revelation (the unveiling) of the mystery of the plan of redemption which was kept in silence {and} secret for long ages,
Rom 16:26 But is now disclosed and through the prophetic Scriptures is made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, [to win them] to obedience to the faith,
Rom 16:27 To [the] only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ (the Anointed One)! Amen (so be it).
1 Cor 1:1 PAUL, SUMMONED by the will {and} purpose of God to be an apostle (special messenger) of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,
1 Cor 1:2 To the church (assembly) of God which is in Corinth, to those consecrated {and} purified {and} made holy in Christ Jesus, [who are] selected {and} called to be saints (God's people), together with all those who in any place call upon {and} give honor to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

1 Cor 1:3 Grace (favor and spiritual blessing) be to you and [heart] peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Cor 1:4 I thank my God at all times for you because of the grace (the favor and spiritual blessing) of God which was bestowed on you in Christ Jesus,
1 Cor 1:5 [So] that in Him in every respect you were enriched, in full power {and} readiness of speech [to speak of your faith] and complete knowledge {and} illumination [to give you full insight into its meaning].
1 Cor 1:6 In this way [our] witnessing concerning Christ (the Messiah) was so confirmed {and} established {and} made sure in you
1 Cor 1:7 That you are not [consciously] falling behind {or} lacking in any special spiritual endowment {or} Christian grace [the reception of which is due to the power of divine grace operating in your souls by the Holy Spirit], while you wait {and} watch [constantly living in hope] for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ {and} [His] being made visible to all.
1 Cor 1:8 And He will establish you to the end [keep you steadfast, give you strength, and guarantee your vindication; He will be your warrant against all accusation or indictment so that you will be] guiltless {and} irreproachable in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).
1 Cor 1:9 God is faithful (reliable, trustworthy, and therefore ever true to His promise, and He can be depended on); by Him you were called into companionship {and} participation with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
1 Cor 1:10 But I urge {and} entreat you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in perfect harmony {and} full agreement in what you say, and that there be no dissensions {or} factions {or} divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in your common understanding and in your opinions {and} judgments.
1 Cor 1:11 For it has been made clear to me, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions {and} wrangling {and} factions among you.
1 Cor 1:12 What I mean is this, that each one of you [either] says, I belong to Paul, or I belong to Apollos, or I belong to Cephas (Peter), or I belong to Christ.
1 Cor 1:13 Is Christ (the Messiah) divided into parts? Was Paul crucified on behalf of you? Or were you baptized into the name of Paul?
1 Cor 1:14 I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius,
1 Cor 1:15 Lest anyone should say that I baptized in my own name.
1 Cor 1:16 [Yes] I did baptize the household of Stephanas also. More than these, I do not remember that I baptized anyone.
1 Cor 1:17 For Christ (the Messiah) sent me out not to baptize but [to evangelize by] preaching the glad tidings (the Gospel), and that not with verbal eloquence, lest the cross of Christ should be deprived of force {and} emptied of its power {and} rendered vain (fruitless, void of value, and of no effect).
1 Cor 1:18 For the story {and} message of the cross is sheer absurdity {and} folly to those who are perishing {and} on their way to perdition, but to us who are being saved it is the [manifestation of] the power of God.
1 Cor 1:19 For it is written, I will baffle {and} render useless {and} destroy the learning of the learned {and} the philosophy of the philosophers and the cleverness of the clever {and} the discernment of the discerning; I will frustrate {and} nullify [them] {and} bring [them] to nothing.
1 Cor 1:20 Where is the wise man (the philosopher)? Where is the scribe (the scholar)? Where is the investigator (the logician, the debater) of this present time {and} age? Has not God shown up the nonsense {and} the folly of this world's wisdom?
1 Cor 1:21 For when the world with all its earthly wisdom failed to perceive {and} recognize {and} know God by means of its own philosophy, God in His wisdom was pleased through the foolishness of preaching [salvation, procured by Christ and to be had through Him], to save those who believed (who clung to and trusted in and relied on Him).
1 Cor 1:22 For while Jews [demandingly] ask for signs {and} miracles and Greeks pursue philosophy {and} wisdom,
1 Cor 1:23 We preach Christ (the Messiah) crucified, [preaching which] to the Jews is a scandal {and} an offensive stumbling block [that springs a snare or trap], and to the Gentiles it is absurd {and} utterly unphilosophical nonsense.
1 Cor 1:24 But to those who are called, whether Jew or Greek (Gentile), Christ [is] the Power of God and the Wisdom of God.
1 Cor 1:25 [This is] because the foolish thing [that has its source in] God is wiser than men, and the weak thing [that springs] from God is stronger than men.
1 Cor 1:26 For [simply] consider your own call, brethren; not many [of you were considered to be] wise according to human estimates {and} standards, not many influential {and} powerful, not many of high {and} noble birth.

1 Cor 1:27 [No] for God selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is foolish to put the wise to shame, and what the world calls weak to put the strong to shame.
1 Cor 1:28 And God also selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is lowborn {and} insignificant and branded {and} treated with contempt, even the things that are nothing, that He might depose {and} bring to nothing the things that are,
1 Cor 1:29 So that no mortal man should [have pretense for glorying and] boast in the presence of God.
1 Cor 1:30 But it is from Him that you have your life in Christ Jesus, Whom God made our Wisdom from God, [revealed to us a knowledge of the divine plan of salvation previously hidden, manifesting itself as] our Righteousness [thus making us upright and putting us in right standing with God], and our Consecration [making us pure and holy], and our Redemption [providing our ransom from eternal penalty for sin].
1 Cor 1:31 So then, as it is written, Let him who boasts {and} proudly rejoices {and} glories, boast {and} proudly rejoice {and} glory in the Lord.
1 Cor 2:1 AS FOR myself, brethren, when I came to you, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony {and} evidence {or mystery and secret} of God [concerning what He has done through Christ for the salvation of men] in lofty words of eloquence or human philosophy {and} wisdom;
1 Cor 2:2 For I resolved to know nothing (to be acquainted with nothing, to make a display of the knowledge of nothing, and to be conscious of nothing) among you except Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and Him crucified.
1 Cor 2:3 And I was in (passed into a state of) weakness and fear (dread) and great trembling [after I had come] among you.
1 Cor 2:4 And my language and my message were not set forth in persuasive (enticing and plausible) words of wisdom, but they were in demonstration of the [Holy] Spirit and power [a proof by the Spirit and power of God, operating on me and stirring in the minds of my hearers the most holy emotions and thus persuading them],
1 Cor 2:5 So that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men (human philosophy), but in the power of God.
1 Cor 2:6 Yet when we are among the full-grown (spiritually mature Christians who are ripe in understanding), we do impart a [higher] wisdom (the knowledge of the divine plan previously hidden); but it is indeed not a wisdom of this present age {or} of this world nor of the leaders {and} rulers of this age, who are being brought to nothing {and} are doomed to pass away.
1 Cor 2:7 But rather what we are setting forth is a wisdom of God once hidden [from the human understanding] and now revealed to us by God--[that wisdom] which God devised {and} decreed before the ages for our glorification [to lift us into the glory of His presence].
1 Cor 2:8 None of the rulers of this age {or} world perceived {and} recognized {and} understood this, for if they had, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory.
1 Cor 2:9 But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says, What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him [who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed].
1 Cor 2:10 Yet to us God has unveiled {and} revealed them by {and} through His Spirit, for the [Holy] Spirit searches diligently, exploring {and} examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God [the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man's scrutiny].
1 Cor 2:11 For what person perceives (knows and understands) what passes through a man's thoughts except the man's own spirit within him? Just so no one discerns (comes to know and comprehend) the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.
1 Cor 2:12 Now we have not received the spirit [that belongs to] the world, but the [Holy] Spirit Who is from God, [given to us] that we might realize {and} comprehend {and} appreciate the gifts [of divine favor and blessing so freely and lavishly] bestowed on us by God.
1 Cor 2:13 And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the [Holy] Spirit, combining {and} interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language [to those who possess the Holy Spirit].
1 Cor 2:14 But the natural, nonspiritual man does not accept {or} welcome {or} admit into his heart the gifts {and} teachings {and} revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly (meaningless nonsense) to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them] because they are spiritually discerned {and} estimated {and} appreciated.
1 Cor 2:15 But the spiritual man tries all things [he examines, investigates, inquires into, questions, and discerns all things], yet is himself to be put on trial and judged by no one [he can read the meaning of everything, but no one can properly discern {or} appraise {or} get an insight into him].
1 Cor 2:16 For who has known {or} understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide {and}

instruct Him {and} give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) {and} do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.
1 Cor 3:1 HOWEVER, BRETHREN, I could not talk to you as to spiritual [men], but as to nonspiritual [men of the flesh, in whom the carnal nature predominates], as to mere infants [in the new life] in Christ [unable to talk yet!]
1 Cor 3:2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not yet strong enough [to be ready for it]; but even yet you are not strong enough [to be ready for it],
1 Cor 3:3 For you are still [unspiritual, having the nature] of the flesh [under the control of ordinary impulses]. For as long as [there are] envying and jealousy {and} wrangling and factions among you, are you not unspiritual {and} of the flesh, behaving yourselves after a human standard {and} like mere (unchanged) men?
1 Cor 3:4 For when one says, I belong to Paul, and another, I belong to Apollos, are you not [proving yourselves] ordinary (unchanged) men?
1 Cor 3:5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Ministering servants [not heads of parties] through whom you believed, even as the Lord appointed to each his task:
1 Cor 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God [all the while] was making it grow {and} [He] gave the increase.
1 Cor 3:7 So neither he who plants is anything nor he who waters, but [only] God Who makes it grow {and} become greater.
1 Cor 3:8 He who plants and he who waters are equal (one in aim, of the same importance and esteem), yet each shall receive his own reward (wages), according to his own labor.
1 Cor 3:9 For we are fellow workmen (joint promoters, laborers together) with {and} for God; {you} are God's garden {and} vineyard {and} field under cultivation, [you are] God's building.
1 Cor 3:10 According to the grace (the special endowment for my task) of God bestowed on me, like a skillful architect {and} master builder I laid [the] foundation, and now another [man] is building upon it. But let each [man] be careful how he builds upon it,
1 Cor 3:11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is [already] laid, which is Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
1 Cor 3:12 But if anyone builds upon the Foundation, whether it be with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,
1 Cor 3:13 The work of each [one] will become [plainly, openly] known (shown for what it is); for the day [of Christ] will disclose {and} declare it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test {and} critically appraise the character {and} worth of the work each person has done.
1 Cor 3:14 If the work which any person has built on this Foundation [any product of his efforts whatever] survives [this test], he will get his reward.
1 Cor 3:15 But if any person's work is burned up [under the test], he will suffer the loss [of it all, losing his reward], though he himself will be saved, but only as [one who has passed] through fire.
1 Cor 3:16 Do you not discern {and} understand that you [the whole church at Corinth] are God's temple (His sanctuary), and that God's Spirit has His permanent dwelling in you [to be at home in you, collectively as a church and also individually]?
1 Cor 3:17 If anyone does hurt to God's temple {or} corrupts it [with false doctrines] {or} destroys it, God will do hurt to him {and} bring him to the corruption of death {and} destroy him. For the temple of God is holy (sacred to Him) and that [temple] you [the believing church and its individual believers] are.
1 Cor 3:18 Let no person deceive himself. If anyone among you supposes that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool [let him discard his worldly discernment and recognize himself as dull, stupid, and foolish, without true learning and scholarship], that he may become [really] wise.
1 Cor 3:19 For this world's wisdom is foolishness (absurdity and stupidity) with God, for it is written, He lays hold of the wise in their [own] craftiness;
1 Cor 3:20 And again, The Lord knows the thoughts {and} reasonings of the [humanly] wise {and} recognizes how futile they are.
1 Cor 3:21 So let no one exult proudly concerning men [boasting of having this or that man as a leader], for all things are yours,
1 Cor 3:22 Whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas (Peter), or the universe or life or death, or the immediate {and} threatening present or the [subsequent and uncertain] future--all are yours,
1 Cor 3:23 And you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.
1 Cor 4:1 SO THEN, let us [apostles] be looked upon as ministering servants of Christ and stewards (trustees) of the mysteries (the secret purposes) of God.

1 Cor 4:2 Moreover, it is [essentially] required of stewards that a man should be found faithful [proving himself worthy of trust].
1 Cor 4:3 But [as for me personally] it matters very little to me that I should be put on trial by you [on this point], {and} that you or any other human tribunal should investigate {and} question {and} cross-question me. I do not even put myself on trial {and} judge myself.
1 Cor 4:4 I am not conscious of anything against myself, {and} I feel blameless; but I am not vindicated {and} acquitted before God on that account. It is the Lord [Himself] Who examines {and} judges me.
1 Cor 4:5 So do not make any hasty {or} premature judgments before the time when the Lord comes [again], for He will both bring to light the secret things that are [now hidden] in darkness and disclose {and} expose the [secret] aims (motives and purposes) of hearts. Then every man will receive his [due] commendation from God.
1 Cor 4:6 Now I have applied all this [about parties and factions] to myself and Apollos for your sakes, brethren, so that from what I have said of us [as illustrations], you may learn [to think of men in accordance with Scripture and] not to go beyond that which is written, that none of you may be puffed up {and} inflated with pride {and} boast in favor of one [minister and teacher] against another.
1 Cor 4:7 For who separates you from the others [as a faction leader]? [Who makes you superior and sets you apart from another, giving you the preeminence?] What have you that was not given to you? If then you received it [from someone], why do you boast as if you had not received [but had gained it by your own efforts]?
1 Cor 4:8 [You behave as if] you are already filled {and} think you have enough [you are full and content, feeling no need of anything more]! Already you have become rich [in spiritual gifts and graces]! [Without any counsel or instruction from us, in your conceit], you have ascended your thrones {and} come into your kingdom without including us! And would that it were true {and} that you did reign, so that we might be sharing the kingdom with you!
1 Cor 4:9 For it seems to me that God has made an exhibit of us apostles, exposing us to view last [of all, like men in a triumphal procession who are] sentenced to death [and displayed at the end of the line]. For we have become a spectacle to the world [a show in the world's amphitheater] with both men and angels [as spectators].
1 Cor 4:10 We are [looked upon as] fools on account of Christ {and} for His sake, but you are [supposedly] so amazingly wise {and} prudent in Christ! We are weak, but you are [so very] strong! You are highly esteemed, but we are in disrepute {and} contempt!
1 Cor 4:11 To this hour we have gone both hungry and thirsty; we [habitually] wear but one undergarment [and shiver in the cold]; we are roughly knocked about and wander around homeless.
1 Cor 4:12 And we still toil unto weariness [for our living], working hard with our own hands. When men revile us [wound us with an accursed sting], we bless them. When we are persecuted, we take it patiently {and} endure it.
1 Cor 4:13 When we are slandered {and} defamed, we [try to] answer softly {and} bring comfort. We have been made and are now the rubbish {and} filth of the world [the offscouring of all things, the scum of the earth].
1 Cor 4:14 I do not write this to shame you, but to warn {and} counsel you as my beloved children.
1 Cor 4:15 After all, though you should have ten thousand teachers (guides to direct you) in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the glad tidings (the Gospel).
1 Cor 4:16 So I urge {and} implore you, be imitators of me.
1 Cor 4:17 For this very cause I sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and trustworthy child in the Lord, who will recall to your minds my methods of proceeding {and} course of conduct {and} way of life in Christ, such as I teach everywhere in each of the churches.
1 Cor 4:18 Some of you have become conceited {and} arrogant {and} pretentious, counting on my not coming to you.
1 Cor 4:19 But I will come to you [and] shortly, if the Lord is willing, and then I will perceive {and} understand not what the talk of these puffed up {and} arrogant spirits amount to, but their force (the moral power and excellence of soul they really possess).
1 Cor 4:20 For the kingdom of God consists of {and} is based on not talk but power (moral power and excellence of soul).
1 Cor 4:21 Now which do you prefer? Shall I come to you with a rod of correction, or with love and in a spirit of gentleness?
1 Cor 5:1 IT IS actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, impurity of a sort that is condemned {and} does not occur even among the heathen; for a man has [his own] father's wife.
1 Cor 5:2 And you are proud {and} arrogant! And you ought rather to mourn (bow in sorrow and in shame) until the person who has done this [shameful] thing is removed from your fellowship {and} your midst!
1 Cor 5:3 As for my attitude, though I am absent [from you] in body, I am present in spirit, and I have already decided {and} passed judgment, as if actually present,

1 Cor 5:4 In the name of the Lord Jesus {Christ,} on the man who has committed such a deed. When you and my own spirit are met together with the power of our Lord Jesus,
1 Cor 5:5 You are to deliver this man over to Satan for physical discipline [to destroy carnal lusts which prompted him to incest], that [his] spirit may [yet] be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.
1 Cor 5:6 [About the condition of your church] your boasting is not good [indeed, it is most unseemly and entirely out of place]. Do you not know that [just] a little leaven will ferment the whole lump [of dough]?
1 Cor 5:7 Purge (clean out) the old leaven that you may be fresh (new) dough, still uncontaminated [as you are], for Christ, our Passover [Lamb], has been sacrificed.
1 Cor 5:8 Therefore, let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with leaven of vice {and} malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened [bread] of purity (nobility, honor) {and} sincerity and [unadulterated] truth.
1 Cor 5:9 I wrote you in my [previous] letter not to associate [closely and habitually] with unchaste (impure) people--
1 Cor 5:10 Not [meaning of course that you must] altogether shun the immoral people of this world, or the greedy graspers and cheats {and} thieves or idolaters, since otherwise you would need to get out of the world {and} human society altogether!
1 Cor 5:11 But now I write to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of [Christian] brother if he is known to be guilty of immorality or greed, or is an idolater [whose soul is devoted to any object that usurps the place of God], or is a person with a foul tongue [railing, abusing, reviling, slandering], or is a drunkard or a swindler {or} a robber. [No] you must not so much as eat with such a person.
1 Cor 5:12 What [business] of mine is it {and} what right have I to judge outsiders? Is it not those inside [the church] upon whom you are to pass disciplinary judgment [passing censuring sentence on them as the facts require]?
1 Cor 5:13 God alone sits in judgment on those who are outside. Drive out that wicked one from among you [expel him from your church].
1 Cor 6:1 DOES ANY of you dare, when he has a matter of complaint against another [brother], to go to law before unrighteous men [men neither upright nor right with God, laying it before them] instead of before the saints (the people of God)?
1 Cor 6:2 Do you not know that the saints (the believers) will [one day] judge {and} govern the world? And if the world [itself] is to be judged {and} ruled by you, are you unworthy {and} incompetent to try [such petty matters] of the smallest courts of justice?
1 Cor 6:3 Do you not know also that we [Christians] are to judge the [very] angels {and} pronounce opinion between right and wrong [for them]? How much more then [as to] matters pertaining to this world {and} of this life only!
1 Cor 6:4 If then you do have such cases of everyday life to decide, why do you appoint [as judges to lay them before] those who [from the standpoint] of the church count for least {and} are without standing?
1 Cor 6:5 I say this to move you to shame. Can it be that there really is not one man among you who [in action is governed by piety and integrity and] is wise {and} competent enough to decide [the private grievances, disputes, and quarrels] between members of the brotherhood,
1 Cor 6:6 But brother goes to law against brother, and that before [Gentile judges who are] unbelievers [without faith or trust in the Gospel of Christ]?
1 Cor 6:7 Why, the very fact of your having lawsuits with one another at all is a defect (a defeat, an evidence of positive moral loss for you). Why not rather let yourselves suffer wrong {and} be deprived of what is your due? Why not rather be cheated (defrauded and robbed)?
1 Cor 6:8 But [instead it is you] yourselves who wrong and defraud, and that even your own brethren [by so treating them]!
1 Cor 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous {and} the wrongdoers will not inherit {or} have any share in the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived (misled): neither the impure {and} immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor those who participate in homosexuality,
1 Cor 6:10 Nor cheats (swindlers and thieves), nor greedy graspers, nor drunkards, nor foulmouthed revilers {and} slanderers, nor extortioners {and} robbers will inherit {or} have any share in the kingdom of God.
1 Cor 6:11 And such some of you were [once]. But you were washed clean (purified by a complete atonement for sin and made free from the guilt of sin), and you were consecrated (set apart, hallowed), and you were justified [pronounced righteous, by trusting] in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the [Holy] Spirit of our God.
1 Cor 6:12 Everything is permissible (allowable and lawful) for me; but not all things are helpful (good for me to do, expedient and profitable when considered with other things). Everything is lawful for me, but I will not become the slave of anything {or} be brought under its power.
1 Cor 6:13 Food [is intended] for the stomach and the stomach for food, but God will finally end [the functions of]

both {and} bring them to nothing. The body is not intended for sexual immorality, but [is intended] for the Lord, and the Lord [is intended] for the body [to save, sanctify, and raise it again].
1 Cor 6:14 And God both raised the Lord to life and will also raise us up by His power.
1 Cor 6:15 Do you not see {and} know that your bodies are members (bodily parts) of Christ (the Messiah)? Am I therefore to take the parts of Christ and make [them] parts of a prostitute? Never! Never!
1 Cor 6:16 Or do you not know {and} realize that when a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes one body with her? The two, it is written, shall become one flesh.
1 Cor 6:17 But the person who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him.
1 Cor 6:18 Shun immorality {and} all sexual looseness [flee from impurity in thought, word, or deed]. Any other sin which a man commits is one outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.
1 Cor 6:19 Do you not know that your body is the temple (the very sanctuary) of the Holy Spirit Who lives within you, Whom you have received [as a Gift] from God? You are not your own,
1 Cor 6:20 You were bought with a price [purchased with a preciousness and paid for, made His own]. So then, honor God {and} bring glory to Him in your body.
1 Cor 7:1 NOW AS to the matters of which you wrote me. It is well [and by that I mean advantageous, expedient, profitable, and wholesome] for a man not to touch a woman [to cohabit with her] {but} to remain unmarried.
1 Cor 7:2 But because of the temptation to impurity {and} to avoid immorality, let each [man] have his own wife and let each [woman] have her own husband.
1 Cor 7:3 The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights (goodwill, kindness, and what is due her as his wife), and likewise the wife to her husband.
1 Cor 7:4 For the wife does not have [exclusive] authority {and} control over her own body, but the husband [has his rights]; likewise also the husband does not have [exclusive] authority {and} control over his body, but the wife [has her rights].
1 Cor 7:5 Do not refuse {and} deprive {and} defraud each other [of your due marital rights], except perhaps by mutual consent for a time, so that you may devote yourselves unhindered to prayer. But afterwards resume marital relations, lest Satan tempt you [to sin] through your lack of restraint of sexual desire.
1 Cor 7:6 But I am saying this more as a matter of permission {and} concession, not as a command {or} regulation.
1 Cor 7:7 I wish that all men were like I myself am [in this matter of self-control]. But each has his own special gift from God, one of this kind and one of another.
1 Cor 7:8 But to the unmarried people and to the widows, I declare that it is well (good, advantageous, expedient, and wholesome) for them to remain [single] even as I do.
1 Cor 7:9 But if they have not self-control (restraint of their passions), they should marry. For it is better to marry than to be aflame [with passion and tortured continually with ungratified desire].
1 Cor 7:10 But to the married people I give charge--not I but the Lord--that the wife is not to separate from her husband.
1 Cor 7:11 But if she does [separate from and divorce him], let her remain single or else be reconciled to her husband. And [I charge] the husband [also] that he should not put away {or} divorce his wife.
1 Cor 7:12 To the rest I declare--I, not the Lord [for Jesus did not discuss this]--that if any brother has a wife who does not believe [in Christ] and she consents to live with him, he should not leave {or} divorce her.
1 Cor 7:13 And if any woman has an unbelieving husband and he consents to live with her, she should not leave {or} divorce him.
1 Cor 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is set apart (separated, withdrawn from heathen contamination, and affiliated with the Christian people) by union with his consecrated (set-apart) wife, and the unbelieving wife is set apart {and} separated through union with her consecrated husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean (unblessed heathen, outside the Christian covenant), but as it is they are prepared for God [pure and clean].
1 Cor 7:15 But if the unbelieving partner [actually] leaves, let him do so; in such [cases the remaining] brother or sister is not morally bound. But God has called us to peace.
1 Cor 7:16 For, wife, how can you be sure of converting {and} saving your husband? Husband, how can you be sure of converting {and} saving your wife?
1 Cor 7:17 Only, let each one [seek to conduct himself and regulate his affairs so as to] lead the life which the Lord has allotted {and} imparted to him and to which God has invited {and} summoned him. This is my order in all the churches.
1 Cor 7:18 Was anyone at the time of his summons [from God] already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the evidence of circumcision. Was anyone at the time [God] called him uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised.

1 Cor 7:19 For circumcision is nothing {and} counts for nothing, neither does uncircumcision, but [what counts is] keeping the commandments of God.
1 Cor 7:20 Everyone should remain after God calls him in the station {or} condition of life in which the summons found him.
1 Cor 7:21 Were you a slave when you were called? Do not let that trouble you. But if you are able to gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.
1 Cor 7:22 For he who as a slave was summoned in [to union with] the Lord is a freedman of the Lord, just so he who was free when he was called is a bond servant of Christ (the Messiah).
1 Cor 7:23 You were bought with a price [purchased with a preciousness and paid for by Christ]; then do not yield yourselves up to become [in your own estimation] slaves to men [but consider yourselves slaves to Christ].
1 Cor 7:24 So, brethren, in whatever station {or} state {or} condition of life each one was when he was called, there let him continue with {and} close to God.
1 Cor 7:25 Now concerning the virgins (the marriageable maidens) I have no command of the Lord, but I give my opinion {and} advice as one who by the Lord's mercy is rendered trustworthy {and} faithful.
1 Cor 7:26 I think then, because of the impending distress [that is even now setting in], it is well (expedient, profitable, and wholesome) for a person to remain as he {or} she is.
1 Cor 7:27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife.
1 Cor 7:28 But if you do marry, you do not sin [in doing so], and if a virgin marries, she does not sin [in doing so]. Yet those who marry will have physical {and} earthly troubles, and I would like to spare you that.
1 Cor 7:29 I mean, brethren, the appointed time has been winding down {and} it has grown very short. From now on, let even those who have wives be as if they had none,
1 Cor 7:30 And those who weep {and} mourn as though they were not weeping {and} mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they did not possess anything,
1 Cor 7:31 And those who deal with this world [overusing the enjoyments of this life] as though they were not absorbed by it {and} as if they had no dealings with it. For the outward form of this world (the present world order) is passing away.
1 Cor 7:32 My desire is to have you free from all anxiety {and} distressing care. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord--how he may please the Lord;
1 Cor 7:33 But the married man is anxious about worldly matters--how he may please his wife--
1 Cor 7:34 And he is drawn in diverging directions [his interests are divided {and} he is distracted from his devotion to God]. And the unmarried woman or girl is concerned {and} anxious about the matters of the Lord, how to be wholly separated {and} set apart in body and spirit; but the married woman has her cares [centered] in earthly affairs--how she may please her husband.
1 Cor 7:35 Now I say this for your own welfare {and} profit, not to put [a halter of] restraint upon you, but to promote what is seemly {and} in good order and to secure your undistracted {and} undivided devotion to the Lord.
1 Cor 7:36 But if any man thinks that he is not acting properly toward {and} in regard to his virgin [that he is preparing disgrace for her or incurring reproach], in case she is passing the bloom of her youth and if there is need for it, let him do what to him seems right; he does not sin; let them marry.
1 Cor 7:37 But whoever is firmly established in his heart [strong in mind and purpose], not being forced by necessity but having control over his own will {and} desire, and has resolved this in his heart to keep his own virginity, he is doing well.
1 Cor 7:38 So also then, he [the father] who gives his virgin (his daughter) in marriage does well, and he [the father] who does not give [her] in marriage does better.
1 Cor 7:39 A wife is bound to her husband by law as long as he lives. If the husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she will, only [provided that he too is] in the Lord.
1 Cor 7:40 But in my opinion [a widow] is happier (more blessed and to be envied) if she does not remarry. And also I think I have the Spirit of God.
1 Cor 8:1 NOW ABOUT food offered to idols: of course we know that all of us possess knowledge [concerning these matters. Yet mere] knowledge causes people to be puffed up (to bear themselves loftily and be proud), but love (affection and goodwill and benevolence) edifies {and} builds up {and} encourages one to grow [to his full stature].
1 Cor 8:2 If anyone imagines that he has come to know {and} understand much [of divine things, without love], he does not yet perceive {and} recognize {and} understand as strongly {and} clearly, {nor} has he become as intimately acquainted with anything as he ought {or} as is necessary.
1 Cor 8:3 But if one loves God truly [with affectionate reverence, prompt obedience, and grateful recognition of His

blessing], he is known by God [recognized as worthy of His intimacy and love, and he is owned by Him].
1 Cor 8:4 In this matter, then, of eating food offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing (has no real existence) and that there is no God but one.
1 Cor 8:5 For although there may be so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many of them, both of gods and of lords {and} masters,
1 Cor 8:6 Yet for us there is [only] one God, the Father, Who is the Source of all things and for Whom we [have life], and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through {and} by Whom are all things and through {and} by Whom we [ourselves exist].
1 Cor 8:7 Nevertheless, not all [believers] possess this knowledge. But some, through being all their lives until now accustomed to [thinking of] idols [as real and living], still consider the food [offered to an idol] as that sacrificed to an [actual] god; and their weak consciences become defiled {and} injured if they eat [it].
1 Cor 8:8 Now food [itself] will not cause our acceptance by God {nor} commend us to Him. Eating [food offered to idols] gives us no advantage; neither do we come short {or} become any worse if we do not eat [it].
1 Cor 8:9 Only be careful that this power of choice (this permission and liberty to do as you please) which is yours, does not [somehow] become a hindrance (cause of stumbling) to the weak {or} overscrupulous [giving them an impulse to sin].
1 Cor 8:10 For suppose someone sees you, a man having knowledge [of God, with an intelligent view of this subject and] reclining at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged {and} emboldened [to violate his own conscientious scruples] if he is weak {and} uncertain, and eat what [to him] is for the purpose of idol worship?
1 Cor 8:11 And so by your enlightenment (your knowledge of spiritual things), this weak man is ruined (is lost and perishes)--the brother for whom Christ (the Messiah) died!
1 Cor 8:12 And when you sin against your brethren in this way, wounding {and} damaging their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.
1 Cor 8:13 Therefore, if [my eating a] food is a cause of my brother's falling {or} of hindering [his spiritual advancement], I will not eat [such] flesh forever, lest I cause my brother to be tripped up {and} fall {and} to be offended.
1 Cor 9:1 AM I not an apostle (a special messenger)? Am I not free (unrestrained and exempt from any obligation)? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you [yourselves] not [the product and proof of] my workmanship in the Lord?
1 Cor 9:2 Even if I am not considered an apostle (a special messenger) by others, at least I am one to you; for you are the seal (the certificate, the living evidence) of my apostleship in the Lord [confirming and authenticating it].
1 Cor 9:3 This is my [real ground of] defense (my vindication of myself) to those who would put me on trial {and} cross-examine me.
1 Cor 9:4 Have we not the right to our food and drink [at the expense of the churches]?
1 Cor 9:5 Have we not the right also to take along with us a Christian sister as wife, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas (Peter)?
1 Cor 9:6 Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from doing manual labor for a livelihood [in order to go about the work of the ministry]?
1 Cor 9:7 [Consider this:] What soldier at any time serves at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat any of the fruit of it? Who tends a flock and does not partake of the milk of the flock?
1 Cor 9:8 Do I say this only on human authority {and} as a man reasons? Does not the Law endorse the same principle?
1 Cor 9:9 For in the Law of Moses it is written, You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the corn. Is it [only] for oxen that God cares?
1 Cor 9:10 Or does He speak certainly {and} entirely for our sakes? [Assuredly] it is written for our sakes, because the plowman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher ought to thresh in expectation of partaking of the harvest.
1 Cor 9:11 If we have sown [the seed of] spiritual good among you, [is it too] much if we reap from your material benefits?
1 Cor 9:12 If others share in this rightful claim upon you, do not we [have a still better and greater claim]? However, we have never exercised this right, but we endure everything rather than put a hindrance in the way [of the spread] of the good news (the Gospel) of Christ.
1 Cor 9:13 Do you not know that those men who are employed in the services of the temple get their food from the temple? And that those who tend the altar share with the altar [in the offerings brought]?
1 Cor 9:14 [On the same principle] the Lord directed that those who publish the good news (the Gospel) should live (get their maintenance) by the Gospel.
1 Cor 9:15 But I have not made use of any of these privileges, nor am I writing this [to suggest] that any such

provision be made for me [now]. For it would be better for me to die than to have anyone make void {and} deprive me of my [ground for] glorifying [in this matter].
1 Cor 9:16 For if I [merely] preach the Gospel, that gives me no reason to boast, for I feel compelled of necessity to do it. Woe is me if I do not preach the glad tidings (the Gospel)!
1 Cor 9:17 For if I do this work of my own free will, then I have my pay (my reward); but if it is not of my own will, but is done reluctantly {and} under compulsion, I am [still] entrusted with a [sacred] trusteeship {and} commission.
1 Cor 9:18 What then is the [actual] reward that I get? Just this: that in my preaching the good news (the Gospel), I may offer it [absolutely] free of expense [to anybody], not taking advantage of my rights {and} privileges [as a preacher] of the Gospel.
1 Cor 9:19 For although I am free in every way from anyone's control, I have made myself a bond servant to everyone, so that I might gain the more [for Christ].
1 Cor 9:20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to men under the Law, [I became] as one under the Law, though not myself being under the Law, that I might win those under the Law.
1 Cor 9:21 To those without (outside) law I became as one without law, not that I am without the law of God {and} lawless toward Him, but that I am [especially keeping] within {and} committed to the law of Christ, that I might win those who are without law.
1 Cor 9:22 To the weak (wanting in discernment) I have become weak (wanting in discernment) that I might win the weak {and} overscrupulous. I have [in short] become all things to all men, that I might by all means (at all costs and in any and every way) save some [by winning them to faith in Jesus Christ].
1 Cor 9:23 And I do this for the sake of the good news (the Gospel), in order that I may become a participator in it {and} share in its [blessings along with you].
1 Cor 9:24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but [only] one receives the prize? So run [your race] that you may lay hold [of the prize] {and} make it yours.
1 Cor 9:25 Now every athlete who goes into training conducts himself temperately {and} restricts himself in all things. They do it to win a wreath that will soon wither, but we [do it to receive a crown of eternal blessedness] that cannot wither.
1 Cor 9:26 Therefore I do not run uncertainly (without definite aim). I do not box like one beating the air {and} striking without an adversary.
1 Cor 9:27 But [like a boxer] I buffet my body [handle it roughly, discipline it by hardships] and subdue it, for fear that after proclaiming to others the Gospel {and} things pertaining to it, I myself should become unfit [not stand the test, be unapproved and rejected as a counterfeit].
1 Cor 10:1 FOR I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, that our forefathers were all under {and} protected by the cloud [in which God's Presence went before them], and every one of them passed safely through the [Red] Sea,
1 Cor 10:2 And each one of them [allowed himself also] to be baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea [they were thus brought under obligation to the Law, to Moses, and to the covenant, consecrated and set apart to the service of God];
1 Cor 10:3 And all [of them] ate the same spiritual (supernaturally given) food,
1 Cor 10:4 And they all drank the same spiritual (supernaturally given) drink. For they drank from a spiritual Rock which followed them [produced by the sole power of God Himself without natural instrumentality], and the Rock was Christ.
1 Cor 10:5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with the great majority of them, for they were overthrown {and} strewn down along [the ground] in the wilderness.
1 Cor 10:6 Now these things are examples (warnings and admonitions) for us not to desire {or} crave {or} covet {or} lust after evil {and} carnal things as they did.
1 Cor 10:7 Do not be worshipers of false gods as some of them were, as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink [the sacrifices offered to the golden calf at Horeb] and rose to sport (to dance and give way to jesting and hilarity).
1 Cor 10:8 We must not gratify evil desire {and} indulge in immorality as some of them did--and twenty-three thousand [suddenly] fell {dead} in a single day!
1 Cor 10:9 We should not tempt the Lord [try His patience, become a trial to Him, critically appraise Him, and exploit His goodness] as some of them did--and were killed by poisonous serpents;
1 Cor 10:10 Nor discontentedly complain as some of them did--and were put out of the way entirely by the destroyer (death).
1 Cor 10:11 Now these things befell them by way of a figure [as an example and warning to us]; they were written to

admonish {and} fit us for right action by good instruction, we in whose days the ages have reached their climax (their consummation and concluding period).
1 Cor 10:12 Therefore let anyone who thinks he stands [who feels sure that he has a steadfast mind and is standing firm], take heed lest he fall [into sin].
1 Cor 10:13 For no temptation (no trial regarded as enticing to sin), [no matter how it comes or where it leads] has overtaken you {and} laid hold on you that is not common to man [that is, no temptation or trial has come to you that is beyond human resistance and that is not adjusted and adapted and belonging to human experience, and such as man can bear]. But God is faithful [to His Word and to His compassionate nature], and He [can be trusted] not to let you be tempted {and} tried {and} assayed beyond your ability {and} strength of resistance {and} power to endure, but with the temptation He will [always] also provide the way out (the means of escape to a landing place), that you may be capable {and} strong {and} powerful to bear up under it patiently.
1 Cor 10:14 Therefore, my dearly beloved, shun (keep clear away from, avoid by flight if need be) any sort of idolatry (of loving or venerating anything more than God).
1 Cor 10:15 I am speaking as to intelligent (sensible) men. Think over {and} make up your minds [for yourselves] about what I say. [I appeal to your reason and your discernment in these matters.]
1 Cor 10:16 The cup of blessing [of wine at the Lord's Supper] upon which we ask [God's] blessing, does it not mean [that in drinking it] we participate in {and} share a fellowship (a communion) in the blood of Christ (the Messiah)? The bread which we break, does it not mean [that in eating it] we participate in {and} share a fellowship (a communion) in the body of Christ?
1 Cor 10:17 For we [no matter how] numerous we are, are one body, because we all partake of the one Bread [the One Whom the communion bread represents].
1 Cor 10:18 Consider those [physically] people of Israel. Are not those who eat the sacrifices partners of the altar [united in their worship of the same God]?
1 Cor 10:19 What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is [intrinsically changed by the fact and amounts to] anything {or} that an idol itself is a [living] thing?
1 Cor 10:20 No, I am suggesting that what the pagans sacrifice they offer [in effect] to demons (to evil spiritual powers) and not to God [at all]. I do not want you to fellowship {and} be partners with diabolical spirits [by eating at their feasts].
1 Cor 10:21 You cannot drink the Lord's cup and the demons' cup. You cannot partake of the Lord's table and the demons' table.
1 Cor 10:22 Shall we thus provoke the Lord to jealousy {and} anger {and} indignation? Are we stronger than He [that we should defy Him]?
1 Cor 10:23 All things are legitimate [permissible--and we are free to do anything we please], but not all things are helpful (expedient, profitable, and wholesome). All things are legitimate, but not all things are constructive [to character] {and} edifying [to spiritual life].
1 Cor 10:24 Let no one then seek his own good {and} advantage {and} profit, but [rather] each one of the other [let him seek the welfare of his neighbor].
1 Cor 10:25 [As to meat offered to idols] eat anything that is sold in the meat market without raising any question {or} investigating on the grounds of conscientious scruples,
1 Cor 10:26 For the [whole] earth is the Lord's and everything that is in it.
1 Cor 10:27 In case one of the unbelievers invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is served to you without examining into its source because of conscientious scruples.
1 Cor 10:28 But if someone tells you, This has been offered in sacrifice to an idol, do not eat it, out of consideration for the person who informed you, and for conscience's sake--
1 Cor 10:29 I mean for the sake of his conscience, not yours, [do not eat it]. For why should another man's scruples apply to me {and} my liberty of action be determined by his conscience?
1 Cor 10:30 If I partake [of my food] with thankfulness, why am I accused {and} spoken evil of because of that for which I give thanks?
1 Cor 10:31 So then, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you may do, do all for the honor {and} glory of God.
1 Cor 10:32 Do not let yourselves be [hindrances by giving] an offense to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God [do not lead others into sin by your mode of life];
1 Cor 10:33 Just as I myself strive to please [to accommodate myself to the opinions, desires, and interests of others, adapting myself to] all men in everything I do, not aiming at {or} considering my own profit {and} advantage, but that of the many in order that they may be saved.

1 Cor 11:1 PATTERN YOURSELVES after me [follow my example], as I imitate {and} follow Christ (the Messiah).
1 Cor 11:2 I appreciate {and} commend you because you always remember me in everything and keep firm possession of the traditions (the substance of my instructions), just as I have [verbally] passed them on to you.
1 Cor 11:3 But I want you to know {and} realize that Christ is the Head of every man, the head of a woman is her husband, and the Head of Christ is God.
1 Cor 11:4 Any man who prays or prophesies (teaches, refutes, reproves, admonishes, and comforts) with his head covered dishonors his Head (Christ).
1 Cor 11:5 And any woman who [publicly] prays or prophesies (teaches, refutes, reproves, admonishes, or comforts) when she is bareheaded dishonors her head (her husband); it is the same as [if her head were] shaved.
1 Cor 11:6 For if a woman will not wear [a head] covering, then she should cut off her hair too; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her head shorn or shaven, let her cover [her head].
1 Cor 11:7 For a man ought not to wear anything on his head [in church], for he is the image and [reflected] glory of God [his function of government reflects the majesty of the divine Rule]; but woman is [the expression of] man's glory (majesty, preeminence).
1 Cor 11:8 For man was not [created] from woman, but woman from man;
1 Cor 11:9 Neither was man created on account of {or} for the benefit of woman, but woman on account of {and} for the benefit of man.
1 Cor 11:10 Therefore she should [be subject to his authority and should] have a covering on her head [as a token, a symbol, of her submission to authority, that she may show reverence as do] the angels [and not displease them].
1 Cor 11:11 Nevertheless, in [the plan of] the Lord {and} from His point of view woman is not apart from {and} independent of man, nor is man aloof from {and} independent of woman;
1 Cor 11:12 For as woman was made from man, even so man is also born of woman; and all [whether male or female go forth] from God [as their Author].
1 Cor 11:13 Consider for yourselves; is it proper {and} decent [according to your customs] for a woman to offer prayer to God [publicly] with her head uncovered?
1 Cor 11:14 Does not the native sense of propriety (experience, common sense, reason) itself teach you that for a man to wear long hair is a dishonor [humiliating and degrading] to him,
1 Cor 11:15 But if a woman has long hair, it is her ornament {and} glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering.
1 Cor 11:16 Now if anyone is disposed to be argumentative {and} contentious about this, we hold to {and} recognize no other custom [in worship] than this, nor do the churches of God generally.
1 Cor 11:17 But in what I instruct [you] next I do not commend [you], because when you meet together, it is not for the better but for the worse.
1 Cor 11:18 For in the first place, when you assemble as a congregation, I hear that there are cliques (divisions and factions) among you; and I in part believe it,
1 Cor 11:19 For doubtless there have to be factions {or} parties among you in order that they who are genuine {and} of approved fitness may become evident {and} plainly recognized among you.
1 Cor 11:20 So when you gather for your meetings, it is not the supper instituted by the Lord that you eat,
1 Cor 11:21 For in eating each one [hurries] to get his own supper first [not waiting for the poor], and one goes hungry while another gets drunk.
1 Cor 11:22 What! Do you have no houses in which to eat and drink? Or do you despise the church of God {and} mean to show contempt for it, while you humiliate those who are poor (have no homes and have brought no food)? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, [most certainly] I will not!
1 Cor 11:23 For I received from the Lord Himself that which I passed on to you [it was given to me personally], that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was treacherously delivered up {and} while His betrayal was in progress took bread,
1 Cor 11:24 And when He had given thanks, He broke [it] and said, {Take, eat.} This is My body, which is broken for you. Do this to call Me [affectionately] to remembrance.
1 Cor 11:25 Similarly when supper was ended, He took the cup also, saying, This cup is the new covenant [ratified and established] in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink [it], to call Me [affectionately] to remembrance.
1 Cor 11:26 For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are representing {and} signifying {and} proclaiming the fact of the Lord's death until He comes [again].
1 Cor 11:27 So then whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in a way that is unworthy [of Him] will be guilty of [profaning and sinning against] the body and blood of the Lord.
1 Cor 11:28 Let a man [thoroughly] examine himself, and [only when he has done] so should he eat of the bread and

drink of the cup.
1 Cor 11:29 For anyone who eats and drinks without discriminating {and} recognizing with due appreciation that [it is Christ's] body, eats and drinks a sentence (a verdict of judgment) upon himself.
1 Cor 11:30 That [careless and unworthy participation] is the reason many of you are weak and sickly, and quite enough of you have fallen into the sleep of death.
1 Cor 11:31 For if we searchingly examined ourselves [detecting our shortcomings and recognizing our own condition], we should not be judged {and} penalty decreed [by the divine judgment].
1 Cor 11:32 But when we [fall short and] are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined {and} chastened, so that we may not [finally] be condemned [to eternal punishment along] with the world.
1 Cor 11:33 So then, my brothers, when you gather together to eat [the Lord's Supper], wait for one another.
1 Cor 11:34 If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together to bring judgment [on yourselves]. About the other matters, I will give you directions [personally] when I come.
1 Cor 12:1 NOW ABOUT the spiritual gifts (the special endowments of supernatural energy), brethren, I do not want you to be misinformed.
1 Cor 12:2 You know that when you were heathen, you were led off after idols that could not speak [habitually] as impulse directed {and} whenever the occasion might arise.
1 Cor 12:3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking under the power {and} influence of the [Holy] Spirit of God can [ever] say, Jesus be cursed! And no one can [really] say, Jesus is [my] Lord, except by {and} under the power {and} influence of the Holy Spirit.
1 Cor 12:4 Now there are distinctive varieties {and} distributions of endowments (gifts, extraordinary powers distinguishing certain Christians, due to the power of divine grace operating in their souls by the Holy Spirit) and they vary, but the [Holy] Spirit remains the same.
1 Cor 12:5 And there are distinctive varieties of service {and} ministration, but it is the same Lord [Who is served].
1 Cor 12:6 And there are distinctive varieties of operation [of working to accomplish things], but it is the same God Who inspires {and} energizes them all in all.
1 Cor 12:7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the [Holy] Spirit [the evidence, the spiritual illumination of the Spirit] for good {and} profit.
1 Cor 12:8 To one is given in {and} through the [Holy] Spirit [the power to speak] a message of wisdom, and to another [the power to express] a word of knowledge {and} understanding according to the same [Holy] Spirit;
1 Cor 12:9 To another [wonder-working] faith by the same [Holy] Spirit, to another the extraordinary powers of healing by the one Spirit;
1 Cor 12:10 To another the working of miracles, to another prophetic insight (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose); to another the ability to discern {and} distinguish between [the utterances of true] spirits [and false ones], to another various kinds of [unknown] tongues, to another the ability to interpret [such] tongues.
1 Cor 12:11 All these [gifts, achievements, abilities] are inspired {and} brought to pass by one and the same [Holy] Spirit, Who apportions to each person individually [exactly] as He chooses.
1 Cor 12:12 For just as the body is a unity and yet has many parts, and all the parts, though many, form [only] one body, so it is with Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
1 Cor 12:13 For by [means of the personal agency of] one [Holy] Spirit we were all, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, baptized [and by baptism united together] into one body, and all made to drink of one [Holy] Spirit.
1 Cor 12:14 For the body does not consist of one limb {or} organ but of many.
1 Cor 12:15 If the foot should say, Because I am not the hand, I do not belong to the body, would it be therefore not [a part] of the body?
1 Cor 12:16 If the ear should say, Because I am not the eye, I do not belong to the body, would it be therefore not [a part] of the body?
1 Cor 12:17 If the whole body were an eye, where [would be the sense of] hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where [would be the sense of] smell?
1 Cor 12:18 But as it is, God has placed {and} arranged the limbs {and} organs in the body, each [particular one] of them, just as He wished {and} saw fit {and} with the best adaptation.
1 Cor 12:19 But if [the whole] were all a single organ, where would the body be?
1 Cor 12:20 And now there are [certainly] many limbs {and} organs, but a single body.
1 Cor 12:21 And the eye is not able to say to the hand, I have no need of you, nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.
1 Cor 12:22 But instead, there is [absolute] necessity for the parts of the body that are considered the more weak.

1 Cor 12:23 And those [parts] of the body which we consider rather ignoble are [the very parts] which we invest with additional honor, and our unseemly parts {and} those unsuitable for exposure are treated with seemliness (modesty and decorum),
1 Cor 12:24 Which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so adjusted (mingled, harmonized, and subtly proportioned the parts of) the whole body, giving the greater honor {and} richer endowment to the inferior parts which lack [apparent importance],
1 Cor 12:25 So that there should be no division {or} discord {or} lack of adaptation [of the parts of the body to each other], but the members all alike should have a mutual interest in {and} care for one another.
1 Cor 12:26 And if one member suffers, all the parts [share] the suffering; if one member is honored, all the members [share in] the enjoyment of it.
1 Cor 12:27 Now you [collectively] are Christ's body and [individually] you are members of it, each part severally {and} distinct [each with his own place and function].
1 Cor 12:28 So God has appointed some in the church [for His own use]: first apostles (special messengers); second prophets (inspired preachers and expounders); third teachers; then wonder-workers; then those with ability to heal the sick; helpers; administrators; [speakers in] different (unknown) tongues.
1 Cor 12:29 Are all apostles (special messengers)? Are all prophets (inspired interpreters of the will and purposes of God)? Are all teachers? Do all have the power of performing miracles?
1 Cor 12:30 Do all possess extraordinary powers of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?
1 Cor 12:31 But earnestly desire {and} zealously cultivate the greatest {and} best gifts {and} graces (the higher gifts and the choicest graces). And yet I will show you a still more excellent way [one that is better by far and the highest of them all--love].
1 Cor 13:1 IF I [can] speak in the tongues of men and [even] of angels, but have not love (that reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion such as is inspired by God's love for and in us), I am only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
1 Cor 13:2 And if I have prophetic powers (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), and understand all the secret truths {and} mysteries and possess all knowledge, and if I have [sufficient] faith so that I can remove mountains, but have not love (God's love in me) I am nothing (a useless nobody).
1 Cor 13:3 Even if I dole out all that I have [to the poor in providing] food, and if I surrender my body to be burned {or in order that I may glory}, but have not love (God's love in me), I gain nothing.
1 Cor 13:4 Love endures long {and} is patient and kind; love never is envious {nor} boils over with jealousy, is not boastful {or} vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.
1 Cor 13:5 It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) {and} does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights {or} its own way, {for} it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy {or} fretful {or} resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].
1 Cor 13:6 It does not rejoice at injustice {and} unrighteousness, but rejoices when right {and} truth prevail.
1 Cor 13:7 Love bears up under anything {and} everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].
1 Cor 13:8 Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled {and} pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed {and} cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth].
1 Cor 13:9 For our knowledge is fragmentary (incomplete and imperfect), and our prophecy (our teaching) is fragmentary (incomplete and imperfect).
1 Cor 13:10 But when the complete {and} perfect (total) comes, the incomplete {and} imperfect will vanish away (become antiquated, void, and superseded).
1 Cor 13:11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; now that I have become a man, I am done with childish ways {and} have put them aside.
1 Cor 13:12 For now we are looking in a mirror that gives only a dim (blurred) reflection [of reality as in a riddle or enigma], but then [when perfection comes] we shall see in reality {and} face to face! Now I know in part (imperfectly), but then I shall know {and} understand fully {and} clearly, even in the same manner as I have been fully {and} clearly known {and} understood [by God].
1 Cor 13:13 And so faith, hope, love abide [faith--conviction and belief respecting man's relation to God and divine things; hope--joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation; love--true affection for God and man, growing out of God's love for and in us], these three; but the greatest of these is love.
1 Cor 14:1 EAGERLY PURSUE {and} seek to acquire [this] love [make it your aim, your great quest]; and earnestly

desire {and} cultivate the spiritual endowments (gifts), especially that you may prophesy (interpret the divine will and purpose in inspired preaching and teaching).
1 Cor 14:2 For one who speaks in an [unknown] tongue speaks not to men but to God, for no one understands {or} catches his meaning, because in the [Holy] Spirit he utters secret truths {and} hidden things [not obvious to the understanding].
1 Cor 14:3 But [on the other hand], the one who prophesies [who interprets the divine will and purpose in inspired preaching and teaching] speaks to men for their upbuilding {and} constructive spiritual progress and encouragement and consolation.
1 Cor 14:4 He who speaks in a [strange] tongue edifies {and} improves himself, but he who prophesies [interpreting the divine will and purpose and teaching with inspiration] edifies {and} improves the church {and} promotes growth [in Christian wisdom, piety, holiness, and happiness].
1 Cor 14:5 Now I wish that you might all speak in [unknown] tongues, but more especially [I want you] to prophesy (to be inspired to preach and interpret the divine will and purpose). He who prophesies [who is inspired to preach and teach] is greater (more useful and more important) than he who speaks in [unknown] tongues, unless he should interpret [what he says], so that the church may be edified {and} receive good [from it].
1 Cor 14:6 Now, brethren, if I come to you speaking in [unknown] tongues, how shall I make it to your advantage unless I speak to you either in revelation (disclosure of God's will to man) in knowledge or in prophecy or in instruction?
1 Cor 14:7 If even inanimate musical instruments, such as the flute or the harp, do not give distinct notes, how will anyone [listening] know {or} understand what is played?
1 Cor 14:8 And if the war bugle gives an uncertain (indistinct) call, who will prepare for battle?
1 Cor 14:9 Just so it is with you; if you in the [unknown] tongue speak words that are not intelligible, how will anyone understand what you are saying? For you will be talking into empty space!
1 Cor 14:10 There are, I suppose, all these many [to us unknown] tongues in the world [somewhere], and none is destitute of [its own power of] expression {and} meaning.
1 Cor 14:11 But if I do not know the force {and} significance of the speech (language), I shall seem to be a foreigner to the one who speaks [to me], and the speaker who addresses [me] will seem a foreigner to me.
1 Cor 14:12 So it is with yourselves; since you are so eager {and} ambitious to possess spiritual endowments {and} manifestations of the [Holy] Spirit, [concentrate on] striving to excel {and} to abound [in them] in ways that will build up the church.
1 Cor 14:13 Therefore, the person who speaks in an [unknown] tongue should pray [for the power] to interpret {and} explain what he says.
1 Cor 14:14 For if I pray in an [unknown] tongue, my spirit [by the Holy Spirit within me] prays, but my mind is unproductive [it bears no fruit and helps nobody].
1 Cor 14:15 Then what am I to do? I will pray with my spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me], but I will also pray [intelligently] with my mind {and} understanding; I will sing with my spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me], but I will sing [intelligently] with my mind {and} understanding also.
1 Cor 14:16 Otherwise, if you bless {and} render thanks with [your] spirit [thoroughly aroused by the Holy Spirit], how can anyone in the position of an outsider {or} he who is not gifted with [interpreting of unknown] tongues, say the Amen to your thanksgiving, since he does not know what you are saying? [I Chron. 16:36; Ps. 106:48.]
1 Cor 14:17 To be sure, you may give thanks well (nobly), but the bystander is not edified [it does him no good].
1 Cor 14:18 I thank God that I speak in [strange] tongues (languages) more than any of you {or} all of you put together;
1 Cor 14:19 Nevertheless, in public worship, I would rather say five words with my understanding {and} intelligently in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a [strange] tongue (language).
1 Cor 14:20 Brethren, do not be children [immature] in your thinking; continue to be babes in [matters of] evil, but in your minds be mature [men].
1 Cor 14:21 It is written in the Law, By men of strange languages {and} by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and not even then will they listen to Me, says the Lord.
1 Cor 14:22 Thus [unknown] tongues are meant for a [supernatural] sign, not for believers but for unbelievers [on the point of believing], while prophecy (inspired preaching and teaching, interpreting the divine will and purpose) is not for unbelievers [on the point of believing] but for believers.
1 Cor 14:23 Therefore, if the whole church assembles and all of you speak in [unknown] tongues, and the ungifted {and} uninitiated or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are demented?

1 Cor 14:24 But if all prophesy [giving inspired testimony and interpreting the divine will and purpose] and an unbeliever or untaught outsider comes in, he is told of his sin {and} reproved {and} convicted {and} convinced by all, and his defects {and} needs are examined (estimated, determined) {and} he is called to account by all,
1 Cor 14:25 The secrets of his heart are laid bare; and so, falling on [his] face, he will worship God, declaring that God is among you in very truth.
1 Cor 14:26 What then, brethren, is [the right course]? When you meet together, each one has a hymn, a teaching, a disclosure of special knowledge {or} information, an utterance in a [strange] tongue, or an interpretation of it. [But] let everything be constructive {and} edifying {and} for the good of all.
1 Cor 14:27 If some speak in a [strange] tongue, let the number be limited to two or at the most three, and each one [taking his] turn, and let one interpret {and} explain [what is said].
1 Cor 14:28 But if there is no one to do the interpreting, let each of them keep still in church and talk to himself and to God.
1 Cor 14:29 So let two or three prophets speak [those inspired to preach or teach], while the rest pay attention {and} weigh {and} discern what is said.
1 Cor 14:30 But if an inspired revelation comes to another who is sitting by, then let the first one be silent.
1 Cor 14:31 For in this way you can give testimony [prophesying and thus interpreting the divine will and purpose] one by one, so that all may be instructed and all may be stimulated {and} encouraged;
1 Cor 14:32 For the spirits of the prophets (the speakers in tongues) are under the speaker's control [and subject to being silenced as may be necessary],
1 Cor 14:33 For He [Who is the source of their prophesying] is not a God of confusion {and} disorder but of peace {and} order. As [is the practice] in all the churches of the saints (God's people),
1 Cor 14:34 The women should keep quiet in the churches, for they are not authorized to speak, but should take a secondary {and} subordinate place, just as the Law also says.
1 Cor 14:35 But if there is anything they want to learn, they should ask their own husbands at home, for it is disgraceful for a woman to talk in church [for her to usurp and exercise authority over men in the church].
1 Cor 14:36 What! Did the word of the Lord originate with you [Corinthians], or has it reached only you?
1 Cor 14:37 If anyone thinks {and} claims that he is a prophet [filled with and governed by the Holy Spirit of God and inspired to interpret the divine will and purpose in preaching or teaching] or has any other spiritual endowment, let him understand (recognize and acknowledge) that what I am writing to you is a command of the Lord.
1 Cor 14:38 But if anyone disregards {or} does not recognize [that it is a command of the Lord], he is disregarded {and} not recognized [he is one whom God knows not].
1 Cor 14:39 So [to conclude], my brethren, earnestly desire {and} set your hearts on prophesying (on being inspired to preach and teach and to interpret God's will and purpose), and do not forbid {or} hinder speaking in [unknown] tongues.
1 Cor 14:40 But all things should be done with regard to decency {and} propriety and in an orderly fashion.
1 Cor 15:1 AND NOW let me remind you [since it seems to have escaped you], brethren, of the Gospel (the glad tidings of salvation) which I proclaimed to you, which you welcomed {and} accepted and upon which your faith rests,
1 Cor 15:2 And by which you are saved, if you hold fast {and} keep firmly what I preached to you, unless you believed at first without effect {and} all for nothing.
1 Cor 15:3 For I passed on to you first of all what I also had received, that Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) died for our sins in accordance with [what] the Scriptures [foretold],
1 Cor 15:4 That He was buried, that He arose on the third day as the Scriptures foretold,
1 Cor 15:5 And [also] that He appeared to Cephas (Peter), then to the Twelve.
1 Cor 15:6 Then later He showed Himself to more than five hundred brethren at one time, the majority of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep [in death].
1 Cor 15:7 Afterward He was seen by James, then by all the apostles (the special messengers),
1 Cor 15:8 And last of all He appeared to me also, as to one prematurely {and} born dead [no better than an unperfected fetus among living men].
1 Cor 15:9 For I am the least [worthy] of the apostles, who am not fit {or} deserving to be called an apostle, because I once wronged {and} pursued {and} molested the church of God [oppressing it with cruelty and violence].
1 Cor 15:10 But by the grace (the unmerited favor and blessing) of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not [found to be] for nothing (fruitless and without effect). In fact, I worked harder than all of them [the apostles], though it was not really I, but the grace (the unmerited favor and blessing) of God which was with me.
1 Cor 15:11 So, whether then it was I or they, this is what we preach and this is what you believed [what you adhered

to, trusted in, and relied on].
1 Cor 15:12 But now if Christ (the Messiah) is preached as raised from the dead, how is it that some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?
1 Cor 15:13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not risen;
1 Cor 15:14 And if Christ has not risen, then our preaching is in vain [it amounts to nothing] and your faith is devoid of truth {and} is fruitless (without effect, empty, imaginary, and unfounded).
1 Cor 15:15 We are even discovered to be misrepresenting God, for we testified of Him that He raised Christ, Whom He did not raise in case it is true that the dead are not raised.
1 Cor 15:16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised;
1 Cor 15:17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is mere delusion [futile, fruitless], and you are still in your sins [under the control and penalty of sin];
1 Cor 15:18 And further, those who have died in [spiritual fellowship and union with] Christ have perished (are lost)!
1 Cor 15:19 If we who are [abiding] in Christ have hope only in this life {and} that is all, then we are of all people most miserable {and} to be pitied.
1 Cor 15:20 But the fact is that Christ (the Messiah) has been raised from the dead, and He became the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep [in death].
1 Cor 15:21 For since [it was] through a man that death [came into the world, it is] also through a Man that the resurrection of the dead [has come].
1 Cor 15:22 For just as [because of their union of nature] in Adam all people die, so also [by virtue of their union of nature] shall all in Christ be made alive.
1 Cor 15:23 But each in his own rank {and} turn: Christ (the Messiah) [is] the firstfruits, then those who are Christ's [own will be resurrected] at His coming.
1 Cor 15:24 After that comes the end (the completion), when He delivers over the kingdom to God the Father after rendering inoperative {and} abolishing every [other] rule and every authority and power.
1 Cor 15:25 For [Christ] must be King {and} reign until He has put all [His] enemies under His feet.
1 Cor 15:26 The last enemy to be subdued {and} abolished is death.
1 Cor 15:27 For He [the Father] has put all things in subjection under His [Christ's] feet. But when it says, All things are put in subjection [under Him], it is evident that He [Himself] is excepted Who does the subjecting of all things to Him.
1 Cor 15:28 However, when everything is subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also subject Himself to [the Father] Who put all things under Him, so that God may be all in all [be everything to everyone, supreme, the indwelling and controlling factor of life].
1 Cor 15:29 Otherwise, what do people mean by being [themselves] baptized in behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them?
1 Cor 15:30 [For that matter], why do I live [dangerously as I do, running such risks that I am] in peril every hour?
1 Cor 15:31 [I assure you] by the pride which I have in you in [your fellowship and union with] Christ Jesus our Lord, that I die daily [I face death every day and die to self].
1 Cor 15:32 What do I gain if, merely from the human point of view, I fought with [wild] beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised [at all], let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we will be dead.
1 Cor 15:33 Do not be so deceived {and} misled! Evil companionships (communion, associations) corrupt {and} deprave good manners {and} morals {and} character.
1 Cor 15:34 Awake [from your drunken stupor and return] to sober sense {and} your right minds, and sin no more. For some of you have not the knowledge of God [you are utterly and willfully and disgracefully ignorant, and continue to be so, lacking the sense of God's presence and all true knowledge of Him]. I say this to your shame.
1 Cor 15:35 But someone will say, How can the dead be raised? With what [kind of] body will they come forth?
1 Cor 15:36 You foolish man! Every time you plant seed, you sow something that does not come to life [germinating, springing up, and growing] unless it dies first.
1 Cor 15:37 Nor is the seed you sow then the body which it is going to have [later], but it is a naked kernel, perhaps of wheat or some of the rest of the grains.
1 Cor 15:38 But God gives to it the body that He plans {and} sees fit, and to each kind of seed a body of its own.
1 Cor 15:39 For all flesh is not the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for beasts, another for birds, and another for fish.
1 Cor 15:40 There are heavenly bodies (sun, moon, and stars) and there are earthly bodies (men, animals, and plants), but the beauty {and} glory of the heavenly bodies is of one kind, while the beauty {and} glory of earthly bodies is a

different kind.
1 Cor 15:41 The sun is glorious in one way, the moon is glorious in another way, and the stars are glorious in their own [distinctive] way; for one star differs from {and} surpasses another in its beauty {and} brilliance.
1 Cor 15:42 So it is with the resurrection of the dead. [The body] that is sown is perishable {and} decays, but [the body] that is resurrected is imperishable (immune to decay, immortal).
1 Cor 15:43 It is sown in dishonor {and} humiliation; it is raised in honor {and} glory. It is sown in infirmity {and} weakness; it is resurrected in strength {and} endued with power.
1 Cor 15:44 It is sown a natural (physical) body; it is raised a supernatural (a spiritual) body. [As surely as] there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.
1 Cor 15:45 Thus it is written, The first man Adam became a living being (an individual personality); the last Adam (Christ) became a life-giving Spirit [restoring the dead to life].
1 Cor 15:46 But it is not the spiritual life which came first, but the physical and then the spiritual.
1 Cor 15:47 The first man [was] from out of earth, made of dust (earthly-minded); the second Man [is] {the Lord} from out of heaven.
1 Cor 15:48 Now those who are made of the dust are like him who was first made of the dust (earthly-minded); and as is [the Man] from heaven, so also [are those] who are of heaven (heavenly-minded).
1 Cor 15:49 And just as we have borne the image [of the man] of dust, so shall we {and so} {let us} also bear the image [of the Man] of heaven.
1 Cor 15:50 But I tell you this, brethren, flesh and blood cannot [become partakers of eternal salvation and] inherit {or} share in the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable (that which is decaying) inherit {or} share in the imperishable (the immortal).
1 Cor 15:51 Take notice! I tell you a mystery (a secret truth, an event decreed by the hidden purpose or counsel of God). We shall not all fall asleep [in death], but we shall all be changed (transformed)
1 Cor 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the [sound of the] last trumpet call. For a trumpet will sound, and the dead [in Christ] will be raised imperishable (free and immune from decay), and we shall be changed (transformed).
1 Cor 15:53 For this perishable [part of us] must put on the imperishable [nature], and this mortal [part of us, this nature that is capable of dying] must put on immortality (freedom from death).
1 Cor 15:54 And when this perishable puts on the imperishable and this that was capable of dying puts on freedom from death, then shall be fulfilled the Scripture that says, Death is swallowed up (utterly vanquished forever) in {and} unto victory.
1 Cor 15:55 O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?
1 Cor 15:56 Now sin is the sting of death, and sin exercises its power [upon the soul] through [the abuse of] the Law.
1 Cor 15:57 But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory [making us conquerors] through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Cor 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be firm (steadfast), immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord [always being superior, excelling, doing more than enough in the service of the Lord], knowing {and} being continually aware that your labor in the Lord is not futile [it is never wasted or to no purpose].
1 Cor 16:1 NOW CONCERNING the money contributed for [the relief of] the saints (God's people): you are to do the same as I directed the churches of Galatia to do.
1 Cor 16:2 On the first [day] of each week, let each one of you [personally] put aside something and save it up as he has prospered [in proportion to what he is given], so that no collections will need to be taken after I come.
1 Cor 16:3 And when I arrive, I will send on those whom you approve {and} authorize with credentials to carry your gift [of charity] to Jerusalem.
1 Cor 16:4 If it seems worthwhile that I should go too, they will accompany me.
1 Cor 16:5 After passing through Macedonia, I will visit you, for I intend [only] to pass through Macedonia;
1 Cor 16:6 But it may be that I will stay with you [for a while], perhaps even spend the winter, so that you may bring me forward [on my journey] to wherever I may go.
1 Cor 16:7 For I am unwilling to see you right now [just] in passing, but I hope later to remain for some time with you, if the Lord permits.
1 Cor 16:8 I will remain in Ephesus [however] until Pentecost,
1 Cor 16:9 For a wide door of opportunity for effectual [service] has opened to me [there, a great and promising one], and [there are] many adversaries.
1 Cor 16:10 When Timothy arrives, see to it that [you put him at ease, so that] he may be fearless among you, for he is [devotedly] doing the Lord's work, just as I am.

1 Cor 16:11 So [see to it that] no one despises him {or} treats him as if he were of no account {or} slights him. But send him off [cordially, speed him on his way] in peace, that he may come to me, for I am expecting him [to come along] with the other brethren.
1 Cor 16:12 As for our brother Apollos, I have urgently encouraged him to visit you with the other brethren, but it was not at all his will {or} God's will that he should go now. He will come when he has opportunity.
1 Cor 16:13 Be alert {and} on your guard; stand firm in your faith (your conviction respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, keeping the trust and holy fervor born of faith and a part of it). Act like men {and} be courageous; grow in strength!
1 Cor 16:14 Let everything you do be done in love (true love to God and man as inspired by God's love for us).
1 Cor 16:15 Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts {and} our firstfruits in Achaia (most of Greece), and how they have consecrated {and} devoted themselves to the service of the saints (God's people).
1 Cor 16:16 I urge you to pay all deference to such leaders {and} to enlist under them {and} be subject to them, as well as to everyone who joins {and} cooperates [with you] {and} labors earnestly.
1 Cor 16:17 I am happy because Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus have come [to me], for they have made up for your absence.
1 Cor 16:18 For they gave me respite from labor {and} rested me {and} refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Deeply appreciate {and} thoroughly know {and} fully recognize such men.
1 Cor 16:19 The churches of Asia send greetings {and} best wishes. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church [that meets] in their house, send you their hearty greetings in the Lord.
1 Cor 16:20 All the brethren wish to be remembered to you {and} wish you well. Greet one another with a holy kiss.
1 Cor 16:21 I, Paul, [add this final] greeting with my own hand.
1 Cor 16:22 If anyone does not love the Lord [does not have a friendly affection for Him and is not kindly disposed toward Him], he shall be accursed! Our Lord will come! (Maranatha!)
1 Cor 16:23 The grace (favor and spiritual blessing) of our Lord Jesus {Christ} be with you.
1 Cor 16:24 My love (that true love growing out of sincere devotion to God) be with you all in Christ Jesus. {Amen (so be it).}
2 Cor 1:1 PAUL, AN apostle (a special messenger) of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy [our] brother, to the church (assembly) of God which is at Corinth, and to all the saints (the people of God) throughout Achaia (most of Greece):
2 Cor 1:2 Grace (favor and spiritual blessing) to you and [heart] peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
2 Cor 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of sympathy (pity and mercy) and the God [Who is the Source] of every comfort (consolation and encouragement),
2 Cor 1:4 Who comforts (consoles and encourages) us in every trouble (calamity and affliction), so that we may also be able to comfort (console and encourage) those who are in any kind of trouble {or} distress, with the comfort (consolation and encouragement) with which we ourselves are comforted (consoled and encouraged) by God.
2 Cor 1:5 For just as Christ's [own] sufferings fall to our lot [as they overflow upon His disciples, and we share and experience them] abundantly, so through Christ comfort (consolation and encouragement) is also [shared and experienced] abundantly by us.
2 Cor 1:6 But if we are troubled (afflicted and distressed), it is for your comfort (consolation and encouragement) and [for your] salvation; and if we are comforted (consoled and encouraged), it is for your comfort (consolation and encouragement), which works [in you] when you patiently endure the same evils (misfortunes and calamities) that we also suffer {and} undergo.
2 Cor 1:7 And our hope for you [our joyful and confident expectation of good for you] is ever unwavering (assured and unshaken); for we know that just as you share {and} are partners in [our] sufferings {and} calamities, you also share {and} are partners in [our] comfort (consolation and encouragement).
2 Cor 1:8 For we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about the affliction {and} oppressing distress which befell us in [the province of] Asia, how we were so utterly and unbearably weighed down {and} crushed that we despaired even of life [itself].
2 Cor 1:9 Indeed, we felt within ourselves that we had received the [very] sentence of death, but that was to keep us from trusting in {and} depending on ourselves instead of on God Who raises the dead.
2 Cor 1:10 [For it is He] Who rescued {and} saved us from such a perilous death, and He will still rescue {and} save us; in {and} on Him we have set our hope (our joyful and confident expectation) that He will again deliver us [from

danger and destruction and draw us to Himself],
2 Cor 1:11 While you also cooperate by your prayers for us [helping and laboring together with us]. Thus [the lips of] many persons [turned toward God will eventually] give thanks on our behalf for the grace (the blessing of deliverance) granted us at the request of the many who have prayed.
2 Cor 1:12 It is a reason for pride {and} exultation to which our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world [generally] and especially toward you, with devout {and} pure motives and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but by the grace of God (the unmerited favor and merciful kindness by which God, exerting His holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, and keeps, strengthens, and increases them in Christian virtues).
2 Cor 1:13 For we write you nothing else but simply what you can read and understand [there is no double meaning to what we say], and I hope that you will become thoroughly acquainted [with divine things] {and} know {and} understand [them] accurately {and} well to the end,
2 Cor 1:14 [Just] as you have [already] partially known {and} understood {and} acknowledged us {and} recognized that you can [honestly] be proud of us, even as we [can be proud] of you on the day of our Lord Jesus.
2 Cor 1:15 It was with assurance of this that I wanted {and} planned to visit you first [of all], so that you might have a double favor {and} token of grace (goodwill).
2 Cor 1:16 [I wanted] to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and [then] to come again to you [on my return trip] from Macedonia and have you send me forward on my way to Judea.
2 Cor 1:17 Now because I changed my original plan, was I being unstable {and} capricious? Or what I plan, do I plan according to the flesh [like a worldly man], ready to say Yes, yes, [when it may mean] No, no?
2 Cor 1:18 As surely as God is trustworthy {and} faithful {and} means what He says, our speech {and} message to you have not been Yes [that might mean] No.
2 Cor 1:19 For the Son of God, Christ Jesus (the Messiah), Who has been preached among you by us, by myself, Silvanus, and Timothy, was not Yes and No; but in Him it is [always the divine] Yes.
2 Cor 1:20 For as many as are the promises of God, they all find their Yes [answer] in Him [Christ]. For this reason we also utter the Amen (so be it) to God through Him [in His Person and by His agency] to the glory of God.
2 Cor 1:21 But it is God Who confirms {and} makes us steadfast {and} establishes us [in joint fellowship] with you in Christ, and has consecrated {and} anointed us [enduing us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit];
2 Cor 1:22 [He has also appropriated and acknowledged us as His by] putting His seal upon us and giving us His [Holy] Spirit in our hearts as the security deposit {and} guarantee [of the fulfillment of His promise].
2 Cor 1:23 But I call upon God as my soul's witness: it was to avoid hurting you that I refrained from coming to Corinth--
2 Cor 1:24 Not that we have dominion [over you] {and} lord it over your faith, but [rather that we work with you as] fellow laborers [to promote] your joy, for in [your] faith (in your strong and welcome conviction or belief that Jesus is the Messiah, through Whom we obtain eternal salvation in the kingdom of God) you stand firm.
2 Cor 2:1 BUT I definitely made up my mind not to grieve you with another painful {and} distressing visit.
2 Cor 2:2 For if I cause you pain [with merited rebuke], who is there to provide me enjoyment but the [very] one whom I have grieved {and} made sad?
2 Cor 2:3 And I wrote the same to you so that when I came, I might not be myself pained by those who are the [very] ones who ought to make me glad, for I trusted in you all {and} felt confident that my joy would be shared by all of you.
2 Cor 2:4 For I wrote you out of great sorrow and deep distress [with mental torture and anxiety] of heart, [yes, and] with many tears, not to cause you pain but in order to make you realize the overflowing love that I continue increasingly to have for you.
2 Cor 2:5 But if someone [the one among you who committed incest] has caused [all this] grief {and} pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure, not to put it too severely, [he has distressed] all of you.
2 Cor 2:6 For such a one this censure by the majority [which he has received is] sufficient [punishment].
2 Cor 2:7 So [instead of further rebuke, now] you should rather turn {and} [graciously] forgive and comfort {and} encourage [him], to keep him from being overwhelmed by excessive sorrow {and} despair.
2 Cor 2:8 I therefore beg you to reinstate him in your affections {and} assure him of your love for him;
2 Cor 2:9 For this was my purpose in writing you, to test your attitude {and} see if you would stand the test, whether you are obedient {and} altogether agreeable [to following my orders] in everything.
2 Cor 2:10 If you forgive anyone anything, I too forgive that one; and what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sakes in the presence [and with the approval] of Christ (the Messiah),
2 Cor 2:11 To keep Satan from getting the advantage over us; for we are not ignorant of his wiles {and} intentions.

2 Cor 2:12 Now when I arrived at Troas [to preach] the good news (the Gospel) of Christ, a door of opportunity was opened for me in the Lord,
2 Cor 2:13 Yet my spirit could not rest (relax, get relief) because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I took leave from them {and} departed for Macedonia.
2 Cor 2:14 But thanks be to God, Who in Christ always leads us in triumph [as trophies of Christ's victory] and through us spreads {and} makes evident the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere,
2 Cor 2:15 For we are the sweet fragrance of Christ [which exhales] unto God, [discernible alike] among those who are being saved {and} among those who are perishing:
2 Cor 2:16 To the latter it is an aroma [wafted] from death to death [a fatal odor, the smell of doom]; to the former it is an aroma from life to life [a vital fragrance, living and fresh]. And who is qualified (fit and sufficient) for these things? [Who is able for such a ministry? We?]
2 Cor 2:17 For we are not, like so many, [like hucksters making a trade of] peddling God's Word [shortchanging and adulterating the divine message]; but like [men] of sincerity {and} the purest motive, as [commissioned and sent] by God, we speak [His message] in Christ (the Messiah), in the [very] sight {and} presence of God.
2 Cor 3:1 ARE WE starting to commend ourselves again? Or we do not, like some [false teachers], need written credentials {or} letters of recommendation to you or from you, [do we]?
2 Cor 3:2 [No] you yourselves are our letter of recommendation (our credentials), written in your hearts, to be known (perceived, recognized) and read by everybody.
2 Cor 3:3 You show {and} make obvious that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, not written with ink but with [the] Spirit of [the] living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.
2 Cor 3:4 Such is the reliance {and} confidence that we have through Christ toward {and} with reference to God.
2 Cor 3:5 Not that we are fit (qualified and sufficient in ability) of ourselves to form personal judgments {or} to claim {or} count anything as coming from us, but our power {and} ability {and} sufficiency are from God.
2 Cor 3:6 [It is He] Who has qualified us [making us to be fit and worthy and sufficient] as ministers {and} dispensers of a new covenant [of salvation through Christ], not [ministers] of the letter (of legally written code) but of the Spirit; for the code [of the Law] kills, but the [Holy] Spirit makes alive.
2 Cor 3:7 Now if the dispensation of death engraved in letters on stone [the ministration of the Law], was inaugurated with such glory {and} splendor that the Israelites were not able to look steadily at the face of Moses because of its brilliance, [a glory] that was to fade {and} pass away,
2 Cor 3:8 Why should not the dispensation of the Spirit [this spiritual ministry whose task it is to cause men to obtain and be governed by the Holy Spirit] be attended with much greater {and} more splendid glory?
2 Cor 3:9 For if the service that condemns [the ministration of doom] had glory, how infinitely more abounding in splendor {and} glory must be the service that makes righteous [the ministry that produces and fosters righteous living and right standing with God]!
2 Cor 3:10 Indeed, in view of this fact, what once had splendor [the glory of the Law in the face of Moses] has come to have no splendor at all, because of the overwhelming glory that exceeds {and} excels it [the glory of the Gospel in the face of Jesus Christ].
2 Cor 3:11 For if that which was but passing {and} fading away came with splendor, how much more must that which remains {and} is permanent abide in glory {and} splendor!
2 Cor 3:12 Since we have such [glorious] hope (such joyful and confident expectation), we speak very freely {and} openly {and} fearlessly.
2 Cor 3:13 Nor [do we act] like Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze upon the finish of the vanishing [splendor which had been upon it].
2 Cor 3:14 In fact, their minds were grown hard {and} calloused [they had become dull and had lost the power of understanding]; for until this present day, when the Old Testament (the old covenant) is being read, that same veil still lies [on their hearts], not being lifted [to reveal] that in Christ it is made void {and} done away.
2 Cor 3:15 Yes, down to this [very] day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies upon their minds {and} hearts.
2 Cor 3:16 But whenever a person turns [in repentance] to the Lord, the veil is stripped off {and} taken away.
2 Cor 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (emancipation from bondage, freedom).
2 Cor 3:18 And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His {very own} image in ever increasing splendor {and} from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.
2 Cor 4:1 THEREFORE, SINCE we do hold {and} engage in this ministry by the mercy of God [granting us favor,

benefits, opportunities, and especially salvation], we do not get discouraged (spiritless and despondent with fear) {or} become faint with weariness and exhaustion.
2 Cor 4:2 We have renounced disgraceful ways (secret thoughts, feelings, desires and underhandedness, the methods and arts that men hide through shame); we refuse to deal craftily (to practice trickery and cunning) or to adulterate {or} handle dishonestly the Word of God, but we state the truth openly (clearly and candidly). And so we commend ourselves in the sight {and} presence of God to every man's conscience.
2 Cor 4:3 But even if our Gospel (the glad tidings) also be hidden (obscured and covered up with a veil that hinders the knowledge of God), it is hidden [only] to those who are perishing {and} obscured [only] to those who are spiritually dying {and} veiled [only] to those who are lost.
2 Cor 4:4 For the god of this world has blinded the unbelievers' minds [that they should not discern the truth], preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ (the Messiah), Who is the Image {and} Likeness of God.
2 Cor 4:5 For what we preach is not ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves [merely] as your servants (slaves) for Jesus' sake.
2 Cor 4:6 For God Who said, Let light shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts so as [to beam forth] the Light for the illumination of the knowledge of the majesty {and} glory of God [as it is manifest in the Person and is revealed] in the face of {Jesus} Christ (the Messiah).
2 Cor 4:7 However, we possess this precious treasure [the divine Light of the Gospel] in [frail, human] vessels of earth, that the grandeur {and} exceeding greatness of the power may be shown to be from God and not from ourselves.
2 Cor 4:8 We are hedged in (pressed) on every side [troubled and oppressed in every way], but not cramped {or} crushed; we suffer embarrassments {and} are perplexed {and} unable to find a way out, but not driven to despair;
2 Cor 4:9 We are pursued (persecuted and hard driven), but not deserted [to stand alone]; we are struck down to the ground, but never struck out {and} destroyed;
2 Cor 4:10 Always carrying about in the body the liability {and} exposure to the same putting to death that {the Lord} Jesus suffered, so that the [resurrection] life of Jesus also may be shown forth by {and} in our bodies.
2 Cor 4:11 For we who live are constantly [experiencing] being handed over to death for Jesus' sake, that the [resurrection] life of Jesus also may be evidenced through our flesh which is liable to death.
2 Cor 4:12 Thus death is actively at work in us, but [it is in order that our] life [may be actively at work] in you.
2 Cor 4:13 Yet we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, I have believed, and therefore have I spoken. We too believe, and therefore we speak,
2 Cor 4:14 Assured that He Who raised up the Lord Jesus will raise us up also with Jesus and bring us [along] with you into His presence.
2 Cor 4:15 For all [these] things are [taking place] for your sake, so that the more grace (divine favor and spiritual blessing) extends to more and more people {and} multiplies through the many, the more thanksgiving may increase [and redound] to the glory of God.
2 Cor 4:16 Therefore we do not become discouraged (utterly spiritless, exhausted, and wearied out through fear). Though our outer man is [progressively] decaying {and} wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day after day.
2 Cor 4:17 For our light, momentary affliction (this slight distress of the passing hour) is ever more and more abundantly preparing {and} producing {and} achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory [beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!],
2 Cor 4:18 Since we consider {and} look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting), but the things that are invisible are deathless {and} everlasting.
2 Cor 5:1 FOR WE know that if the tent which is our earthly home is destroyed (dissolved), we have from God a building, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
2 Cor 5:2 Here indeed, in this [present abode, body], we sigh {and} groan inwardly, because we yearn to be clothed over [we yearn to put on our celestial body like a garment, to be fitted out] with our heavenly dwelling,
2 Cor 5:3 So that by putting it on we may not be found naked (without a body).
2 Cor 5:4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan under the burden {and} sigh deeply (weighed down, depressed, oppressed)--not that we want to put off the body (the clothing of the spirit), but rather that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal (our dying body) may be swallowed up by life [after the resurrection].
2 Cor 5:5 Now He Who has fashioned us [preparing and making us fit] for this very thing is God, Who also has given us the [Holy] Spirit as a guarantee [of the fulfillment of His promise].

2 Cor 5:6 So then, we are always full of good {and} hopeful {and} confident courage; we know that while we are at home in the body, we are abroad from the home with the Lord [that is promised us].
2 Cor 5:7 For we walk by faith [we regulate our lives and conduct ourselves by our conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, with trust and holy fervor; thus we walk] not by sight {or} appearance.
2 Cor 5:8 [Yes] we have confident {and} hopeful courage and are pleased rather to be away from home out of the body and be at home with the Lord.
2 Cor 5:9 Therefore, whether we are at home [on earth away from Him] or away from home [and with Him], we are constantly ambitious {and} strive earnestly to be pleasing to Him.
2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear {and} be revealed as we are before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive [his pay] according to what he has done in the body, whether good or evil [considering what his purpose and motive have been, and what he has achieved, been busy with, and given himself and his attention to accomplishing].
2 Cor 5:11 Therefore, being conscious of fearing the Lord with respect {and} reverence, we seek to win people over [to persuade them]. But what sort of persons we are is plainly recognized {and} thoroughly understood by God, and I hope that it is plainly recognized {and} thoroughly understood also by your consciences (your inborn discernment).
2 Cor 5:12 We are not commending ourselves to you again, but we are providing you with an occasion {and} incentive to be [rightfully] proud of us, so that you may have a reply for those who pride themselves on surface appearances [on the virtues they only appear to have], although their heart is devoid of them.
2 Cor 5:13 For if we are beside ourselves [mad, as some say], it is for God {and} concerns Him; if we are in our right mind, it is for your benefit,
2 Cor 5:14 For the love of Christ controls {and} urges {and} impels us, because we are of the opinion {and} conviction that [if] One died for all, then all died;
2 Cor 5:15 And He died for all, so that all those who live might live no longer to {and} for themselves, but to {and} for Him Who died and was raised again for their sake.
2 Cor 5:16 Consequently, from now on we estimate {and} regard no one from a [purely] human point of view [in terms of natural standards of value]. [No] even though we once did estimate Christ from a human viewpoint {and} as a man, yet now [we have such knowledge of Him that] we know Him no longer [in terms of the flesh].
2 Cor 5:17 Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh {and} new has come!
2 Cor 5:18 But all things are from God, Who through {Jesus} Christ reconciled us to Himself [received us into favor, brought us into harmony with Himself] and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation [that by word and deed we might aim to bring others into harmony with Him].
2 Cor 5:19 It was God [personally present] in Christ, reconciling {and} restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up {and} holding against [men] their trespasses [but cancelling them], and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor).
2 Cor 5:20 So we are Christ's ambassadors, God making His appeal as it were through us. We [as Christ's personal representatives] beg you for His sake to lay hold of the divine favor [now offered you] {and} be reconciled to God.
2 Cor 5:21 For our sake He made Christ [virtually] to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in {and} through Him we might become [endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of] the righteousness of God [what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness].
2 Cor 6:1 LABORING TOGETHER [as God's fellow workers] with Him then, we beg of you not to receive the grace of God in vain [that merciful kindness by which God exerts His holy influence on souls and turns them to Christ, keeping and strengthening them--do not receive it to no purpose].
2 Cor 6:2 For He says, In the time of favor (of an assured welcome) I have listened to {and} heeded your call, and I have helped you on the day of deliverance (the day of salvation). Behold, now is truly the time for a gracious welcome {and} acceptance [of you from God]; behold, now is the day of salvation!
2 Cor 6:3 We put no obstruction in anybody's way [we give no offense in anything], so that no fault may be found {and} [our] ministry blamed {and} discredited.
2 Cor 6:4 But we commend ourselves in every way as [true] servants of God: through great endurance, in tribulation {and} suffering, in hardships {and} privations, in sore straits {and} calamities,
2 Cor 6:5 In beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless watching, hunger;
2 Cor 6:6 By innocence {and} purity, knowledge {and} spiritual insight, longsuffering {and} patience, kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in unfeigned love;
2 Cor 6:7 By [speaking] the word of truth, in the power of God, with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand

[to attack] and for the left hand [to defend];
2 Cor 6:8 Amid honor and dishonor; in defaming {and} evil report and in praise {and} good report. [We are branded] as deceivers (impostors), and [yet vindicated as] truthful {and} honest.
2 Cor 6:9 [We are treated] as unknown {and} ignored [by the world], and [yet we are] well-known {and} recognized [by God and His people]; as dying, and yet here we are alive; as chastened by suffering and [yet] not killed;
2 Cor 6:10 As grieved {and} mourning, yet [we are] always rejoicing; as poor [ourselves, yet] bestowing riches on many; as having nothing, and [yet in reality] possessing all things.
2 Cor 6:11 Our mouth is open to you, Corinthians [we are hiding nothing, keeping nothing back], and our heart is expanded wide [for you]!
2 Cor 6:12 There is no lack of room for you in [our hearts], but you lack room in your own affections [for us].
2 Cor 6:13 By way of return then, do this for me--I speak as to children--open wide your hearts also [to us].
2 Cor 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers [do not make mismated alliances with them or come under a different yoke with them, inconsistent with your faith]. For what partnership have right living {and} right standing with God with iniquity {and} lawlessness? Or how can light have fellowship with darkness?
2 Cor 6:15 What harmony can there be between Christ and Belial [the devil]? Or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?
2 Cor 6:16 What agreement [can there be between] a temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in {and} with {and} among them and will walk in {and} with {and} among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
2 Cor 6:17 So, come out from among [unbelievers], and separate (sever) yourselves from them, says the Lord, and touch not [any] unclean thing; then I will receive you kindly {and} treat you with favor,
2 Cor 6:18 And I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.
2 Cor 7:1 THEREFORE, SINCE these [great] promises are ours, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates {and} defiles body and spirit, and bring [our] consecration to completeness in the [reverential] fear of God.
2 Cor 7:2 Do open your hearts to us again [enlarge them to take us in]. We have wronged no one, we have betrayed {or} corrupted no one, we have cheated {or} taken advantage of no one.
2 Cor 7:3 I do not say this to reproach {or} condemn [you], for I have said before that you are [nested] in our hearts, [and you will remain there] together [with us], whether we die or live.
2 Cor 7:4 I have great boldness {and} free {and} fearless confidence {and} cheerful courage toward you; my pride in you is great. I am filled [brimful] with the comfort [of it]; with all our tribulation {and} in spite of it, [I am filled with comfort] I am overflowing with joy.
2 Cor 7:5 For even when we arrived in Macedonia, our bodies had no ease {or} rest, but we were oppressed in every way {and} afflicted at every turn--fighting {and} contentions without, dread {and} fears within [us].
2 Cor 7:6 But God, Who comforts {and} encourages {and} refreshes {and} cheers the depressed {and} the sinking, comforted {and} encouraged {and} refreshed {and} cheered us by the arrival of Titus.
2 Cor 7:7 [Yes] and not only by his coming but also by [his account of] the comfort with which he was encouraged {and} refreshed {and} cheered as to you, while he told us of your yearning affection, of how sorry you were [for me] and how eagerly you took my part, so that I rejoiced still more.
2 Cor 7:8 For even though I did grieve you with my letter, I do not regret [it now], though I did regret it; for I see that that letter did pain you, though only for a little while;
2 Cor 7:9 Yet I am glad now, not because you were pained, but because you were pained into repentance [and so turned back to God]; for you felt a grief such as God meant you to feel, so that in nothing you might suffer loss through us {or} harm for what we did.
2 Cor 7:10 For godly grief {and} the pain God is permitted to direct, produce a repentance that leads {and} contributes to salvation {and} deliverance from evil, and it never brings regret; but worldly grief (the hopeless sorrow that is characteristic of the pagan world) is deadly [breeding and ending in death].
2 Cor 7:11 For [you can look back now and] observe what this same godly sorrow has done for you {and} has produced in you: what eagerness {and} earnest care to explain {and} clear yourselves [of all complicity in the condoning of incest], what indignation [at the sin], what alarm, what yearning, what zeal [to do justice to all concerned], what readiness to mete out punishment [to the offender]! At every point you have proved yourselves cleared {and} guiltless in the matter. [I Cor. 5.]
2 Cor 7:12 So although I did write to you [as I did], it was not for the sake {and} because of the one who did [the] wrong, nor on account of the one who suffered [the] wrong, but in order that you might realize before God [that your

readiness to accept our authority revealed] how zealously you do care for us.
2 Cor 7:13 Therefore we are relieved {and} comforted {and} encouraged [at the result]. And in addition to our own [personal] consolation, we were especially delighted at the joy of Titus, because you have all set his mind at rest, soothing {and} refreshing his spirit.
2 Cor 7:14 For if I had boasted to him at all concerning you, I was not disappointed {or} put to shame, but just as everything we ever said to you was true, so our boasting [about you] to Titus has proved true also.
2 Cor 7:15 And his heart goes out to you more abundantly than ever as he recalls the submission [to his guidance] that all of you had, and the reverence {and} anxiety [to meet all requirements] with which you accepted {and} welcomed him.
2 Cor 7:16 I am very happy because I now am of good courage {and} have perfect confidence in you in all things.
2 Cor 8:1 WE WANT to tell you further, brethren, about the grace (the favor and spiritual blessing) of God which has been evident in the churches of Macedonia [arousing in them the desire to give alms];
2 Cor 8:2 For in the midst of an ordeal of severe tribulation, their abundance of joy and their depth of poverty [together] have overflowed in wealth of lavish generosity on their part.
2 Cor 8:3 For, as I can bear witness, [they gave] according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability; and [they did it] voluntarily,
2 Cor 8:4 Begging us most insistently for the favor {and} the fellowship of contributing in this ministration for [the relief and support of] the saints [in Jerusalem].
2 Cor 8:5 Nor [was this gift of theirs merely the contribution] that we expected, but first they gave themselves to the Lord and to us [as His agents] by the will of God [entirely disregarding their personal interests, they gave as much as they possibly could, having put themselves at our disposal to be directed by the will of God]--
2 Cor 8:6 So much so that we have urged Titus that as he began it, he should also complete this beneficent {and} gracious contribution among you [the church at Corinth].
2 Cor 8:7 Now as you abound {and} excel {and} are at the front in everything--in faith, in expressing yourselves, in knowledge, in all zeal, and in your love for us--[see to it that you come to the front now and] abound {and} excel in this gracious work [of almsgiving] also.
2 Cor 8:8 I give this not as an order [to dictate to you], but to prove, by [pointing out] the zeal of others, the sincerity of your [own] love also.
2 Cor 8:9 For you are becoming progressively acquainted with {and} recognizing more strongly {and} clearly the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (His kindness, His gracious generosity, His undeserved favor and spiritual blessing), [in] that though He was [so very] rich, yet for your sakes He became [so very] poor, in order that by His poverty you might become enriched (abundantly supplied).
2 Cor 8:10 [It is then] my counsel {and} my opinion in this matter that I give [you when I say]: It is profitable {and} fitting for you [now to complete the enterprise] which more than a year ago you not only began, but were the first to wish to do anything [about contributions for the relief of the saints at Jerusalem].
2 Cor 8:11 So now finish doing it, that your [enthusiastic] readiness in desiring it may be equalled by your completion of it according to your ability {and} means.
2 Cor 8:12 For if the [eager] readiness to give is there, then it is acceptable {and} welcomed in proportion to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.
2 Cor 8:13 For it is not [intended] that other people be eased {and} relieved [of their responsibility] and you be burdened {and} suffer [unfairly],
2 Cor 8:14 But to have equality [share and share alike], your surplus over necessity at the present time going to meet their want {and} to equalize the difference created by it, so that [at some other time] their surplus in turn may be given to supply your want. Thus there may be equality,
2 Cor 8:15 As it is written, He who gathered much had nothing over, and he who gathered little did not lack.
2 Cor 8:16 But thanks be to God Who planted the same earnest zeal {and} care for you in the heart of Titus.
2 Cor 8:17 For he not only welcomed {and} responded to our appeal, but was himself so keen in his enthusiasm {and} interest in you that he is going to you of his own accord.
2 Cor 8:18 But we are sending along with him that brother [Luke?] whose praise in the Gospel ministry [is spread] throughout all the churches;
2 Cor 8:19 And more than that, he has been appointed by the churches to travel as our companion in regard to this bountiful contribution which we are administering for the glory of the Lord Himself and [to show] our eager readiness [as Christians to help one another].
2 Cor 8:20 [For] we are on our guard, intending that no one should find anything for which to blame us in regard to

our administration of this large contribution.
2 Cor 8:21 For we take thought beforehand {and} aim to be honest {and} absolutely above suspicion, not only in the sight of the Lord but also in the sight of men.
2 Cor 8:22 Moreover, along with them we are sending our brother, whom we have often put to the test and have found him zealous (devoted and earnest) in many matters, but who is now more [eagerly] earnest than ever because of [his] absolute confidence in you.
2 Cor 8:23 As for Titus, he is my colleague and shares my work in your service; and as for the [other two] brethren, they are the [special] messengers of the churches, a credit {and} glory to Christ (the Messiah).
2 Cor 8:24 Show to these men, therefore, in the sight of the churches, the reality {and} plain truth of your love (your affection, goodwill, and benevolence) and what [good reasons] I had for boasting about {and} being proud of you.
2 Cor 9:1 NOW ABOUT the offering that is [to be made] for the saints (God's people in Jerusalem), it is quite superfluous that I should write you;
2 Cor 9:2 For I am well acquainted with your willingness (your readiness and your eagerness to promote it) and I have proudly told about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia (most of Greece) has been prepared since last year for this contribution; and [consequently] your enthusiasm has stimulated the majority of them.
2 Cor 9:3 Still, I am sending the brethren [on to you], lest our pride in you should be made an empty boast in this particular case, and so that you may be all ready, as I told them you would be;
2 Cor 9:4 Lest, if [any] Macedonians should come with me and find you unprepared [for this generosity], we, to say nothing of yourselves, be humiliated for our being so confident.
2 Cor 9:5 That is why I thought it necessary to urge these brethren to go to you before I do and make arrangements in advance for this bountiful, promised gift of yours, so that it may be ready, not as an extortion [wrung out of you] but as a generous {and} willing gift.
2 Cor 9:6 [Remember] this: he who sows sparingly {and} grudgingly will also reap sparingly {and} grudgingly, and he who sows generously [that blessings may come to someone] will also reap generously {and} with blessings.
2 Cor 9:7 Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind {and} purposed in his heart, not reluctantly {or} sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, "prompt to do it") giver [whose heart is in his giving].
2 Cor 9:8 And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always {and} under all circumstances {and} whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation].
2 Cor 9:9 As it is written, He [the benevolent person] scatters abroad; He gives to the poor; His deeds of justice {and} goodness {and} kindness {and} benevolence will go on {and} endure forever!
2 Cor 9:10 And [God] Who provides seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your [resources for] sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness [which manifests itself in active goodness, kindness, and charity].
2 Cor 9:11 Thus you will be enriched in all things {and} in every way, so that you can be generous, and [your generosity as it is] administered by us will bring forth thanksgiving to God.
2 Cor 9:12 For the service that the ministering of this fund renders does not only fully supply what is lacking to the saints (God's people), but it also overflows in many [cries of] thanksgiving to God.
2 Cor 9:13 Because at [your] standing of the test of this ministry, they will glorify God for your loyalty {and} obedience to the Gospel of Christ which you confess, as well as for your generous-hearted liberality to them and to all [the other needy ones].
2 Cor 9:14 And they yearn for you while they pray for you, because of the surpassing measure of God's grace (His favor and mercy and spiritual blessing which is shown forth) in you.
2 Cor 9:15 Now thanks be to God for His Gift, [precious] beyond telling [His indescribable, inexpressible, free Gift]!
2 Cor 10:1 NOW I myself, Paul, beseech you, by the gentleness and consideration of Christ [Himself; I] who [am] lowly enough [so they say] when among you face to face, but bold (fearless and outspoken) to you when [I am] absent from you!
2 Cor 10:2 I entreat you when I do come [to you] that I may not [be driven to such] boldness as I intend to show toward those few who suspect us of acting according to the flesh [on the low level of worldly motives and as if invested with only human powers].
2 Cor 10:3 For though we walk (live) in the flesh, we are not carrying on our warfare according to the flesh {and} using mere human weapons.
2 Cor 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before

God for the overthrow {and} destruction of strongholds,
2 Cor 10:5 [Inasmuch as we] refute arguments {and} theories {and} reasonings and every proud {and} lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought {and} purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One),
2 Cor 10:6 Being in readiness to punish every [insubordinate for his] disobedience, when your own submission {and} obedience [as a church] are fully secured {and} complete.
2 Cor 10:7 Look at [this obvious fact] which is before your eyes. If anyone is confident that he is Christ's, let him reflect {and} remind himself that even as he is Christ's, so too are we.
2 Cor 10:8 For even though I boast rather freely about our power {and} authority, which the Lord gave for your upbuilding and not for demolishing you, yet I shall not be put to shame [for exceeding the truth],
2 Cor 10:9 Neither would I seem to be overawing {or} frightening you with my letters;
2 Cor 10:10 For they say, His letters are weighty {and} impressive and forceful {and} telling, but his personality {and} bodily presence are weak, and his speech {and} delivery are utterly contemptible (of no account).
2 Cor 10:11 Let such people realize that what we say by letters when we are absent, [we put] also into deeds when we are present--
2 Cor 10:12 Not that we [have the audacity to] venture to class or [even to] compare ourselves with some who exalt {and} furnish testimonials for themselves! However, when they measure themselves with themselves and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding {and} behave unwisely.
2 Cor 10:13 We, on the other hand, will not boast beyond our legitimate province {and} proper limit, but will keep within the limits [of our commission which] God has allotted us as our measuring line and which reaches {and} includes even you.
2 Cor 10:14 For we are not overstepping the limits of our province {and} stretching beyond our ability to reach, as though we reached not (had no legitimate mission) to you, for we were [the very first] to come even as far as to you with the good news (the Gospel) of Christ.
2 Cor 10:15 We do not boast therefore, beyond our proper limit, over other men's labors, but we have the hope {and} confident expectation that as your faith continues to grow, our field among you may be greatly enlarged, still within the limits of our commission,
2 Cor 10:16 So that [we may even] preach the Gospel in lands [lying] beyond you, without making a boast of work already done in another [man's] sphere of activity [before we came on the scene].
2 Cor 10:17 However, let him who boasts {and} glories boast {and} glory in the Lord.
2 Cor 10:18 For [it is] not [the man] who praises {and} commends himself who is approved {and} accepted, but [it is the person] whom the Lord accredits {and} commends.
2 Cor 11:1 I WISH you would bear with me while I indulge in a little [so-called] foolishness. Do bear with me!
2 Cor 11:2 For I am zealous for you with a godly eagerness {and} a divine jealousy, for I have betrothed you to one Husband, to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.
2 Cor 11:3 But [now] I am fearful, lest that even as the serpent beguiled Eve by his cunning, so your minds may be corrupted {and} seduced from wholehearted {and} sincere {and} pure devotion to Christ.
2 Cor 11:4 For [you seem readily to endure it] if a man comes and preaches another Jesus than the One we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the [Spirit] you [once] received or a different gospel from the one you [then] received {and} welcomed; you tolerate [all that] well enough!
2 Cor 11:5 Yet I consider myself as in no way inferior to these [precious] extra-super [false] apostles.
2 Cor 11:6 But even if [I am] unskilled in speaking, yet [I am] not [unskilled] in knowledge [I know what I am talking about]; we have made this evident to you in all things.
2 Cor 11:7 But did I perhaps make a mistake {and} do you a wrong in debasing {and} cheapening myself so that you might be exalted {and} enriched in dignity {and} honor {and} happiness by preaching God's Gospel without expense to you?
2 Cor 11:8 Other churches I have robbed by accepting [more than their share of] support for my ministry [from them in order] to serve you.
2 Cor 11:9 And when I was with you and ran short financially, I did not burden any [of you], for what I lacked was abundantly made up by the brethren who came from Macedonia. So I kept myself from being burdensome to you in any way, and will continue to keep [myself from being so].
2 Cor 11:10 As the truth of Christ is in me, this my boast [of independence] shall not be debarred (silenced or checked) in the regions of Achaia (most of Greece).
2 Cor 11:11 And why? Because I do not love you [do not have a preference for you, wish you well, and regard your

welfare]? God perceives {and} knows that I do!
2 Cor 11:12 But what I do, I will continue to do, [for I am determined to maintain this independence] in order to cut off the claim of those who would like [to find an occasion and incentive] to claim that in their boasted [mission] they work on the same terms that we do.
2 Cor 11:13 For such men are false apostles [spurious, counterfeits], deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles (special messengers) of Christ (the Messiah).
2 Cor 11:14 And it is no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light;
2 Cor 11:15 So it is not surprising if his servants also masquerade as ministers of righteousness. [But] their end will correspond with their deeds.
2 Cor 11:16 I repeat then, let no one think I have lost my wits; but even if you do, then bear with a witless man, so that I too may boast a little.
2 Cor 11:17 What I say by way of this confident boasting, I say not with the Lord's authority [by inspiration] but, as it were, in pure witlessness.
2 Cor 11:18 [For] since many boast of worldly things {and} according to the flesh, I will glory (boast) also.
2 Cor 11:19 For you readily {and} gladly bear with the foolish, since you are so smart {and} wise yourselves!
2 Cor 11:20 For you endure it if a man assumes control of your souls {and} makes slaves of you, or devours [your substance, spends your money] {and} preys upon you, or deceives {and} takes advantage of you, or is arrogant {and} puts on airs, or strikes you in the face.
2 Cor 11:21 To my discredit, I must say, we have shown ourselves too weak [for you to show such tolerance of us and for us to do strong, courageous things like that to you]! But in whatever any person is bold {and} dares [to boast]--mind you, I am speaking in this foolish (witless) way--I also am bold {and} dare [to boast].
2 Cor 11:22 They are Hebrews? So am I! They are Israelites? So am I! They are descendants of Abraham? So am I!
2 Cor 11:23 Are they [ministering] servants of Christ (the Messiah)? I am talking like one beside himself, [but] I am more, with far more extensive {and} abundant labors, with far more imprisonments, [beaten] with countless stripes, and frequently [at the point of] death.
2 Cor 11:24 Five times I received from [the hands of] the Jews forty [lashes all] but one;
2 Cor 11:25 Three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. Three times I have been aboard a ship wrecked at sea; a [whole] night and a day I have spent [adrift] on the deep;
2 Cor 11:26 Many times on journeys, [exposed to] perils from rivers, perils from bandits, perils from [my own] nation, perils from the Gentiles, perils in the city, perils in the desert places, perils in the sea, perils from those posing as believers [but destitute of Christian knowledge and piety];
2 Cor 11:27 In toil and hardship, watching often [through sleepless nights], in hunger and thirst, frequently driven to fasting by want, in cold and exposure {and} lack of clothing.
2 Cor 11:28 And besides those things that are without, there is the daily [inescapable pressure] of my care {and} anxiety for all the churches!
2 Cor 11:29 Who is weak, and I do not feel [his] weakness? Who is made to stumble {and} fall {and} have his faith hurt, and I am not on fire [with sorrow or indignation]?
2 Cor 11:30 If I must boast, I will boast of the things that [show] my infirmity [of the things by which I am made weak and contemptible in the eyes of my opponents].
2 Cor 11:31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus {Christ} knows, He Who is blessed {and} to be praised forevermore, that I do not lie.
2 Cor 11:32 In Damascus, the city governor acting under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus [on purpose] to arrest me,
2 Cor 11:33 And I was [actually] let down in a [rope] basket {or} hamper through a window (a small door) in the wall, and I escaped through his fingers.
2 Cor 12:1 TRUE, THERE is nothing to be gained by it, but [as I am obliged] to boast, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.
2 Cor 12:2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows--was caught up to the third heaven.
2 Cor 12:3 And I know that this man--whether in the body or away from the body I do not know, God knows--
2 Cor 12:4 Was caught up into paradise, and he heard utterances beyond the power of man to put into words, which man is not permitted to utter.
2 Cor 12:5 Of this same [man's experiences] I will boast, but of myself (personally) I will not boast, except as regards my infirmities (my weaknesses).

2 Cor 12:6 Should I desire to boast, I shall not be a witless braggart, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I abstain [from it] so that no one may form a higher estimate of me than [is justified by] what he sees in me or hears from me.
2 Cor 12:7 And to keep me from being puffed up {and} too much elated by the exceeding greatness (preeminence) of these revelations, there was given me a thorn (a splinter) in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to rack {and} buffet {and} harass me, to keep me from being excessively exalted. [Job. 2:6.]
2 Cor 12:8 Three times I called upon the Lord {and} besought [Him] about this {and} begged that it might depart from me;
2 Cor 12:9 But He said to me, My grace (My favor and loving-kindness and mercy) is enough for you [sufficient against any danger and enables you to bear the trouble manfully]; for {My} strength {and} power are made perfect (fulfilled and completed) {and show themselves most effective} in [your] weakness. Therefore, I will all the more gladly glory in my weaknesses {and} infirmities, that the strength {and} power of Christ (the Messiah) may rest (yes, may pitch a tent over and dwell) upon me!
2 Cor 12:10 So for the sake of Christ, I am well pleased {and} take pleasure in infirmities, insults, hardships, persecutions, perplexities {and} distresses; for when I am weak [in human strength], then am I [truly] strong (able, powerful in divine strength).
2 Cor 12:11 Now I have been [speaking like] a fool! But you forced me to it, for I ought to have been [saved the necessity and] commended by you. For I have not fallen short one bit {or} proved myself at all inferior to those superlative [false] apostles [of yours], even if I am nothing (a nobody).
2 Cor 12:12 Indeed, the signs that indicate a [genuine] apostle were performed among you fully {and} most patiently in miracles and wonders and mighty works.
2 Cor 12:13 For in what respect were you put to a disadvantage in comparison with the rest of the churches, unless [it was for the fact] that I myself did not burden you [with my financial support]? Pardon me [for doing you] this injustice!
2 Cor 12:14 Now for the third time I am ready to come to [visit] you. And I will not burden you [financially], for it is not your [money] that I want but you; for children are not duty bound to lay up store for their parents, but parents for their children.
2 Cor 12:15 But I will most gladly spend [myself] and be utterly spent for your souls. If I love you exceedingly, am I to be loved [by you] the less?
2 Cor 12:16 But though granting that I did not burden you [with my support, some say that] I was crafty [and that] I cheated {and} got the better of you with my trickery.
2 Cor 12:17 Did I [then] take advantage of you {or} make any money out of you through any of those [messengers] whom I sent to you?
2 Cor 12:18 [Actually] I urged Titus [to go], and I sent the brother with [him]. Did Titus overreach {or} take advantage of you [in anything]? Did he {and} I not act in the same spirit? Did we not [take the] same steps?
2 Cor 12:19 Have you been supposing [all this time] that we have been defending ourselves {and} apologizing to you? [It is] in the sight {and} the [very] presence of God [and as one] in Christ (the Messiah) that we have been speaking, dearly beloved, and all in order to build you up [spiritually].
2 Cor 12:20 For I am fearful that somehow or other I may come and find you not as I desire to find you, and that you may find me too not as you want to find me--that perhaps there may be factions (quarreling), jealousy, temper (wrath, intrigues, rivalry, divided loyalties), selfishness, whispering, gossip, arrogance (self-assertion), and disorder among you.
2 Cor 12:21 [I am fearful] that when I come again, my God may humiliate {and} humble me in your regard, and that I may have to sorrow over many of those who sinned before and have not repented of the impurity, sexual vice, and sensuality which they formerly practiced.
2 Cor 13:1 THIS IS the third time that I am coming to you. By the testimony of two or three witnesses must any charge {and} every accusing statement be sustained {and} confirmed.
2 Cor 13:2 I have already warned those who sinned formerly and all the rest also, and I warn them now again while I am absent, as I did when present on my second visit, that if I come back, I will not spare [them],
2 Cor 13:3 Since you desire {and} seek [perceptible] proof of the Christ Who speaks in {and} through me. [For He] is not weak {and} feeble in dealing with you, but is a mighty power within you;
2 Cor 13:4 For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He goes on living by the power of God. And though we too are weak in Him [as He was humanly weak], yet in dealing with you [we shall show ourselves] alive {and} strong in [fellowship with] Him by the power of God.
2 Cor 13:5 Examine {and} test {and} evaluate your own selves to see whether you are holding to your faith {and}

showing the proper fruits of it. Test {and} prove yourselves [not Christ]. Do you not yourselves realize {and} know [thoroughly by an ever-increasing experience] that Jesus Christ is in you--unless you are [counterfeits] disapproved on trial {and} rejected?
2 Cor 13:6 But I hope you will recognize {and} know that we are not disapproved on trial {and} rejected.
2 Cor 13:7 But I pray to God that you may do nothing wrong, not in order that we [our teaching] may appear to be approved, but that you may continue doing right, [though] we may seem to have failed {and} be unapproved.
2 Cor 13:8 For we can do nothing against the Truth [not serve any party or personal interest], but only for the Truth [which is the Gospel].
2 Cor 13:9 For we are glad when we are weak (unapproved) and you are really strong. And this we also pray for: your all-round strengthening {and} perfecting of soul.
2 Cor 13:10 So I write these things while I am absent from you, that when I come to you, I may not have to deal sharply in my use of the authority which the Lord has given me [to be employed, however] for building [you] up and not for tearing [you] down.
2 Cor 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell (rejoice)! Be strengthened (perfected, completed, made what you ought to be); be encouraged {and} consoled {and} comforted; be of the same [agreeable] mind one with another; live in peace, and [then] the God of love [Who is the Source of affection, goodwill, love, and benevolence toward men] and the Author {and} Promoter of peace will be with you.
2 Cor 13:12 Greet one another with a consecrated kiss.
2 Cor 13:13 All the saints (the people of God here) salute you.
2 Cor 13:14 The grace (favor and spiritual blessing) of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the presence {and} fellowship (the communion and sharing together, and participation) in the Holy Spirit be with you all. {Amen (so be it).}
Gal 1:1 PAUL, AN apostle--[special messenger appointed and commissioned and sent out] not from [any body of] men nor by {or} through any man, but by {and} through Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and God the Father, Who raised Him from among the dead--
Gal 1:2 And all the brethren who are with me, to the churches of Galatia:
Gal 1:3 Grace {and} spiritual blessing be to you and [soul] peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah),
Gal 1:4 Who gave (yielded) Himself up [to atone] for our sins [and to save and sanctify us], in order to rescue {and} deliver us from this present wicked age {and} world order, in accordance with the will {and} purpose {and} plan of our God and Father--
Gal 1:5 To Him [be ascribed all] the glory through all the ages of the ages {and} the eternities of the eternities! Amen (so be it).
Gal 1:6 I am surprised {and} astonished that you are so quickly turning renegade {and} deserting Him Who invited {and} called you by the grace (unmerited favor) of Christ (the Messiah) [and that you are transferring your allegiance] to a different [even an opposition] gospel.
Gal 1:7 Not that there is [or could be] any other [genuine Gospel], but there are [obviously] some who are troubling {and} disturbing {and} bewildering you [with a different kind of teaching which they offer as a gospel] and want to pervert {and} distort the Gospel of Christ (the Messiah) [into something which it absolutely is not].
Gal 1:8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to {and} different from that which we preached to you, let him be accursed (anathema, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment)!
Gal 1:9 As we said before, so I now say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel different from {or} contrary to that which you received [from us], let him be accursed (anathema, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment)!
Gal 1:10 Now am I trying to win the favor of men, or of God? Do I seek to please men? If I were still seeking popularity with men, I should not be a bond servant of Christ (the Messiah).
Gal 1:11 For I want you to know, brethren, that the Gospel which was proclaimed {and} made known by me is not man's gospel [a human invention, according to or patterned after any human standard].
Gal 1:12 For indeed I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but [it came to me] through a [direct] revelation [given] by Jesus Christ (the Messiah).
Gal 1:13 You have heard of my earlier career {and} former manner of life in the Jewish religion (Judaism), how I persecuted {and} abused the church of God furiously {and} extensively, and [with fanatical zeal did my best] to make havoc of it {and} destroy it.
Gal 1:14 And [you have heard how] I outstripped many of the men of my own generation among the people of my

race in [my advancement in study and observance of the laws of] Judaism, so extremely enthusiastic {and} zealous I was for the traditions of my ancestors.
Gal 1:15 But when He, Who had chosen {and} set me apart [even] before I was born and had called me by His grace (His undeserved favor and blessing), saw fit {and} was pleased
Gal 1:16 To reveal (unveil, disclose) His Son within me so that I might proclaim Him among the Gentiles (the non-Jewish world) as the glad tidings (Gospel), immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood [did not consult or counsel with any frail human being or communicate with anyone].
Gal 1:17 Nor did I [even] go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles (special messengers of Christ) before I was, but I went away {and} retired into Arabia, and afterward I came back again to Damascus.
Gal 1:18 Then three years later, I did go up to Jerusalem to become [personally] acquainted with Cephas (Peter), and remained with him for fifteen days.
Gal 1:19 But I did not see any of the other apostles (the special messengers of Christ) except James the brother of our Lord.
Gal 1:20 Now [note carefully what I am telling you, for it is the truth], I write this as if I were standing before the bar of God; I do not lie.
Gal 1:21 Then I went into the districts (countries, regions) of Syria and Cilicia.
Gal 1:22 And so far I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Christ in Judea (the country surrounding Jerusalem).
Gal 1:23 They were only hearing it said, He who used to persecute us is now proclaiming the very faith he once reviled {and} which he set out to ruin {and} tried with all his might to destroy.
Gal 1:24 And they glorified God [as the Author and Source of what had taken place] in me.
Gal 2:1 THEN AFTER [an interval] of fourteen years I again went up to Jerusalem. [This time I went] with Barnabas, taking Titus along with [me] also.
Gal 2:2 I went because it was specially {and} divinely revealed to me that I should go, and I put before them the Gospel [declaring to them that] which I preach among the Gentiles. However, [I presented the matter] privately before those of repute, [for I wanted to make certain, by thus at first confining my communication to this private conference] that I was not running or had not run in vain [guarding against being discredited either in what I was planning to do or had already done].
Gal 2:3 But [all went well!] even Titus, who was with me, was not compelled [as some had anticipated] to be circumcised, although he was a Greek.
Gal 2:4 [My precaution was] because of false brethren who had been secretly smuggled in [to the Christian brotherhood]; they had slipped in to spy on our liberty {and} the freedom which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might again bring us into bondage [under the Law of Moses].
Gal 2:5 To them we did not yield submission even for a moment, that the truth of the Gospel might continue to be [preserved] for you [in its purity].
Gal 2:6 Moreover, [no new requirements were made] by those who were reputed to be something--though what was their individual position {and} whether they really were of importance or not makes no difference to me; God is not impressed with the positions that men hold {and} He is not partial {and} recognizes no external distinctions--those [I say] who were of repute imposed no new requirements upon me [had nothing to add to my Gospel, and from them I received no new suggestions].
Gal 2:7 But on the contrary, when they [really] saw that I had been entrusted [to carry] the Gospel to the uncircumcised [Gentiles, just as definitely] as Peter had been entrusted [to proclaim] the Gospel to the circumcised [Jews, they were agreeable];
Gal 2:8 For He Who motivated {and} fitted Peter {and} worked effectively through him for the mission to the circumcised, motivated {and} fitted me {and} worked through me also for [the mission to] the Gentiles.
Gal 2:9 And when they knew (perceived, recognized, understood, and acknowledged) the grace (God's unmerited favor and spiritual blessing) that had been bestowed upon me, James and Cephas (Peter) and John, who were reputed to be pillars of the Jerusalem church, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, with the understanding that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised (Jews).
Gal 2:10 They only [made one stipulation], that we were to remember the poor, which very thing I was also eager to do.
Gal 2:11 But when Cephas (Peter) came to Antioch, I protested {and} opposed him to his face [concerning his conduct there], for he was blameable {and} stood condemned.
Gal 2:12 For up to the time that certain persons came from James, he ate his meals with the Gentile [converts]; but

when the men [from Jerusalem] arrived, he withdrew {and} held himself aloof from the Gentiles and [ate] separately for fear of those of the circumcision [party].
Gal 2:13 And the rest of the Jews along with him also concealed their true convictions {and} acted insincerely, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy (their example of insincerity and pretense).
Gal 2:14 But as soon as I saw that they were not straightforward {and} were not living up to the truth of the Gospel, I said to Cephas (Peter) before everybody present, If you, though born a Jew, can live [as you have been living] like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how do you dare now to urge {and} practically force the Gentiles to [comply with the ritual of Judaism and] live like Jews?
Gal 2:15 [I went on to say] Although we ourselves (you and I) are Jews by birth and not Gentile (heathen) sinners,
Gal 2:16 Yet we know that a man is justified {or} reckoned righteous {and} in right standing with God not by works of the Law, but [only] through faith {and} [absolute] reliance on {and} adherence to {and} trust in Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). [Therefore] even we [ourselves] have believed on Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the Law [for we cannot be justified by any observance of the ritual of the Law given by Moses], because by keeping legal rituals {and} by works no human being can ever be justified (declared righteous and put in right standing with God).
Gal 2:17 But if, in our desire {and} endeavor to be justified in Christ [to be declared righteous and put in right standing with God wholly and solely through Christ], we have shown ourselves sinners also {and} convicted of sin, does that make Christ a minister (a party and contributor) to our sin? Banish the thought! [Of course not!]
Gal 2:18 For if I [or any others who have taught that the observance of the Law of Moses is not essential to being justified by God should now by word or practice teach or intimate that it is essential to] build up again what I tore down, I prove myself a transgressor.
Gal 2:19 For I through the Law [under the operation of the curse of the Law] have [in Christ's death for me] myself died to the Law {and} all the Law's demands upon me, so that I may [henceforth] live to {and} for God.
Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ [in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
Gal 2:21 [Therefore, I do not treat God's gracious gift as something of minor importance and defeat its very purpose]; I do not set aside {and} invalidate {and} frustrate {and} nullify the grace (unmerited favor) of God. For if justification (righteousness, acquittal from guilt) comes through [observing the ritual of] the Law, then Christ (the Messiah) died groundlessly {and} to no purpose {and} in vain. [His death was then wholly superfluous.]
Gal 3:1 O YOU poor {and} silly {and} thoughtless {and} unreflecting {and} senseless Galatians! Who has fascinated {or} bewitched {or} cast a spell over you, unto whom--right before your very eyes--Jesus Christ (the Messiah) was openly {and} graphically set forth {and} portrayed as crucified?
Gal 3:2 Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the [Holy] Spirit as the result of obeying the Law {and} doing its works, or was it by hearing [the message of the Gospel] and believing [it]? [Was it from observing a law of rituals or from a message of faith?]
Gal 3:3 Are you so foolish {and} so senseless {and} so silly? Having begun [your new life spiritually] with the [Holy] Spirit, are you now reaching perfection [by dependence] on the flesh?
Gal 3:4 Have you suffered so many things {and} experienced so much all for nothing (to no purpose)--if it really is to no purpose {and} in vain?
Gal 3:5 Then does He Who supplies you with His marvelous [Holy] Spirit and works powerfully {and} miraculously among you do so on [the grounds of your doing] what the Law demands, or because of your believing in {and} adhering to {and} trusting in {and} relying on the message that you heard?
Gal 3:6 Thus Abraham believed in {and} adhered to {and} trusted in {and} relied on God, and it was reckoned {and} placed to his account {and} credited as righteousness (as conformity to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action).
Gal 3:7 Know {and} understand that it is [really] the people [who live] by faith who are [the true] sons of Abraham.
Gal 3:8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify (declare righteous, put in right standing with Himself) the Gentiles in consequence of faith, proclaimed the Gospel [foretelling the glad tidings of a Savior long beforehand] to Abraham in the promise, saying, In you shall all the nations [of the earth] be blessed.
Gal 3:9 So then, those who are people of faith are blessed {and} made happy {and} favored by God [as partners in fellowship] with the believing {and} trusting Abraham.
Gal 3:10 And all who depend on the Law [who are seeking to be justified by obedience to the Law of rituals] are under a curse {and} doomed to disappointment {and} destruction, for it is written in the Scriptures, Cursed (accursed, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment) be everyone who does not continue to abide (live and remain)

by all the precepts {and} commands written in the Book of the Law and to practice them.
Gal 3:11 Now it is evident that no person is justified (declared righteous and brought into right standing with God) through the Law, for the Scripture says, The man in right standing with God [the just, the righteous] shall live by {and} out of faith {and} he who through {and} by faith is declared righteous {and} in right standing with God shall live.
Gal 3:12 But the Law does not rest on faith [does not require faith, has nothing to do with faith], for it itself says, He who does them [the things prescribed by the Law] shall live by them [not by faith].
Gal 3:13 Christ purchased our freedom [redeeming us] from the curse (doom) of the Law [and its condemnation] by [Himself] becoming a curse for us, for it is written [in the Scriptures], Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree (is crucified);
Gal 3:14 To the end that through [their receiving] Christ Jesus, the blessing [promised] to Abraham might come upon the Gentiles, so that we through faith might [all] receive [the realization of] the promise of the [Holy] Spirit.
Gal 3:15 To speak in terms of human relations, brethren, [if] even a man makes a last will and testament (a merely human covenant), no one sets it aside {or} makes it void {or} adds to it when once it has been drawn up {and} signed (ratified, confirmed).
Gal 3:16 Now the promises (covenants, agreements) were decreed {and} made to Abraham and his Seed (his Offspring, his Heir). He [God] does not say, And to seeds (descendants, heirs), as if referring to many persons, but, And to your Seed (your Descendant, your Heir), obviously referring to one individual, Who is [none other than] Christ (the Messiah).
Gal 3:17 This is my argument: The Law, which began 430 years after the covenant [concerning the coming Messiah], does not {and} cannot annul the covenant previously established (ratified) by God, so as to abolish the promise {and} make it void.
Gal 3:18 For if the inheritance [of the promise depends on observing] the Law [as these false teachers would like you to believe], it no longer [depends] on the promise; however, God gave it to Abraham [as a free gift solely] by virtue of His promise.
Gal 3:19 What then was the purpose of the Law? It was added [later on, after the promise, to disclose and expose to men their guilt] because of transgressions {and} [to make men more conscious of the sinfulness] of sin; and it was intended to be in effect until the Seed (the Descendant, the Heir) should come, to {and} concerning Whom the promise had been made. And it [the Law] was arranged {and} ordained {and} appointed through the instrumentality of angels [and was given] by the hand (in the person) of a go-between [Moses, an intermediary person between God and man].
Gal 3:20 Now a go-between (intermediary) has to do with {and} implies more than one party [there can be no mediator with just one person]. Yet God is [only] one Person [and He was the sole party in giving that promise to Abraham. But the Law was a contract between two, God and Israel; its validity was dependent on both].
Gal 3:21 Is the Law then contrary {and} opposed to the promises of God? Of course not! For if a Law had been given which could confer [spiritual] life, then righteousness {and} right standing with God would certainly have come by Law.
Gal 3:22 But the Scriptures [picture all mankind as sinners] shut up {and} imprisoned by sin, so that [the inheritance, blessing] which was promised through faith in Jesus Christ (the Messiah) might be given (released, delivered, and committed) to [all] those who believe [who adhere to and trust in and rely on Him].
Gal 3:23 Now before the faith came, we were perpetually guarded under the Law, kept in custody in preparation for the faith that was destined to be revealed (unveiled, disclosed),
Gal 3:24 So that the Law served [to us Jews] as our trainer [our guardian, our guide to Christ, to lead us] until Christ [came], that we might be justified (declared righteous, put in right standing with God) by {and} through faith.
Gal 3:25 But now that the faith has come, we are no longer under a trainer (the guardian of our childhood).
Gal 3:26 For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith.
Gal 3:27 For as many [of you] as were baptized into Christ [into a spiritual union and communion with Christ, the Anointed One, the Messiah] have put on (clothed yourselves with) Christ.
Gal 3:28 There is [now no distinction] neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
Gal 3:29 And if you belong to Christ [are in Him Who is Abraham's Seed], then you are Abraham's offspring and [spiritual] heirs according to promise.
Gal 4:1 NOW WHAT I mean is that as long as the inheritor (heir) is a child and under age, he does not differ from a slave, although he is the master of all the estate;
Gal 4:2 But he is under guardians and administrators {or} trustees until the date fixed by his father.

Gal 4:3 So we [Jewish Christians] also, when we were minors, were kept like slaves under [the rules of the Hebrew ritual and subject to] the elementary teachings of a system of external observations {and} regulations.
Gal 4:4 But when the proper time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born subject to [the regulations of] the Law,
Gal 4:5 To purchase the freedom of (to ransom, to redeem, to atone for) those who were subject to the Law, that we might be adopted {and} have sonship conferred upon us [and be recognized as God's sons].
Gal 4:6 And because you [really] are [His] sons, God has sent the [Holy] Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba (Father)! Father!
Gal 4:7 Therefore, you are no longer a slave (bond servant) but a son; and if a son, then [it follows that you are] an heir by the aid of God, {through Christ.}
Gal 4:8 But at that previous time, when you had not come to be acquainted with {and} understand {and} know the true God, you [Gentiles] were in bondage to gods who by their very nature could not be gods at all [gods that really did not exist].
Gal 4:9 Now, however, that you have come to be acquainted with {and} understand {and} know [the true] God, or rather to be understood {and} known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and beggarly {and} worthless elementary things [of all religions before Christ came], whose slaves you once more want to become?
Gal 4:10 You observe [particular] days and months and seasons and years!
Gal 4:11 I am alarmed [about you], lest I have labored among {and} over you to no purpose {and} in vain.
Gal 4:12 Brethren, I beg of you, become as I am [free from the bondage of Jewish ritualism and ordinances], for I also have become as you are [a Gentile]. You did me no wrong [in the days when I first came to you; do not do it now].
Gal 4:13 On the contrary, you know that it was on account of a bodily ailment that [I remained and] preached the Gospel to you the first time.
Gal 4:14 And [yet] although my physical condition was [such] a trial to you, you did not regard it with contempt, or scorn {and} loathe {and} reject me; but you received me as an angel of God, [even] as Christ Jesus [Himself]!
Gal 4:15 What has become of that blessed enjoyment {and} satisfaction {and} self-congratulation that once was yours [in what I taught you and in your regard for me]? For I bear you witness that you would have torn out your own eyes and have given them to me [to replace mine], if that were possible.
Gal 4:16 Have I then become your enemy by telling the truth to you {and} dealing sincerely with you?
Gal 4:17 These men [the Judaizing teachers] are zealously trying to dazzle you [paying court to you, making much of you], but their purpose is not honorable {or} worthy {or} for any good. What they want to do is to isolate you [from us who oppose them], so that they may win you over to their side {and} get you to court their favor.
Gal 4:18 It is always a fine thing [of course] to be zealously sought after [as you are, provided that it is] for a good purpose {and} done by reason of purity of heart and life, and not just when I am present with you!
Gal 4:19 My little children, for whom I am again suffering birth pangs until Christ is completely {and} permanently formed (molded) within you,
Gal 4:20 Would that I were with you now and could coax you vocally, for I am fearful {and} perplexed about you!
Gal 4:21 Tell me, you who are bent on being under the Law, will you listen to what the Law [really] says?
Gal 4:22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondmaid and one by the free woman.
Gal 4:23 But whereas the child of the slave woman was born according to the flesh {and} had an ordinary birth, the son of the free woman was born in fulfillment of the promise.
Gal 4:24 Now all this is an allegory; these [two women] represent two covenants. One covenant originated from Mount Sinai [where the Law was given] and bears [children destined] for slavery; this is Hagar.
Gal 4:25 Now Hagar is (stands for) Mount Sinai in Arabia and she corresponds to {and} belongs in the same category with the present Jerusalem, for she is in bondage together with her children.
Gal 4:26 But the Jerusalem above (the Messianic kingdom of Christ) is free, and she is our mother.
Gal 4:27 For it is written in the Scriptures, Rejoice, O barren woman, who has not given birth to children; break forth into a joyful shout, you who are not feeling birth pangs, for the desolate woman has many more children than she who has a husband.
Gal 4:28 But we, brethren, are children [not by physical descent, as was Ishmael, but] like Isaac, born in virtue of promise.
Gal 4:29 Yet [just] as at that time the child [of ordinary birth] born according to the flesh despised {and} persecuted him [who was born remarkably] according to [the promise and the working of] the [Holy] Spirit, so it is now also.
Gal 4:30 But what does the Scripture say? Cast out {and} send away the slave woman and her son, for never shall the son of the slave woman be heir {and} share the inheritance with the son of the free woman.

Gal 4:31 So, brethren, we [who are born again] are not children of a slave woman [the natural], but of the free [the supernatural].
Gal 5:1 IN [this] freedom Christ has made us free [and completely liberated us]; stand fast then, and do not be hampered {and} held ensnared {and} submit again to a yoke of slavery [which you have once put off].
Gal 5:2 Notice, it is I, Paul, who tells you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no profit (advantage, avail) to you [for if you distrust Him, you can gain nothing from Him].
Gal 5:3 I once more protest {and} testify to every man who receives circumcision that he is under obligation {and} bound to practice the whole of the Law {and} its ordinances.
Gal 5:4 If you seek to be justified {and} declared righteous {and} to be given a right standing with God through the Law, you are brought to nothing {and} so separated (severed) from Christ. You have fallen away from grace (from God's gracious favor and unmerited blessing).
Gal 5:5 For we, [not relying on the Law but] through the [Holy] Spirit's [help], by faith anticipate {and} wait for the blessing {and} good for which our righteousness {and} right standing with God [our conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action, causes us] to hope.
Gal 5:6 For [if we are] in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith activated {and} energized {and} expressed {and} working through love.
Gal 5:7 You were running the race nobly. Who has interfered in (hindered and stopped you from) your heeding {and} following the Truth?
Gal 5:8 This [evil] persuasion is not from Him Who called you [Who invited you to freedom in Christ].
Gal 5:9 A little leaven (a slight inclination to error, or a few false teachers) leavens the whole lump [it perverts the whole conception of faith or misleads the whole church].
Gal 5:10 [For my part] I have confidence [toward you] in the Lord that you will take no contrary view of the matter {but} will come to think with me. But he who is unsettling you, whoever he is, will have to bear the penalty.
Gal 5:11 But, brethren, if I still preach circumcision [as some accuse me of doing, as necessary to salvation], why am I still suffering persecution? In that case the cross has ceased to be a stumbling block {and} is made meaningless (done away).
Gal 5:12 I wish those who unsettle {and} confuse you would [go all the way and] cut themselves off!
Gal 5:13 For you, brethren, were [indeed] called to freedom; only [do not let your] freedom be an incentive to your flesh {and} an opportunity {or} excuse [for selfishness], but through love you should serve one another.
Gal 5:14 For the whole Law [concerning human relationships] is complied with in the one precept, You shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself.
Gal 5:15 But if you bite and devour one another [in partisan strife], be careful that you [and your whole fellowship] are not consumed by one another.
Gal 5:16 But I say, walk {and} live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to {and} controlled {and} guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings {and} desires of the flesh (of human nature without God).
Gal 5:17 For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free {but} are prevented from doing what you desire to do.
Gal 5:18 But if you are guided (led) by the [Holy] Spirit, you are not subject to the Law.
Gal 5:19 Now the doings (practices) of the flesh are clear (obvious): they are immorality, impurity, indecency,
Gal 5:20 Idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger (ill temper), selfishness, divisions (dissensions), party spirit (factions, sects with peculiar opinions, heresies),
Gal 5:21 Envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you beforehand, just as I did previously, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness,
Gal 5:23 Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge].
Gal 5:24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus (the Messiah) have crucified the flesh (the godless human nature) with its passions and appetites {and} desires.
Gal 5:25 If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.]
Gal 5:26 Let us not become vainglorious {and} self-conceited, competitive {and} challenging {and} provoking {and} irritating to one another, envying {and} being jealous of one another.

Gal 6:1 BRETHREN, IF any person is overtaken in misconduct {or} sin of any sort, you who are spiritual [who are responsive to and controlled by the Spirit] should set him right {and} restore {and} reinstate him, without any sense of superiority {and} with all gentleness, keeping an attentive eye on yourself, lest you should be tempted also.
Gal 6:2 Bear (endure, carry) one another's burdens {and} troublesome moral faults, and in this way fulfill {and} observe perfectly the law of Christ (the Messiah) {and} complete what is lacking [in your obedience to it].
Gal 6:3 For if any person thinks himself to be somebody [too important to condescend to shoulder another's load] when he is nobody [of superiority except in his own estimation], he deceives {and} deludes {and} cheats himself.
Gal 6:4 But let every person carefully scrutinize {and} examine {and} test his own conduct {and} his own work. He can then have the personal satisfaction {and} joy of doing something commendable [in itself alone] without [resorting to] boastful comparison with his neighbor.
Gal 6:5 For every person will have to bear (be equal to understanding and calmly receive) his own [little] load [of oppressive faults].
Gal 6:6 Let him who receives instruction in the Word [of God] share all good things with his teacher [contributing to his support].
Gal 6:7 Do not be deceived {and} deluded {and} misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked by mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside.) [He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God.] For whatever a man sows, that {and} that only is what he will reap.
Gal 6:8 For he who sows to his own flesh (lower nature, sensuality) will from the flesh reap decay {and} ruin {and} destruction, but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.
Gal 6:9 And let us not lose heart {and} grow weary {and} faint in acting nobly {and} doing right, for in due time {and} at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen {and} relax our courage {and} faint.
Gal 6:10 So then, as occasion {and} opportunity open up to us, let us do good [morally] to all people [not only being useful or profitable to them, but also doing what is for their spiritual good and advantage]. Be mindful to be a blessing, especially to those of the household of faith [those who belong to God's family with you, the believers].
Gal 6:11 See with what large letters I am writing with my own hand. [Mark carefully these closing words of mine.]
Gal 6:12 Those who want to make a good impression {and} a fine show in the flesh would try to compel you to receive circumcision, simply so that they may escape being persecuted for allegiance to the cross of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
Gal 6:13 For even the circumcised [Jews] themselves do not [really] keep the Law, but they want to have you circumcised in order that they may glory in your flesh (your subjection to external rites).
Gal 6:14 But far be it from me to glory [in anything or anyone] except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) through Whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world!
Gal 6:15 For neither is circumcision [now] of any importance, nor uncircumcision, but [only] a new creation [the result of a new birth and a new nature in Christ Jesus, the Messiah].
Gal 6:16 Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule [who discipline themselves and regulate their lives by this principle], even upon the [true] Israel of God!
Gal 6:17 From now on let no person trouble me [by making it necessary for me to vindicate my apostolic authority and the divine truth of my Gospel], for I bear on my body the [brand] marks of the Lord Jesus [the wounds, scars, and other outward evidence of persecutions--these testify to His ownership of me]!
Gal 6:18 The grace (spiritual favor, blessing) of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Anointed One, the Messiah) be with your spirit, brethren. Amen (so be it).
Eph 1:1 PAUL, AN apostle (special messenger) of Christ Jesus (the Messiah), by the divine will (the purpose and the choice of God) to the saints (the consecrated, set-apart ones) at Ephesus who are also faithful {and} loyal {and} steadfast in Christ Jesus:
Eph 1:2 May grace (God's unmerited favor) and spiritual peace [which means peace with God and harmony, unity, and undisturbedness] be yours from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
Eph 1:3 May blessing (praise, laudation, and eulogy) be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) Who has blessed us {in Christ} with every spiritual (given by the Holy Spirit) blessing in the heavenly realm!
Eph 1:4 Even as [in His love] He chose us [actually picked us out for Himself as His own] in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) and blameless in His sight, {even} above reproach, before Him in love.
Eph 1:5 For He foreordained us (destined us, planned in love for us) to be adopted (revealed) as His own children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will [because it pleased Him and was His kind intent]--
Eph 1:6 [So that we might be] to the praise {and} the commendation of His glorious grace (favor and mercy), which

He so freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
Eph 1:7 In Him we have redemption (deliverance and salvation) through His blood, the remission (forgiveness) of our offenses (shortcomings and trespasses), in accordance with the riches {and} the generosity of His gracious favor,
Eph 1:8 Which He lavished upon us in every kind of wisdom and understanding (practical insight and prudence),
Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery (secret) of His will (of His plan, of His purpose). [And it is this:] In accordance with His good pleasure (His merciful intention) which He had previously purposed {and} set forth in Him,
Eph 1:10 [He planned] for the maturity of the times {and} the climax of the ages to unify all things {and} head them up {and} consummate them in Christ, [both] things in heaven and things on the earth.
Eph 1:11 In Him we also were made [God's] heritage (portion) {and} we obtained an inheritance; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, Who works out everything in agreement with the counsel {and} design of His [own] will,
Eph 1:12 So that we who first hoped in Christ [who first put our confidence in Him have been destined and appointed to] live for the praise of His glory!
Eph 1:13 In Him you also who have heard the Word of Truth, the glad tidings (Gospel) of your salvation, and have believed in {and} adhered to {and} relied on Him, were stamped with the seal of the long-promised Holy Spirit.
Eph 1:14 That [Spirit] is the guarantee of our inheritance [the firstfruits, the pledge and foretaste, the down payment on our heritage], in anticipation of its full redemption {and} our acquiring [complete] possession of it--to the praise of His glory.
Eph 1:15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints (the people of God),
Eph 1:16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers.
Eph 1:17 [For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him,
Eph 1:18 By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know {and} understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones),
Eph 1:19 And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable {and} unlimited {and} surpassing greatness of His power in {and} for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength,
Eph 1:20 Which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places],
Eph 1:21 Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age {and} in this world, but also in the age {and} the world which are to come.
Eph 1:22 And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church [a headship exercised throughout the church],
Eph 1:23 Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all [for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself].
Eph 2:1 AND YOU [He made alive], when you were dead (slain) by [your] trespasses and sins
Eph 2:2 In which at one time you walked [habitually]. You were following the course {and} fashion of this world [were under the sway of the tendency of this present age], following the prince of the power of the air. [You were obedient to and under the control of] the [demon] spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God].
Eph 2:3 Among these we as well as you once lived {and} conducted ourselves in the passions of our flesh [our behavior governed by our corrupt and sensual nature], obeying the impulses of the flesh and the thoughts of the mind [our cravings dictated by our senses and our dark imaginings]. We were then by nature children of [God's] wrath {and} heirs of [His] indignation, like the rest of mankind.
Eph 2:4 But God--so rich is He in His mercy! Because of {and} in order to satisfy the great {and} wonderful {and} intense love with which He loved us,
Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead (slain) by [our own] shortcomings {and} trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship {and} in union with Christ; [He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for] it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation).
Eph 2:6 And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
Eph 2:7 He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in [His] kindness {and} goodness of heart toward us in

Christ Jesus.
Eph 2:8 For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment {and} made partakers of Christ's salvation) through [your] faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God;
Eph 2:9 Not because of works [not the fulfillment of the Law's demands], lest any man should boast. [It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself.]
Eph 2:10 For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].
Eph 2:11 Therefore, remember that at one time you were Gentiles (heathens) in the flesh, called Uncircumcision by those who called themselves Circumcision, [itself a mere mark] in the flesh made by human hands.
Eph 2:12 [Remember] that you were at that time separated (living apart) from Christ [excluded from all part in Him], utterly estranged {and} outlawed from the rights of Israel as a nation, and strangers with no share in the sacred compacts of the [Messianic] promise [with no knowledge of or right in God's agreements, His covenants]. And you had no hope (no promise); you were in the world without God.
Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were [so] far away, through (by, in) the blood of Christ have been brought near.
Eph 2:14 For He is [Himself] our peace (our bond of unity and harmony). He has made us both [Jew and Gentile] one [body], and has broken down (destroyed, abolished) the hostile dividing wall between us,
Eph 2:15 By abolishing in His [own crucified] flesh the enmity [caused by] the Law with its decrees and ordinances [which He annulled]; that He from the two might create in Himself one new man [one new quality of humanity out of the two], so making peace.
Eph 2:16 And [He designed] to reconcile to God both [Jew and Gentile, united] in a single body by means of His cross, thereby killing the mutual enmity {and} bringing the feud to an end.
Eph 2:17 And He came and preached the glad tidings of peace to you who were afar off and [peace] to those who were near.
Eph 2:18 For it is through Him that we both [whether far off or near] now have an introduction (access) by one [Holy] Spirit to the Father [so that we are able to approach Him].
Eph 2:19 Therefore you are no longer outsiders (exiles, migrants, and aliens, excluded from the rights of citizens), but you now share citizenship with the saints (God's own people, consecrated and set apart for Himself); and you belong to God's [own] household.
Eph 2:20 You are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself the chief Cornerstone.
Eph 2:21 In Him the whole structure is joined (bound, welded) together harmoniously, and it continues to rise (grow, increase) into a holy temple in the Lord [a sanctuary dedicated, consecrated, and sacred to the presence of the Lord].
Eph 2:22 In Him [and in fellowship with one another] you yourselves also are being built up [into this structure] with the rest, to form a fixed abode (dwelling place) of God in (by, through) the Spirit.
Eph 3:1 FOR THIS reason [because I preached that you are thus built up together], I, Paul, [am] the prisoner of Jesus the Christ for the sake {and} on behalf of you Gentiles--
Eph 3:2 Assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace (His unmerited favor) that was entrusted to me [to dispense to you] for your benefit,
Eph 3:3 [And] that the mystery (secret) was made known to me {and} I was allowed to comprehend it by direct revelation, as I already briefly wrote you.
Eph 3:4 When you read this you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ.
Eph 3:5 [This mystery] was never disclosed to human beings in past generations as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles (consecrated messengers) and prophets by the [Holy] Spirit.
Eph 3:6 [It is this:] that the Gentiles are now to be fellow heirs [with the Jews], members of the same body and joint partakers [sharing] in the same divine promise in Christ through [their acceptance of] the glad tidings (the Gospel).
Eph 3:7 Of this [Gospel] I was made a minister according to the gift of God's free grace (undeserved favor) which was bestowed on me by the exercise (the working in all its effectiveness) of His power.
Eph 3:8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints (God's consecrated people), this grace (favor, privilege) was granted {and} graciously entrusted: to proclaim to the Gentiles the unending (boundless, fathomless, incalculable, and exhaustless) riches of Christ [wealth which no human being could have searched out],
Eph 3:9 Also to enlighten all men {and} make plain to them what is the plan [regarding the Gentiles and providing for

the salvation of all men] of the mystery kept hidden through the ages {and} concealed until now in [the mind of] God Who created all things {by Christ Jesus.}
Eph 3:10 [The purpose is] that through the church the complicated, many-sided wisdom of God in all its infinite variety {and} innumerable aspects might now be made known to the angelic rulers and authorities (principalities and powers) in the heavenly sphere.
Eph 3:11 This is in accordance with the terms of the eternal {and} timeless purpose which He has realized {and} carried into effect in [the person of] Christ Jesus our Lord,
Eph 3:12 In Whom, because of our faith in Him, we dare to have the boldness (courage and confidence) of free access (an unreserved approach to God with freedom and without fear).
Eph 3:13 So I ask you not to lose heart [not to faint or become despondent through fear] at what I am suffering in your behalf. [Rather glory in it] for it is an honor to you.
Eph 3:14 For this reason [seeing the greatness of this plan by which you are built together in Christ], I bow my knees before the Father {of our Lord Jesus Christ,}
Eph 3:15 For Whom every family in heaven and on earth is named [that Father from Whom all fatherhood takes its title and derives its name].
Eph 3:16 May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened {and} reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality].
Eph 3:17 May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love {and} founded securely on love,
Eph 3:18 That you may have the power {and} be strong to apprehend {and} grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it];
Eph 3:19 [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!
Eph 3:20 Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over {and} above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]--
Eph 3:21 To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen (so be it).
Eph 4:1 I THEREFORE, the prisoner for the Lord, appeal to {and} beg you to walk (lead a life) worthy of the [divine] calling to which you have been called [with behavior that is a credit to the summons to God's service,
Eph 4:2 Living as becomes you] with complete lowliness of mind (humility) and meekness (unselfishness, gentleness, mildness), with patience, bearing with one another {and} making allowances because you love one another.
Eph 4:3 Be eager {and} strive earnestly to guard {and} keep the harmony {and} oneness of [and produced by] the Spirit in the binding power of peace.
Eph 4:4 [There is] one body and one Spirit--just as there is also one hope [that belongs] to the calling you received--
Eph 4:5 [There is] one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
Eph 4:6 One God and Father of [us] all, Who is above all [Sovereign over all], pervading all and [living] in [us] all.
Eph 4:7 Yet grace (God's unmerited favor) was given to each of us individually [not indiscriminately, but in different ways] in proportion to the measure of Christ's [rich and bounteous] gift.
Eph 4:8 Therefore it is said, When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive [He led a train of vanquished foes] and He bestowed gifts on men.
Eph 4:9 [But He ascended?] Now what can this, He ascended, mean but that He had previously descended from [the heights of] heaven into [the depths], the lower parts of the earth?
Eph 4:10 He Who descended is the [very] same as He Who also has ascended high above all the heavens, that He [His presence] might fill all things (the whole universe, from the lowest to the highest).
Eph 4:11 And His gifts were [varied; He Himself appointed and gave men to us] some to be apostles (special messengers), some prophets (inspired preachers and expounders), some evangelists (preachers of the Gospel, traveling missionaries), some pastors (shepherds of His flock) and teachers.
Eph 4:12 His intention was the perfecting {and} the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), [that they should do] the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body (the church),
Eph 4:13 [That it might develop] until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the [full and accurate] knowledge of the Son of God, that [we might arrive] at really mature manhood (the completeness of

personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection), the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ {and} the completeness found in Him.
Eph 4:14 So then, we may no longer be children, tossed [like ships] to and fro between chance gusts of teaching {and} wavering with every changing wind of doctrine, [the prey of] the cunning {and} cleverness of unscrupulous men, [gamblers engaged] in every shifting form of trickery in inventing errors to mislead.
Eph 4:15 Rather, let our lives lovingly express truth [in all things, speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly]. Enfolded in love, let us grow up in every way {and} in all things into Him Who is the Head, [even] Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
Eph 4:16 For because of Him the whole body (the church, in all its various parts), closely joined and firmly knit together by the joints {and} ligaments with which it is supplied, when each part [with power adapted to its need] is working properly [in all its functions], grows to full maturity, building itself up in love.
Eph 4:17 So this I say and solemnly testify in [the name of] the Lord [as in His presence], that you must no longer live as the heathen (the Gentiles) do in their perverseness [in the folly, vanity, and emptiness of their souls and the futility] of their minds.
Eph 4:18 Their moral understanding is darkened {and} their reasoning is beclouded. [They are] alienated (estranged, self-banished) from the life of God [with no share in it; this is] because of the ignorance (the want of knowledge and perception, the willful blindness) that is deep-seated in them, due to their hardness of heart [to the insensitiveness of their moral nature].
Eph 4:19 In their spiritual apathy they have become callous {and} past feeling {and} reckless and have abandoned themselves [a prey] to unbridled sensuality, eager {and} greedy to indulge in every form of impurity [that their depraved desires may suggest and demand].
Eph 4:20 But you did not so learn Christ!
Eph 4:21 Assuming that you have really heard Him {and} been taught by Him, as [all] Truth is in Jesus [embodied and personified in Him],
Eph 4:22 Strip yourselves of your former nature [put off and discard your old unrenewed self] which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts {and} desires that spring from delusion;
Eph 4:23 And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude],
Eph 4:24 And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God's image, [Godlike] in true righteousness and holiness.
Eph 4:25 Therefore, rejecting all falsity {and} being done now with it, let everyone express the truth with his neighbor, for we are all parts of one body {and} members one of another.
Eph 4:26 When angry, do not sin; do not ever let your wrath (your exasperation, your fury or indignation) last until the sun goes down.
Eph 4:27 Leave no [such] room {or} foothold for the devil [give no opportunity to him].
Eph 4:28 Let the thief steal no more, but rather let him be industrious, making an honest living with his own hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need.
Eph 4:29 Let no foul {or} polluting language, {nor} evil word {nor} unwholesome {or} worthless talk [ever] come out of your mouth, but only such [speech] as is good {and} beneficial to the spiritual progress of others, as is fitting to the need {and} the occasion, that it may be a blessing {and} give grace (God's favor) to those who hear it.
Eph 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God [do not offend or vex or sadden Him], by Whom you were sealed (marked, branded as God's own, secured) for the day of redemption (of final deliverance through Christ from evil and the consequences of sin).
Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness and indignation {and} wrath (passion, rage, bad temper) and resentment (anger, animosity) and quarreling (brawling, clamor, contention) and slander (evil-speaking, abusive or blasphemous language) be banished from you, with all malice (spite, ill will, or baseness of any kind).
Eph 4:32 And become useful {and} helpful {and} kind to one another, tenderhearted (compassionate, understanding, loving-hearted), forgiving one another [readily and freely], as God in Christ forgave you.
Eph 5:1 THEREFORE BE imitators of God [copy Him {and} follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father].
Eph 5:2 And walk in love, [esteeming and delighting in one another] as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a slain offering and sacrifice to God [for you, so that it became] a sweet fragrance.
Eph 5:3 But immorality (sexual vice) and all impurity [of lustful, rich, wasteful living] or greediness must not even be named among you, as is fitting {and} proper among saints (God's consecrated people).
Eph 5:4 Let there be no filthiness (obscenity, indecency) nor foolish {and} sinful (silly and corrupt) talk, nor coarse

jesting, which are not fitting {or} becoming; but instead voice your thankfulness [to God].
Eph 5:5 For be sure of this: that no person practicing sexual vice or impurity in thought or in life, or one who is covetous [who has lustful desire for the property of others and is greedy for gain]--for he [in effect] is an idolater--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.
Eph 5:6 Let no one delude {and} deceive you with empty excuses {and} groundless arguments [for these sins], for through these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of rebellion {and} disobedience.
Eph 5:7 So do not associate {or} be sharers with them.
Eph 5:8 For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of Light [lead the lives of those native-born to the Light].
Eph 5:9 For the fruit (the effect, the product) of the Light {or the Spirit} [consists] in every form of kindly goodness, uprightness of heart, and trueness of life.
Eph 5:10 And try to learn [in your experience] what is pleasing to the Lord [let your lives be constant proofs of what is most acceptable to Him].
Eph 5:11 Take no part in {and} have no fellowship with the fruitless deeds {and} enterprises of darkness, but instead [let your lives be so in contrast as to] expose {and} reprove {and} convict them.
Eph 5:12 For it is a shame even to speak of {or} mention the things that [such people] practice in secret.
Eph 5:13 But when anything is exposed {and} reproved by the light, it is made visible {and} clear; and where everything is visible {and} clear there is light.
Eph 5:14 Therefore He says, Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine (make day dawn) upon you {and} give you light.
Eph 5:15 Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully {and} worthily {and} accurately, not as the unwise {and} witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people),
Eph 5:16 Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil.
Eph 5:17 Therefore do not be vague {and} thoughtless {and} foolish, but understanding {and} firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is.
Eph 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but ever be filled {and} stimulated with the [Holy] Spirit.
Eph 5:19 Speak out to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, offering praise with voices [and instruments] and making melody with all your heart to the Lord,
Eph 5:20 At all times and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.
Eph 5:21 Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
Eph 5:22 Wives, be subject (be submissive and adapt yourselves) to your own husbands as [a service] to the Lord.
Eph 5:23 For the husband is head of the wife as Christ is the Head of the church, Himself the Savior of [His] body.
Eph 5:24 As the church is subject to Christ, so let wives also be subject in everything to their husbands.
Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her,
Eph 5:26 So that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word,
Eph 5:27 That He might present the church to Himself in glorious splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such things [that she might be holy and faultless].
Eph 5:28 Even so husbands should love their wives as [being in a sense] their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself.
Eph 5:29 For no man ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes {and} carefully protects and cherishes it, as Christ does the church,
Eph 5:30 Because we are members (parts) of His body.
Eph 5:31 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.
Eph 5:32 This mystery is very great, but I speak concerning [the relation of] Christ and the church.
Eph 5:33 However, let each man of you [without exception] love his wife as [being in a sense] his very own self; and let the wife see that she respects {and} reverences her husband [that she notices him, regards him, honors him, prefers him, venerates, and esteems him; and that she defers to him, praises him, and loves and admires him exceedingly]. [I Pet. 3:2.]
Eph 6:1 CHILDREN, OBEY your parents in the Lord [as His representatives], for this is just and right.
Eph 6:2 Honor (esteem and value as precious) your father and your mother--this is the first commandment with a promise--
Eph 6:3 That all may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth.

Eph 6:4 Fathers, do not irritate {and} provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to resentment], but rear them [tenderly] in the training {and} discipline and the counsel {and} admonition of the Lord.
Eph 6:5 Servants (slaves), be obedient to those who are your physical masters, having respect for them and eager concern to please them, in singleness of motive {and} with all your heart, as [service] to Christ [Himself]--
Eph 6:6 Not in the way of eye-service [as if they were watching you] and only to please men, but as servants (slaves) of Christ, doing the will of God heartily {and} with your whole soul;
Eph 6:7 Rendering service readily with goodwill, as to the Lord and not to men,
Eph 6:8 Knowing that for whatever good anyone does, he will receive his reward from the Lord, whether he is slave or free.
Eph 6:9 You masters, act on the same [principle] toward them and give up threatening {and} using violent {and} abusive words, knowing that He Who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no respect of persons (no partiality) with Him.
Eph 6:10 In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides].
Eph 6:11 Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies {and} the deceits of the devil.
Eph 6:12 For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.
Eph 6:13 Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist {and} stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].
Eph 6:14 Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the belt of truth around your loins and having put on the breastplate of integrity {and} of moral rectitude {and} right standing with God,
Eph 6:15 And having shod your feet in preparation [to face the enemy with the firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness produced by the good news] of the Gospel of peace.
Eph 6:16 Lift up over all the [covering] shield of saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one].
Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation and the sword that the Spirit wields, which is the Word of God.
Eph 6:18 Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose {and} perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people).
Eph 6:19 And [pray] also for me, that [freedom of] utterance may be given me, that I may open my mouth to proclaim boldly the mystery of the good news (the Gospel),
Eph 6:20 For which I am an ambassador in a coupling chain [in prison. Pray] that I may declare it boldly {and} courageously, as I ought to do.
Eph 6:21 Now that you may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord [and His service], will tell you everything.
Eph 6:22 I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may console {and} cheer {and} encourage {and} strengthen your hearts.
Eph 6:23 Peace be to the brethren, and love joined with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
Eph 6:24 Grace (God's undeserved favor) be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with undying {and} incorruptible [love]. {Amen (so let it be).}
Phil 1:1 PAUL AND Timothy, bond servants of Christ Jesus (the Messiah), to all the saints (God's consecrated people) in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the bishops (overseers) and deacons (assistants):
Phil 1:2 Grace (favor and blessing) to you and [heart] peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).
Phil 1:3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.
Phil 1:4 In every prayer of mine I always make my entreaty {and} petition for you all with joy (delight).
Phil 1:5 [I thank my God] for your fellowship (your sympathetic cooperation and contributions and partnership) in advancing the good news (the Gospel) from the first day [you heard it] until now.
Phil 1:6 And I am convinced {and} sure of this very thing, that He Who began a good work in you will continue until the day of Jesus Christ [right up to the time of His return], developing [that good work] {and} perfecting {and} bringing it to full completion in you.

Phil 1:7 It is right {and} appropriate for me to have this confidence {and} feel this way about you all, because you have me in your heart {and} I hold you in my heart as partakers {and} sharers, one {and} all with me, of grace (God's unmerited favor and spiritual blessing). [This is true] both when I am shut up in prison and when I am out in the defense and confirmation of the good news (the Gospel).
Phil 1:8 For God is my witness how I long for {and} pursue you all with love, in the tender mercy of Christ Jesus [Himself]!
Phil 1:9 And this I pray: that your love may abound yet more and more {and} extend to its fullest development in knowledge and all keen insight [that your love may display itself in greater depth of acquaintance and more comprehensive discernment],
Phil 1:10 So that you may surely learn to sense what is vital, {and} approve {and} prize what is excellent {and} of real value [recognizing the highest and the best, and distinguishing the moral differences], and that you may be untainted {and} pure and unerring {and} blameless [so that with hearts sincere and certain and unsullied, you may approach] the day of Christ [not stumbling {nor} causing others to stumble].
Phil 1:11 May you abound in {and} be filled with the fruits of righteousness (of right standing with God and right doing) which come through Jesus Christ (the Anointed One), to the honor and praise of God [that His glory may be both manifested and recognized].
Phil 1:12 Now I want you to know {and} continue to rest assured, brethren, that what [has happened] to me [this imprisonment] has actually only served to advance {and} give a renewed impetus to the [spreading of the] good news (the Gospel).
Phil 1:13 So much is this a fact that throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest [here] my imprisonment has become generally known to be in Christ [that I am a prisoner in His service and for Him].
Phil 1:14 And [also] most of the brethren have derived fresh confidence in the Lord because of my chains and are much more bold to speak {and} publish fearlessly the Word of God [acting with more freedom and indifference to the consequences].
Phil 1:15 Some, it is true, [actually] preach Christ (the Messiah) [for no better reason than] out of envy and rivalry (party spirit), but others are doing so out of a loyal spirit {and} goodwill.
Phil 1:16 The latter [proclaim Christ] out of love, because they recognize {and} know that I am [providentially] put here for the defense of the good news (the Gospel).
Phil 1:17 But the former preach Christ out of a party spirit, insincerely [out of no pure motive, but thinking to annoy me], supposing they are making my bondage more bitter {and} my chains more galling.
Phil 1:18 But what does it matter, so long as either way, whether in pretense [for personal ends] or in all honesty [for the furtherance of the Truth], Christ is being proclaimed? And in that I [now] rejoice, yes, and I shall rejoice [hereafter] also.
Phil 1:19 For I am well assured {and} indeed know that through your prayers and a bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ (the Messiah) this will turn out for my preservation (for the spiritual health and welfare of my own soul) {and} avail toward the saving work of the Gospel.
Phil 1:20 This is in keeping with my own eager desire {and} persistent expectation {and} hope, that I shall not disgrace myself {nor} be put to shame in anything; but that with the utmost freedom of speech {and} unfailing courage, now as always heretofore, Christ (the Messiah) will be magnified {and} get glory {and} praise in this body of mine {and} be boldly exalted in my person, whether through (by) life or through (by) death.
Phil 1:21 For me to live is Christ [His life in me], and to die is gain [the gain of the glory of eternity].
Phil 1:22 If, however, it is to be life in the flesh {and} I am to live on here, that means fruitful service for me; so I can say nothing as to my personal preference [I cannot choose],
Phil 1:23 But I am hard pressed between the two. My yearning desire is to depart (to be free of this world, to set forth) and be with Christ, for that is far, far better;
Phil 1:24 But to remain in my body is more needful {and} essential for your sake.
Phil 1:25 Since I am convinced of this, I know that I shall remain and stay by you all, to promote your progress and joy in believing,
Phil 1:26 So that in me you may have abundant cause for exultation {and} glorying in Christ Jesus, through my coming to you again.
Phil 1:27 Only be sure as citizens so to conduct yourselves [that] your manner of life [will be] worthy of the good news (the Gospel) of Christ, so that whether I [do] come and see you or am absent, I may hear this of you: that you are standing firm in united spirit {and} purpose, striving side by side {and} contending with a single mind for the faith of the glad tidings (the Gospel).

Phil 1:28 And do not [for a moment] be frightened {or} intimidated in anything by your opponents {and} adversaries, for such [constancy and fearlessness] will be a clear sign (proof and seal) to them of [their impending] destruction, but [a sure token and evidence] of your deliverance {and} salvation, and that from God.
Phil 1:29 For you have been granted [the privilege] for Christ's sake not only to believe in (adhere to, rely on, and trust in) Him, but also to suffer in His behalf.
Phil 1:30 So you are engaged in the same conflict which you saw me [wage] and which you now hear to be mine [still].
Phil 2:1 SO BY whatever [appeal to you there is in our mutual dwelling in Christ, by whatever] strengthening {and} consoling {and} encouraging [our relationship] in Him [affords], by whatever persuasive incentive there is in love, by whatever participation in the [Holy] Spirit [we share], and by whatever depth of affection and compassionate sympathy,
Phil 2:2 Fill up {and} complete my joy by living in harmony {and} being of the same mind {and} one in purpose, having the same love, being in full accord and of one harmonious mind {and} intention.
Phil 2:3 Do nothing from factional motives [through contentiousness, strife, selfishness, or for unworthy ends] or prompted by conceit {and} empty arrogance. Instead, in the true spirit of humility (lowliness of mind) let each regard the others as better than {and} superior to himself [thinking more highly of one another than you do of yourselves].
Phil 2:4 Let each of you esteem {and} look upon {and} be concerned for not [merely] his own interests, but also each for the interests of others.
Phil 2:5 Let this same attitude {and} purpose {and} [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example in humility:]
Phil 2:6 Who, although being essentially one with God {and} in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped {or} retained,
Phil 2:7 But stripped Himself [of all privileges and rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that He became like men {and} was born a human being.
Phil 2:8 And after He had appeared in human form, He abased {and} humbled Himself [still further] and carried His obedience to the extreme of death, even the death of the cross!
Phil 2:9 Therefore [because He stooped so low] God has highly exalted Him and has freely bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,
Phil 2:10 That in (at) the name of Jesus every knee should (must) bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
Phil 2:11 And every tongue [frankly and openly] confess {and} acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Phil 2:12 Therefore, my dear ones, as you have always obeyed [my suggestions], so now, not only [with the enthusiasm you would show] in my presence but much more because I am absent, work out (cultivate, carry out to the goal, and fully complete) your own salvation with reverence {and} awe and trembling (self-distrust, with serious caution, tenderness of conscience, watchfulness against temptation, timidly shrinking from whatever might offend God and discredit the name of Christ).
Phil 2:13 [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure {and} satisfaction {and} delight.
Phil 2:14 Do all things without grumbling {and} faultfinding {and} complaining [against God] and questioning {and} doubting [among yourselves],
Phil 2:15 That you may show yourselves to be blameless {and} guileless, innocent {and} uncontaminated, children of God without blemish (faultless, unrebukable) in the midst of a crooked {and} wicked generation [spiritually perverted and perverse], among whom you are seen as bright lights (stars or beacons shining out clearly) in the [dark] world,
Phil 2:16 Holding out [to it] {and} offering [to all men] the Word of Life, so that in the day of Christ I may have something of which exultantly to rejoice {and} glory in that I did not run my race in vain or spend my labor to no purpose.
Phil 2:17 Even if [my lifeblood] must be poured out as a libation on the sacrificial offering of your faith [to God], still I am glad [to do it] and congratulate you all on [your share in] it.
Phil 2:18 And you also in like manner be glad and congratulate me on [my share in] it.
Phil 2:19 But I hope {and} trust in the Lord Jesus soon to send Timothy to you, so that I may also be encouraged {and} cheered by learning news of you.
Phil 2:20 For I have no one like him [no one of so kindred a spirit] who will be so genuinely interested in your welfare {and} devoted to your interests.
Phil 2:21 For the others all seek [to advance] their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

Phil 2:22 But Timothy's tested worth you know, how as a son with his father he has toiled with me zealously in [serving and helping to advance] the good news (the Gospel).
Phil 2:23 I hope therefore to send him promptly, just as soon as I know how my case is going to turn out.
Phil 2:24 But [really] I am confident {and} fully trusting in the Lord that shortly I myself shall come to you also.
Phil 2:25 However, I thought it necessary to send Epaphroditus [back] to you. [He has been] my brother and companion in labor and my fellow soldier, as well as [having come as] your special messenger (apostle) and minister to my need.
Phil 2:26 For he has been [homesick] longing for you all and has been distressed because you had heard that he was ill.
Phil 2:27 He certainly was ill [too], near to death. But God had compassion on him, and not only on him but also on me, lest I should have sorrow [over him] coming upon sorrow.
Phil 2:28 So I have sent him the more willingly {and} eagerly, that you may be gladdened at seeing him again, and that I may be the less disquieted.
Phil 2:29 Welcome him [home] then in the Lord with all joy, and honor {and} highly appreciate men like him,
Phil 2:30 For it was through working for Christ that he came so near death, risking his [very] life to complete the deficiencies in your service to me [which distance prevented you yourselves from rendering].
Phil 3:1 FOR THE rest, my brethren, delight yourselves in the Lord {and} continue to rejoice that you are in Him. To keep writing to you [over and over] of the same things is not irksome to me, and it is [a precaution] for your safety.
Phil 3:2 Look out for those dogs [Judaizers, legalists], look out for those mischief-makers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.
Phil 3:3 For we [Christians] are the true circumcision, who worship God in spirit {and} by the Spirit of God and exult {and} glory {and} pride ourselves in Jesus Christ, and put no confidence {or} dependence [on what we are] in the flesh {and} on outward privileges {and} physical advantages {and} external appearances--
Phil 3:4 Though for myself I have [at least grounds] to rely on the flesh. If any other man considers that he has {or} seems to have reason to rely on the flesh {and} his physical {and} outward advantages, I have still more!
Phil 3:5 Circumcised when I was eight days old, of the race of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew [and the son] of Hebrews; as to the observance of the Law I was of [the party of] the Pharisees,
Phil 3:6 As to my zeal, I was a persecutor of the church, and by the Law's standard of righteousness (supposed justice, uprightness, and right standing with God) I was proven to be blameless {and} no fault was found with me.
Phil 3:7 But whatever former things I had that might have been gains to me, I have come to consider as [one combined] loss for Christ's sake.
Phil 3:8 Yes, furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord {and} of progressively becoming more deeply {and} intimately acquainted with Him [of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly]. For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish (refuse, dregs), in order that I may win (gain) Christ (the Anointed One),
Phil 3:9 And that I may [actually] be found {and} known as in Him, not having any [self-achieved] righteousness that can be called my own, based on my obedience to the Law's demands (ritualistic uprightness and supposed right standing with God thus acquired), but possessing that [genuine righteousness] which comes through faith in Christ (the Anointed One), the [truly] right standing with God, which comes from God by [saving] faith.
Phil 3:10 [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope]
Phil 3:11 That if possible I may attain to the [spiritual and moral] resurrection [that lifts me] out from among the dead [even while in the body].
Phil 3:12 Not that I have now attained [this ideal], or have already been made perfect, but I press on to lay hold of (grasp) {and} make my own, that for which Christ Jesus (the Messiah) has laid hold of me {and} made me His own.
Phil 3:13 I do not consider, brethren, that I have captured {and} made it my own [yet]; but one thing I do [it is my one aspiration]: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
Phil 3:14 I press on toward the goal to win the [supreme and heavenly] prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward.
Phil 3:15 So let those [of us] who are spiritually mature {and} full-grown have this mind {and} hold these convictions;

and if in any respect you have a different attitude of mind, God will make that clear to you also.
Phil 3:16 Only let us hold true to what we have already attained {and} walk {and} order our lives by that.
Phil 3:17 Brethren, together follow my example and observe those who live after the pattern we have set for you.
Phil 3:18 For there are many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, who walk (live) as enemies of the cross of Christ (the Anointed One).
Phil 3:19 They are doomed {and} their fate is eternal misery (perdition); their god is their stomach (their appetites, their sensuality) and they glory in their shame, siding with earthly things {and} being of their party.
Phil 3:20 But we are citizens of the state (commonwealth, homeland) which is in heaven, and from it also we earnestly {and} patiently await [the coming of] the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) [as] Savior,
Phil 3:21 Who will transform {and} fashion anew the body of our humiliation to conform to {and} be like the body of His glory {and} majesty, by exerting that power which enables Him even to subject everything to Himself.
Phil 4:1 THEREFORE, MY brethren, whom I love and yearn to see, my delight and crown (wreath of victory), thus stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.
Phil 4:2 I entreat {and} advise Euodia and I entreat {and} advise Syntyche to agree {and} to work in harmony in the Lord.
Phil 4:3 And I exhort you too, [my] genuine yokefellow, help these [two women to keep on cooperating], for they have toiled along with me in [the spreading of] the good news (the Gospel), as have Clement and the rest of my fellow workers whose names are in the Book of Life.
Phil 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always [delight, gladden yourselves in Him]; again I say, Rejoice!
Phil 4:5 Let all men know {and} perceive {and} recognize your unselfishness (your considerateness, your forbearing spirit). The Lord is near [He is coming soon].
Phil 4:6 Do not fret {or} have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance {and} in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.
Phil 4:7 And God's peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison {and} mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Phil 4:8 For the rest, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is worthy of reverence {and} is honorable {and} seemly, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely {and} lovable, whatever is kind {and} winsome {and} gracious, if there is any virtue {and} excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think on {and} weigh {and} take account of these things [fix your minds on them].
Phil 4:9 Practice what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, {and} model your way of living on it, and the God of peace (of untroubled, undisturbed well-being) will be with you.
Phil 4:10 I was made very happy in the Lord that now you have revived your interest in my welfare after so long a time; you were indeed thinking of me, but you had no opportunity to show it.
Phil 4:11 Not that I am implying that I was in any personal want, for I have learned how to be content (satisfied to the point where I am not disturbed or disquieted) in whatever state I am.
Phil 4:12 I know how to be abased {and} live humbly in straitened circumstances, and I know also how to enjoy plenty {and} live in abundance. I have learned in any and all circumstances the secret of facing every situation, whether well-fed or going hungry, having a sufficiency {and} enough to spare or going without {and} being in want.
Phil 4:13 I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency].
Phil 4:14 But it was right {and} commendable {and} noble of you to contribute for my needs {and} to share my difficulties with me.
Phil 4:15 And you Philippians yourselves well know that in the early days of the Gospel ministry, when I left Macedonia, no church (assembly) entered into partnership with me {and} opened up [a debit and credit] account in giving and receiving except you only.
Phil 4:16 For even in Thessalonica you sent [me contributions] for my needs, not only once but a second time.
Phil 4:17 Not that I seek {or} am eager for [your] gift, but I do seek {and} am eager for the fruit which increases to your credit [the harvest of blessing that is accumulating to your account].
Phil 4:18 But I have [your full payment] and more; I have everything I need {and} am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent me. [They are the] fragrant odor of an offering {and} sacrifice which God welcomes {and} in which He delights.
Phil 4:19 And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Phil 4:20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever (through the endless eternities of the eternities). {Amen (so be it).}
Phil 4:21 Remember me to every saint (every born-again believer) in Christ Jesus. The brethren (my associates) who are with me greet you.
Phil 4:22 All the saints (God's consecrated ones here) wish to be remembered to you, especially those of Caesar's household.
Phil 4:23 The grace (spiritual favor and blessing) of the Lord Jesus Christ (the Anointed One) be with your spirit. {Amen (so be it).}
Col 1:1 PAUL, AN apostle (special messenger) of Christ Jesus (the Messiah), by the will of God, and Timothy [our] brother,
Col 1:2 To the saints (the consecrated people of God) and believing {and} faithful brethren in Christ who are at Colossae: Grace (spiritual favor and blessing) to you and [heart] peace from God our Father.
Col 1:3 We continually give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah), as we are praying for you,
Col 1:4 For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus [the leaning of your entire human personality on Him in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness] and of the love which you [have and show] for all the saints (God's consecrated ones),
Col 1:5 Because of the hope [of experiencing what is] laid up (reserved and waiting) for you in heaven. Of this [hope] you heard in the past in the message of the truth of the Gospel,
Col 1:6 Which has come to you. Indeed, in the whole world [that Gospel] is bearing fruit {and} still is growing [by its own inherent power], even as it has done among yourselves ever since the day you first heard and came to know {and} understand the grace of God in truth. [You came to know the grace or undeserved favor of God in reality, deeply and clearly and thoroughly, becoming accurately and intimately acquainted with it.]
Col 1:7 You so learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ in our stead {and} as our representative {and} {yours}.
Col 1:8 Also he has informed us of your love in the [Holy] Spirit.
Col 1:9 For this reason we also, from the day we heard of it, have not ceased to pray {and} make [special] request for you, [asking] that you may be filled with the full (deep and clear) knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom [in comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God] and in understanding {and} discernment of spiritual things--
Col 1:10 That you may walk (live and conduct yourselves) in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him {and} desiring to please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing {and} increasing in {and} by the knowledge of God [with fuller, deeper, and clearer insight, acquaintance, and recognition].
Col 1:11 [We pray] that you may be invigorated {and} strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory, [to exercise] every kind of endurance and patience (perseverance and forbearance) with joy,
Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, Who has qualified {and} made us fit to share the portion which is the inheritance of the saints (God's holy people) in the Light.
Col 1:13 [The Father] has delivered {and} drawn us to Himself out of the control {and} the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,
Col 1:14 In Whom we have our redemption {through His blood,} [which means] the forgiveness of our sins.
Col 1:15 [Now] He is the exact likeness of the unseen God [the visible representation of the invisible]; He is the Firstborn of all creation.
Col 1:16 For it was in Him that all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and things unseen, whether thrones, dominions, rulers, or authorities; all things were created {and} exist through Him [by His service, intervention] and in {and} for Him.
Col 1:17 And He Himself existed before all things, and in Him all things consist (cohere, are held together).
Col 1:18 He also is the Head of [His] body, the church; seeing He is the Beginning, the Firstborn from among the dead, so that He alone in everything {and} in every respect might occupy the chief place [stand first and be preeminent].
Col 1:19 For it has pleased [the Father] that all the divine fullness (the sum total of the divine perfection, powers, and attributes) should dwell in Him permanently.
Col 1:20 And God purposed that through (by the service, the intervention of) Him [the Son] all things should be completely reconciled back to Himself, whether on earth or in heaven, as through Him, [the Father] made peace by means of the blood of His cross.

Col 1:21 And although you at one time were estranged {and} alienated from Him and were of hostile attitude of mind in your wicked activities,
Col 1:22 Yet now has [Christ, the Messiah] reconciled [you to God] in the body of His flesh through death, in order to present you holy and faultless and irreproachable in His [the Father's] presence.
Col 1:23 [And this He will do] provided that you continue to stay with {and} in the faith [in Christ], well-grounded and settled {and} steadfast, not shifting {or} moving away from the hope [which rests on and is inspired by] the glad tidings (the Gospel), which you heard and which has been preached [as being designed for and offered without restrictions] to every person under heaven, and of which [Gospel] I, Paul, became a minister.
Col 1:24 [Even] now I rejoice in the midst of my sufferings on your behalf. And in my own person I am making up whatever is still lacking {and} remains to be completed [on our part] of Christ's afflictions, for the sake of His body, which is the church.
Col 1:25 In it I became a minister in accordance with the divine stewardship which was entrusted to me for you [as its object and for your benefit], to make the Word of God fully known [among you]--
Col 1:26 The mystery of which was hidden for ages and generations [from angels and men], but is now revealed to His holy people (the saints),
Col 1:27 To whom God was pleased to make known how great for the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ within {and} among you, the Hope of [realizing the] glory.
Col 1:28 Him we preach {and} proclaim, warning {and} admonishing everyone and instructing everyone in all wisdom (comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God), that we may present every person mature (full-grown, fully initiated, complete, and perfect) in Christ (the Anointed One).
Col 1:29 For this I labor [unto weariness], striving with all the superhuman energy which He so mightily enkindles {and} works within me.
Col 2:1 FOR I want you to know how great is my solicitude for you [how severe an inward struggle I am engaged in for you] and for those [believers] at Laodicea, and for all who [like yourselves] have never seen my face {and} known me personally.
Col 2:2 [For my concern is] that their hearts may be braced (comforted, cheered, and encouraged) as they are knit together in love, that they may come to have all the abounding wealth {and} blessings of assured conviction of understanding, and that they may become progressively more intimately acquainted with {and} may know more definitely {and} accurately {and} thoroughly that mystic secret of God, [which is] Christ (the Anointed One).
Col 2:3 In Him all the treasures of [divine] wisdom (comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God) and [all the riches of spiritual] knowledge {and} enlightenment are stored up {and} lie hidden.
Col 2:4 I say this in order that no one may mislead {and} delude you by plausible {and} persuasive {and} attractive arguments {and} beguiling speech.
Col 2:5 For though I am away from you in body, yet I am with you in spirit, delighted at the sight of your [standing shoulder to shoulder in such] orderly array and the firmness {and} the solid front {and} steadfastness of your faith in Christ [that leaning of the entire human personality on Him in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness].
Col 2:6 As you have therefore received Christ, [even] Jesus the Lord, [so] walk (regulate your lives and conduct yourselves) in union with {and} conformity to Him.
Col 2:7 Have the roots [of your being] firmly {and} deeply planted [in Him, fixed and founded in Him], being continually built up in Him, becoming increasingly more confirmed {and} established in the faith, just as you were taught, and abounding {and} overflowing in it with thanksgiving.
Col 2:8 See to it that no one carries you off as spoil {or} makes you yourselves captive by his so-called philosophy {and} intellectualism and vain deceit (idle fancies and plain nonsense), following human tradition (men's ideas of the material rather than the spiritual world), just crude notions following the rudimentary {and} elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding [the teachings of] Christ (the Messiah).
Col 2:9 For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature].
Col 2:10 And you are in Him, made full {and} having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead--Father, Son and Holy Spirit--and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power].
Col 2:11 In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, but in a [spiritual] circumcision [performed by] Christ by stripping off the body of the flesh (the whole corrupt, carnal nature with its passions and lusts).

Col 2:12 [Thus you were circumcised when] you were buried with Him in [your] baptism, in which you were also raised with Him [to a new life] through [your] faith in the working of God [as displayed] when He raised Him up from the dead.
Col 2:13 And you who were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh (your sensuality, your sinful carnal nature), [God] brought to life together with [Christ], having [freely] forgiven us all our transgressions,
Col 2:14 Having cancelled {and} blotted out {and} wiped away the handwriting of the note (bond) with its legal decrees {and} demands which was in force {and} stood against us (hostile to us). This [note with its regulations, decrees, and demands] He set aside {and} cleared completely out of our way by nailing it to [His] cross.
Col 2:15 [God] disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display {and} public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him {and} in it [the cross].
Col 2:16 Therefore let no one sit in judgment on you in matters of food and drink, or with regard to a feast day or a New Moon or a Sabbath.
Col 2:17 Such [things] are only the shadow of things that are to come, {and} they have only a symbolic value. But the reality (the substance, the solid fact of what is foreshadowed, the body of it) belongs to Christ.
Col 2:18 Let no one defraud you by acting as an umpire {and} declaring you unworthy {and} disqualifying you for the prize, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, taking his stand on visions [he claims] he has seen, vainly puffed up by his sensuous notions {and} inflated by his unspiritual thoughts {and} fleshly conceit,
Col 2:19 And not holding fast to the Head, from Whom the entire body, supplied and knit together by means of its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.
Col 2:20 If then you have died with Christ to material ways of looking at things {and} have escaped from the world's crude {and} elemental notions {and} teachings of externalism, why do you live as if you still belong to the world? [Why do you submit to rules {and} regulations?--such as]
Col 2:21 Do not handle [this], Do not taste [that], Do not even touch [them],
Col 2:22 Referring to things all of which perish with being used. To do this is to follow human precepts and doctrines.
Col 2:23 Such [practices] have indeed the outward appearance [that popularly passes] for wisdom, in promoting self-imposed rigor of devotion {and} delight in self-humiliation {and} severity of discipline of the body, but they are of no value in checking the indulgence of the flesh (the lower nature). [Instead, they do not honor God but serve only to indulge the flesh.]
Col 3:1 IF THEN you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at {and} seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
Col 3:2 And set your minds {and} keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth.
Col 3:3 For [as far as this world is concerned] you have died, and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God.
Col 3:4 When Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in [the splendor of His] glory.
Col 3:5 So kill (deaden, deprive of power) the evil desire lurking in your members [those animal impulses and all that is earthly in you that is employed in sin]: sexual vice, impurity, sensual appetites, unholy desires, and all greed {and} covetousness, for that is idolatry (the deifying of self and other created things instead of God).
Col 3:6 It is on account of these [very sins] that the [holy] anger of God is ever coming upon the sons of disobedience (those who are obstinately opposed to the divine will),
Col 3:7 Among whom you also once walked, when you were living in {and} addicted to [such practices].
Col 3:8 But now put away {and} rid yourselves [completely] of all these things: anger, rage, bad feeling toward others, curses {and} slander, and foulmouthed abuse {and} shameful utterances from your lips!
Col 3:9 Do not lie to one another, for you have stripped off the old (unregenerate) self with its evil practices,
Col 3:10 And have clothed yourselves with the new [spiritual self], which is [ever in the process of being] renewed {and} remolded into [fuller and more perfect knowledge upon] knowledge after the image (the likeness) of Him Who created it.
Col 3:11 [In this new creation all distinctions vanish.] There is no room for {and} there can be neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, [nor difference between nations whether alien] barbarians or Scythians [who are the most savage of all], nor slave or free man; but Christ is all and in all [everything and everywhere, to all men, without distinction of person].
Col 3:12 Clothe yourselves therefore, as God's own chosen ones (His own picked representatives), [who are] purified {and} holy and well-beloved [by God Himself, by putting on behavior marked by] tenderhearted pity {and} mercy, kind feeling, a lowly opinion of yourselves, gentle ways, [and] patience [which is tireless and long-suffering, and has the power to endure whatever comes, with good temper].

Col 3:13 Be gentle {and} forbearing with one another and, if one has a difference (a grievance or complaint) against another, readily pardoning each other; even as the Lord has [freely] forgiven you, so must you also [forgive].
Col 3:14 And above all these [put on] love {and} enfold yourselves with the bond of perfectness [which binds everything together completely in ideal harmony].
Col 3:15 And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of Christ's] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful (appreciative), [giving praise to God always].
Col 3:16 Let the word [spoken by] Christ (the Messiah) have its home [in your hearts and minds] {and} dwell in you in [all its] richness, as you teach and admonish {and} train one another in all insight {and} intelligence {and} wisdom [in spiritual things, and as you sing] psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, making melody to God with [His] grace in your hearts.
Col 3:17 And whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus {and} in [dependence upon] His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him.
Col 3:18 Wives, be subject to your husbands [subordinate and adapt yourselves to them], as is right {and} fitting {and} your proper duty in the Lord.
Col 3:19 Husbands, love your wives [be affectionate and sympathetic with them] and do not be harsh {or} bitter {or} resentful toward them.
Col 3:20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord.
Col 3:21 Fathers, do not provoke {or} irritate {or} fret your children [do not be hard on them or harass them], lest they become discouraged {and} sullen {and} morose {and} feel inferior {and} frustrated. [Do not break their spirit.]
Col 3:22 Servants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not only when their eyes are on you as pleasers of men, but in simplicity of purpose [with all your heart] because of your reverence for the Lord {and} as a sincere expression of your devotion to Him.
Col 3:23 Whatever may be your task, work at it heartily (from the soul), as [something done] for the Lord and not for men,
Col 3:24 Knowing [with all certainty] that it is from the Lord [and not from men] that you will receive the inheritance which is your [real] reward. [The One Whom] you are actually serving [is] the Lord Christ (the Messiah).
Col 3:25 For he who deals wrongfully will [reap the fruit of his folly and] be punished for his wrongdoing. And [with God] there is no partiality [no matter what a person's position may be, whether he is the slave or the master].
Col 4:1 MASTERS, [on your part] deal with your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that also you have a Master in heaven.
Col 4:2 Be earnest {and} unwearied {and} steadfast in your prayer [life], being [both] alert {and} intent in [your praying] with thanksgiving.
Col 4:3 And at the same time pray for us also, that God may open a door to us for the Word (the Gospel), to proclaim the mystery concerning Christ (the Messiah) on account of which I am in prison;
Col 4:4 That I may proclaim it fully {and} make it clear [speak boldly and unfold that mystery], as is my duty.
Col 4:5 Behave yourselves wisely [living prudently and with discretion] in your relations with those of the outside world (the non-Christians), making the very most of the time {and} seizing (buying up) the opportunity.
Col 4:6 Let your speech at all times be gracious (pleasant and winsome), seasoned [as it were] with salt, [so that you may never be at a loss] to know how you ought to answer anyone [who puts a question to you].
Col 4:7 Tychicus will give you full information about my affairs; [he is] a much-loved brother and faithful ministering assistant and fellow servant [with us] in the Lord.
Col 4:8 I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are faring and that he may comfort {and} cheer {and} encourage your hearts.
Col 4:9 And with [him is] Onesimus, [our] faithful and beloved brother, who is [one] of yourselves. They will let you know everything that has taken place here [in Rome].
Col 4:10 Aristarchus my fellow prisoner wishes to be remembered to you, as does Mark the relative of Barnabas. You received instructions concerning him; if he comes to you give him a [hearty] welcome.
Col 4:11 And [greetings also from] Jesus, who is called Justus. These [Hebrew Christians] alone of the circumcision are among my fellow workers for [the extension of] God's kingdom, and they have proved a relief {and} a comfort to me.
Col 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of yourselves, a servant of Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. [He is] always striving for you earnestly in his prayers, [pleading] that you may [as persons of ripe character and clear conviction] stand firm {and} mature [in spiritual growth], convinced {and} fully assured in everything willed by God.

Col 4:13 For I bear him testimony that he has labored hard in your behalf and for [the believers] in Laodicea and those in Hierapolis.
Col 4:14 Luke the beloved physician and Demas salute you.
Col 4:15 Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the assembly (the church) which meets in her house.
Col 4:16 And when this epistle has been read before you, [see] that it is read also in the assembly (the church) of the Laodiceans, and also [see] that you yourselves in turn read the [letter that comes to you] from Laodicea.
Col 4:17 And say to Archippus, See that you discharge carefully [the duties of] the ministry {and} fulfill the stewardship which you have received in the Lord.
Col 4:18 I, Paul, [add this final] greeting, writing with my own hand. Remember I am still in prison {and} in chains. May grace (God's unmerited favor and blessing) be with you! {Amen (so be it).}
1 Thess 1:1 PAUL, SILVANUS (Silas), and Timothy, to the assembly (church) of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah): Grace (spiritual blessing and divine favor) to you and [heart] peace.
1 Thess 1:2 We are ever giving thanks to God for all of you, continually mentioning [you when engaged] in our prayers,
1 Thess 1:3 Recalling unceasingly before our God and Father your work energized by faith and service motivated by love and unwavering hope in [the return of] our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah). [I Thess. 1:10.]
1 Thess 1:4 [O] brethren beloved by God, we recognize {and} know that He has selected (chosen) you;
1 Thess 1:5 For our [preaching of the] glad tidings (the Gospel) came to you not only in word, but also in [its own inherent] power and in the Holy Spirit and with great conviction {and} absolute certainty [on our part]. You know what kind of men we proved [ourselves] to be among you for your good.
1 Thess 1:6 And you [set yourselves to] become imitators of us and [through us] of the Lord Himself, for you welcomed our message in [spite of] much persecution, with joy [inspired] by the Holy Spirit;
1 Thess 1:7 So that you [thus] became a pattern to all the believers (those who adhere to, trust in, and rely on Christ Jesus) in Macedonia and Achaia (most of Greece).
1 Thess 1:8 For not only has the Word concerning {and} from the Lord resounded forth from you unmistakably in Macedonia and Achaia, but everywhere the report has gone forth of your faith in God [of your leaning of your whole personality on Him in complete trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness]. So we [find that we] never need to tell people anything [further about it].
1 Thess 1:9 For they themselves volunteer testimony concerning us, telling what an entrance we had among you, and how you turned to God from [your] idols to serve a God Who is alive and true {and} genuine,
1 Thess 1:10 And [how you] look forward to {and} await the coming of His Son from heaven, Whom He raised from the dead--Jesus, Who personally rescues {and} delivers us out of {and} from the wrath [bringing punishment] which is coming [upon the impenitent] {and} draws us to Himself [investing us with all the privileges and rewards of the new life in Christ, the Messiah].
1 Thess 2:1 FOR YOU yourselves know, brethren, that our coming among you was not useless {and} fruitless.
1 Thess 2:2 But though we had already suffered and been outrageously treated at Philippi, as you know, yet in [the strength of] our God we summoned courage to proclaim to you unfalteringly the good news (the Gospel) with earnest contention {and} much conflict {and} great opposition.
1 Thess 2:3 For our appeal [in preaching] does not [originate] from delusion {or} error or impure purpose {or} motive, nor in fraud {or} deceit.
1 Thess 2:4 But just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the glad tidings (the Gospel), so we speak not to please men but to please God, Who tests our hearts [expecting them to be approved].
1 Thess 2:5 For as you well know, we never resorted either to words of flattery or to any cloak to conceal greedy motives {or} pretexts for gain, [as] God is our witness.
1 Thess 2:6 Nor did we seek to extract praise {and} honor {and} glory from men, either from you or from anyone else, though we might have asserted our authority [stood on our dignity and claimed honor] as apostles (special missionaries) of Christ (the Messiah).
1 Thess 2:7 But we behaved gently when we were among you, like a devoted mother nursing {and} cherishing her own children.
1 Thess 2:8 So, being thus tenderly {and} affectionately desirous of you, we continued to share with you not only God's good news (the Gospel) but also our own lives as well, for you had become so very dear to us.
1 Thess 2:9 For you recall our hard toil and struggles, brethren. We worked night and day [and plied our trade] in order not to be a burden to any of you [for our support] while we proclaimed the glad tidings (the Gospel) of God to

you.
1 Thess 2:10 You are witnesses, [yes] and God [also], how unworldly and upright and blameless was our behavior toward you believers [who adhered to and trusted in and relied on our Lord Jesus Christ].
1 Thess 2:11 For you know how, as a father [dealing with] his children, we used to exhort each of you personally, stimulating {and} encouraging and charging you
1 Thess 2:12 To live lives worthy of God, Who calls you into His own kingdom and the glorious blessedness [into which true believers will enter after Christ's return].
1 Thess 2:13 And we also [especially] thank God continually for this, that when you received the message of God [which you heard] from us, you welcomed it not as the word of [mere] men, but as it truly is, the Word of God, which is effectually at work in you who believe [exercising its superhuman power in those who adhere to and trust in and rely on it].
1 Thess 2:14 For you, brethren, became imitators of the assemblies (churches) of God in Christ Jesus which are in Judea, for you too have suffered the same kind of treatment from your own fellow countrymen as they did [who were persecuted at the hands] of the Jews,
1 Thess 2:15 Who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and harassed {and} drove us out, and continue to make themselves hateful {and} offensive to God and to show themselves foes of all men,
1 Thess 2:16 Forbidding {and} hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles (the nations) that they may be saved. So as always they fill up [to the brim the measure of] their sins. But God's wrath has come upon them at last [completely and forever]!
1 Thess 2:17 But since we were bereft of you, brethren, for a little while in person, [of course] not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great longing to see you face to face,
1 Thess 2:18 Because it was our will to come to you. [I mean that] I, Paul, again and again [wanted to come], but Satan hindered {and} impeded us.
1 Thess 2:19 For what is our hope or happiness or our victor's wreath of exultant triumph when we stand in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? Is it not you?
1 Thess 2:20 For you are [indeed] our glory and our joy!
1 Thess 3:1 THEREFORE, WHEN [the suspense of separation and our yearning for some personal communication from you] became intolerable, we consented to being left behind alone at Athens.
1 Thess 3:2 And we sent Timothy, our brother and God's servant in [spreading] the good news (the Gospel) of Christ, to strengthen {and} establish and to exhort {and} comfort {and} encourage you in your faith,
1 Thess 3:3 That no one [of you] should be disturbed {and} beguiled {and} led astray by these afflictions {and} difficulties [to which I have referred]. For you yourselves know that this is [unavoidable in our position, and must be recognized as] our appointed lot.
1 Thess 3:4 For even when we were with you, [you know] we warned you plainly beforehand that we were to be pressed with difficulties {and} made to suffer affliction, just as to your own knowledge it has [since] happened.
1 Thess 3:5 That is the reason that, when I could bear [the suspense] no longer, I sent that I might learn [how you were standing the strain, and the endurance of] your faith, [for I was fearful] lest somehow the tempter had tempted you and our toil [among you should prove to] be fruitless {and} to no purpose.
1 Thess 3:6 But now that Timothy has just come back to us from [his visit to] you and has brought us the good news of [the steadfastness of] your faith and [the warmth of your] love, and [reported] how kindly you cherish a constant {and} affectionate remembrance of us [and that you are] longing to see us as we [are to see] you,
1 Thess 3:7 Brethren, for this reason, in [spite of all] our stress and crushing difficulties we have been filled with comfort {and} cheer about you [because of] your faith (the leaning of your whole personality on God in complete trust and confidence).
1 Thess 3:8 Because now we [really] live, if you stand [firm] in the Lord.
1 Thess 3:9 For what [adequate] thanksgiving can we render to God for you for all the gladness {and} delight which we enjoy for your sakes before our God?
1 Thess 3:10 [And we] continue to pray especially {and} with most intense earnestness night and day that we may see you face to face and mend {and} make good whatever may be imperfect {and} lacking in your faith.
1 Thess 3:11 Now may our God and Father Himself and our Lord Jesus {Christ (the Messiah)} guide our steps to you.
1 Thess 3:12 And may the Lord make you to increase and excel {and} overflow in love for one another and for all people, just as we also do for you,
1 Thess 3:13 So that He may strengthen {and} confirm {and} establish your hearts faultlessly pure {and} unblamable in holiness in the sight of our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus {Christ (the Messiah)} with all His

saints (the holy and glorified people of God)! {Amen, (so be it)!}
1 Thess 4:1 FURTHERMORE, BRETHREN, we beg and admonish you in [virtue of our union with] the Lord Jesus, that [you follow the instructions which] you learned from us about how you ought to walk so as to please {and} gratify God, as indeed you are doing, [and] that you do so even more and more abundantly [attaining yet greater perfection in living this life].
1 Thess 4:2 For you know what charges {and} precepts we gave you [on the authority and by the inspiration of] the Lord Jesus.
1 Thess 4:3 For this is the will of God, that you should be consecrated (separated and set apart for pure and holy living): that you should abstain {and} shrink from all sexual vice,
1 Thess 4:4 That each one of you should know how to possess (control, manage) his own body in consecration (purity, separated from things profane) and honor,
1 Thess 4:5 Not [to be used] in the passion of lust like the heathen, who are ignorant of the true God {and} have no knowledge of His will,
1 Thess 4:6 That no man transgress and overreach his brother {and} defraud him in this matter {or} defraud his brother in business. For the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we have already warned you solemnly {and} told you plainly.
1 Thess 4:7 For God has not called us to impurity but to consecration [to dedicate ourselves to the most thorough purity].
1 Thess 4:8 Therefore whoever disregards (sets aside and rejects this) disregards not man but God, Whose [very] Spirit [Whom] He gives to you is holy (chaste, pure).
1 Thess 4:9 But concerning brotherly love [for all other Christians], you have no need to have anyone write you, for you yourselves have been [personally] taught by God to love one another.
1 Thess 4:10 And indeed you already are [extending and displaying your love] to all the brethren throughout Macedonia. But we beseech {and} earnestly exhort you, brethren, that you excel [in this matter] more and more,
1 Thess 4:11 To make it your ambition {and} definitely endeavor to live quietly {and} peacefully, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we charged you,
1 Thess 4:12 So that you may bear yourselves becomingly {and} be correct {and} honorable {and} command the respect of the outside world, being dependent on nobody [self-supporting] {and} having need of nothing.
1 Thess 4:13 Now also we would not have you ignorant, brethren, about those who fall asleep [in death], that you may not grieve [for them] as the rest do who have no hope [beyond the grave].
1 Thess 4:14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will also bring with Him through Jesus those who have fallen asleep [in death].
1 Thess 4:15 For this we declare to you by the Lord's [own] word, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall in no way precede [into His presence] {or} have any advantage at all over those who have previously fallen asleep [in Him in death].
1 Thess 4:16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a loud cry of summons, with the shout of an archangel, and with the blast of the trumpet of God. And those who have departed this life in Christ will rise first.
1 Thess 4:17 Then we, the living ones who remain [on the earth], shall simultaneously be caught up along with [the resurrected dead] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so always (through the eternity of the eternities) we shall be with the Lord!
1 Thess 4:18 Therefore comfort {and} encourage one another with these words.
1 Thess 5:1 BUT AS to the suitable times and the precise seasons {and} dates, brethren, you have no necessity for anything being written to you.
1 Thess 5:2 For you yourselves know perfectly well that the day of the [return of the] Lord will come [as unexpectedly and suddenly] as a thief in the night.
1 Thess 5:3 When people are saying, All is well and secure, {and,} There is peace and safety, then in a moment unforeseen destruction (ruin and death) will come upon them as suddenly as labor pains come upon a woman with child; and they shall by no means escape, for there will be no escape.
1 Thess 5:4 But you are not in [given up to the power of] darkness, brethren, for that day to overtake you by surprise like a thief.
1 Thess 5:5 For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we do not belong either to the night or to darkness.
1 Thess 5:6 Accordingly then, let us not sleep, as the rest do, but let us keep wide awake (alert, watchful, cautious, and on our guard) and let us be sober (calm, collected, and circumspect).
1 Thess 5:7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk, get drunk at night.

1 Thess 5:8 But we belong to the day; therefore, let us be sober and put on the breastplate (corslet) of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation.
1 Thess 5:9 For God has not appointed us to [incur His] wrath [He did not select us to condemn us], but [that we might] obtain [His] salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)
1 Thess 5:10 Who died for us so that whether we are still alive or are dead [at Christ's appearing], we might live together with Him {and} share His life.
1 Thess 5:11 Therefore encourage (admonish, exhort) one another and edify (strengthen and build up) one another, just as you are doing.
1 Thess 5:12 Now also we beseech you, brethren, get to know those who labor among you [recognize them for what they are, acknowledge and appreciate and respect them all]--your leaders who are over you in the Lord and those who warn {and} kindly reprove {and} exhort you.
1 Thess 5:13 And hold them in very high and most affectionate esteem in [intelligent and sympathetic] appreciation of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.
1 Thess 5:14 And we earnestly beseech you, brethren, admonish (warn and seriously advise) those who are out of line [the loafers, the disorderly, and the unruly]; encourage the timid {and} fainthearted, help {and} give your support to the weak souls, [and] be very patient with everybody [always keeping your temper].
1 Thess 5:15 See that none of you repays another with evil for evil, but always aim to show kindness {and} seek to do good to one another and to everybody.
1 Thess 5:16 Be happy [in your faith] {and} rejoice {and} be glad-hearted continually (always);
1 Thess 5:17 Be unceasing in prayer [praying perseveringly];
1 Thess 5:18 Thank [God] in everything [no matter what the circumstances may be, be thankful and give thanks], for this is the will of God for you [who are] in Christ Jesus [the Revealer and Mediator of that will].
1 Thess 5:19 Do not quench (suppress or subdue) the [Holy] Spirit;
1 Thess 5:20 Do not spurn the gifts {and} utterances of the prophets [do not depreciate prophetic revelations nor despise inspired instruction or exhortation or warning].
1 Thess 5:21 But test {and} prove all things [until you can recognize] what is good; [to that] hold fast.
1 Thess 5:22 Abstain from evil [shrink from it and keep aloof from it] in whatever form {or} whatever kind it may be.
1 Thess 5:23 And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through [separate you from profane things, make you pure and wholly consecrated to God]; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved sound {and} complete [and found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).
1 Thess 5:24 Faithful is He Who is calling you [to Himself] {and} utterly trustworthy, and He will also do it [fulfill His call by hallowing and keeping you].
1 Thess 5:25 Brethren, pray for us.
1 Thess 5:26 Greet all the brethren with a sacred kiss.
1 Thess 5:27 I solemnly charge you [in the name of] the Lord to have this letter read before all the brethren.
1 Thess 5:28 The grace (the unmerited favor and blessings) of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) be with you all. {Amen, (so be it).}
2 Thess 1:1 PAUL, SILVANUS (Silas), and Timothy, to the church (assembly) of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One):
2 Thess 1:2 Grace (unmerited favor) be to you and [heart] peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
2 Thess 1:3 We ought {and} indeed are obligated [as those in debt] to give thanks always to God for you, brethren, as is fitting, because your faith is growing exceedingly and the love of every one of you each toward the others is increasing {and} abounds.
2 Thess 1:4 And this is a cause of our mentioning you with pride among the churches (assemblies) of God for your steadfastness (your unflinching endurance and patience) and your firm faith in the midst of all the persecutions and crushing distresses {and} afflictions under which you are holding up.
2 Thess 1:5 This is positive proof of the just {and} right judgment of God to the end that you may be deemed deserving of His kingdom [a plain token of His fair verdict which designs that you should be made {and} counted worthy of the kingdom of God], for the sake of which you are also suffering.
2 Thess 1:6 [It is a fair decision] since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with distress {and} affliction those who distress {and} afflict you,
2 Thess 1:7 And to [recompense] you who are so distressed {and} afflicted [by granting you] relief {and} rest along with us [your fellow sufferers] when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in a flame of fire,

2 Thess 1:8 To deal out retribution (chastisement and vengeance) upon those who do not know {or} perceive {or} become acquainted with God, and [upon those] who ignore {and} refuse to obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus {Christ.}
2 Thess 1:9 Such people will pay the penalty {and} suffer the punishment of everlasting ruin (destruction and perdition) {and} eternal exclusion and banishment from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,
2 Thess 1:10 When He comes to be glorified in His saints [on that day He will be made more glorious in His consecrated people], and [He will] be marveled at {and} admired [in His glory reflected] in all who have believed [who have adhered to, trusted in, and relied on Him], because our witnessing among you was confidently accepted {and} believed [and confirmed in your lives].
2 Thess 1:11 With this in view we constantly pray for you, that our God may deem {and} count you worthy of [your] calling and [His] every gracious purpose of goodness, and with power may complete in [your] every particular work of faith (faith which is that leaning of the whole human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness).
2 Thess 1:12 Thus may the name of our Lord Jesus {Christ} be glorified {and} become more glorious through {and} in you, and may you [also be glorified] in Him according to the grace (favor and blessing) of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
2 Thess 2:1 BUT RELATIVE to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and our gathering together to [meet] Him, we beg you, brethren,
2 Thess 2:2 Not to allow your minds to be quickly unsettled {or} disturbed or kept excited {or} alarmed, whether it be by some [pretended] revelation of [the] Spirit or by word or by letter [alleged to be] from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has [already] arrived {and} is here.
2 Thess 2:3 Let no one deceive {or} beguile you in any way, for that day will not come except the apostasy comes first [unless the predicted great falling away of those who have professed to be Christians has come], and the man of lawlessness (sin) is revealed, who is the son of doom (of perdition),
2 Thess 2:4 Who opposes and exalts himself so proudly {and} insolently against {and} over all that is called God or that is worshiped, [even to his actually] taking his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming that he himself is God.
2 Thess 2:5 Do you not recollect that when I was still with you, I told you these things?
2 Thess 2:6 And now you know what is restraining him [from being revealed at this time]; it is so that he may be manifested (revealed) in his own [appointed] time.
2 Thess 2:7 For the mystery of lawlessness (that hidden principle of rebellion against constituted authority) is already at work in the world, [but it is] restrained only until he who restrains is taken out of the way.
2 Thess 2:8 And then the lawless one (the antichrist) will be revealed and the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of His mouth and bring him to an end by His appearing at His coming.
2 Thess 2:9 The coming [of the lawless one, the antichrist] is through the activity {and} working of Satan and will be attended by great power and with all sorts of [pretended] miracles and signs {and} delusive marvels--[all of them] lying wonders--
2 Thess 2:10 And by unlimited seduction to evil {and} with all wicked deception for those who are perishing (going to perdition) because they did not welcome the Truth {but} refused to love it that they might be saved.
2 Thess 2:11 Therefore God sends upon them a misleading influence, a working of error {and} a strong delusion to make them believe what is false,
2 Thess 2:12 In order that all may be judged {and} condemned who did not believe in [who refused to adhere to, trust in, and rely on] the Truth, but [instead] took pleasure in unrighteousness.
2 Thess 2:13 But we, brethren beloved by the Lord, ought {and} are obligated [as those who are in debt] to give thanks always to God for you, because God chose you from the beginning {as His firstfruits (first converts)} for salvation through the sanctifying work of the [Holy] Spirit and [your] belief in (adherence to, trust in, and reliance on) the Truth.
2 Thess 2:14 [It was] to this end that He called you through our Gospel, so that you may obtain {and} share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).
2 Thess 2:15 So then, brethren, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions {and} instructions which you were taught by us, whether by our word of mouth or by letter.
2 Thess 2:16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, Who loved us and gave us everlasting consolation {and} encouragement and well-founded hope through [His] grace (unmerited favor),
2 Thess 2:17 Comfort {and} encourage your hearts and strengthen them [make them steadfast and keep them unswerving] in every good work and word.
2 Thess 3:1 FURTHERMORE, BRETHREN, do pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may speed on (spread rapidly

and run its course) and be glorified (extolled) {and} triumph, even as [it has done] with you,
2 Thess 3:2 And that we may be delivered from perverse (improper, unrighteous) and wicked (actively malicious) men, for not everybody has faith {and} is held by it.
2 Thess 3:3 Yet the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen [you] {and} set you on a firm foundation and guard you from the evil [one].
2 Thess 3:4 And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will continue to do the things which we suggest {and} with which we charge you.
2 Thess 3:5 May the Lord direct your hearts into [realizing and showing] the love of God and into the steadfastness {and} patience of Christ {and} in waiting for His return.
2 Thess 3:6 Now we charge you, brethren, in the name {and} on the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) that you withdraw {and} keep away from every brother (fellow believer) who is slack in the performance of duty {and} is disorderly, living as a shirker {and} not walking in accord with the traditions {and} instructions that you have received from us.
2 Thess 3:7 For you yourselves know how it is necessary to imitate our example, for we were not disorderly {or} shirking of duty when we were with you [we were not idle].
2 Thess 3:8 Nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and struggle we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden {or} impose on any of you [for our support].
2 Thess 3:9 [It was] not because we do not have a right [to such support], but [we wished] to make ourselves an example for you to follow.
2 Thess 3:10 For while we were yet with you, we gave you this rule {and} charge: If anyone will not work, neither let him eat.
2 Thess 3:11 Indeed, we hear that some among you are disorderly [that they are passing their lives in idleness, neglectful of duty], being busy with other people's affairs instead of their own and doing no work.
2 Thess 3:12 Now we charge and exhort such persons [as ministers in Him exhorting those] in the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) that they work in quietness and earn their own food {and} other necessities.
2 Thess 3:13 And as for you, brethren, do not become weary {or} lose heart in doing right [but continue in well-doing without weakening].
2 Thess 3:14 But if anyone [in the church] refuses to obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person and do not associate with him, so that he may be ashamed.
2 Thess 3:15 Do not regard him as an enemy, but simply admonish {and} warn him as [being still] a brother.
2 Thess 3:16 Now may the Lord of peace Himself grant you His peace (the peace of His kingdom) at all times and in all ways [under all circumstances and conditions, whatever comes]. The Lord [be] with you all.
2 Thess 3:17 I, Paul, write you this final greeting with my own hand. This is the mark {and} sign [that it is not a forgery] in every letter of mine. It is the way I write [my handwriting and signature].
2 Thess 3:18 The grace (spiritual blessing and favor) of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) be with you all. {Amen (so be it).}
1 Tim 1:1 PAUL, AN apostle (special messenger) of Christ Jesus by appointment {and} command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus (the Messiah), our Hope,
1 Tim 1:2 To Timothy, my true son in the faith: Grace (spiritual blessing and favor), mercy, and [heart] peace [be yours] from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
1 Tim 1:3 As I urged you when I was on my way to Macedonia, stay on where you are at Ephesus in order that you may warn {and} admonish {and} charge certain individuals not to teach any different doctrine,
1 Tim 1:4 Nor to give importance to {or} occupy themselves with legends (fables, myths) and endless genealogies, which foster {and} promote useless speculations {and} questionings rather than acceptance in faith of God's administration {and} the divine training that is in faith (in that leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence)--
1 Tim 1:5 Whereas the object {and} purpose of our instruction {and} charge is love, which springs from a pure heart and a good (clear) conscience and sincere (unfeigned) faith.
1 Tim 1:6 But certain individuals have missed the mark on this very matter [and] have wandered away into vain arguments {and} discussions {and} purposeless talk.
1 Tim 1:7 They are ambitious to be doctors of the Law (teachers of the Mosaic ritual), but they have no understanding either of the words {and} terms they use or of the subjects about which they make [such] dogmatic assertions.
1 Tim 1:8 Now we recognize {and} know that the Law is good if anyone uses it lawfully [for the purpose for which it was designed],

1 Tim 1:9 Knowing {and} understanding this: that the Law is not enacted for the righteous (the upright and just, who are in right standing with God), but for the lawless and unruly, for the ungodly and sinful, for the irreverent and profane, for those who strike {and} beat {and} [even] murder fathers and strike {and} beat {and} [even] murder mothers, for manslayers,
1 Tim 1:10 [For] impure {and} immoral persons, those who abuse themselves with men, kidnapers, liars, perjurers--and whatever else is opposed to wholesome teaching {and} sound doctrine
1 Tim 1:11 As laid down by the glorious Gospel of the blessed God, with which I have been entrusted.
1 Tim 1:12 I give thanks to Him Who has granted me [the needed] strength {and} made me able [for this], Christ Jesus our Lord, because He has judged {and} counted me faithful {and} trustworthy, appointing me to [this stewardship of] the ministry.
1 Tim 1:13 Though I formerly blasphemed and persecuted and was shamefully {and} outrageously {and} aggressively insulting [to Him], nevertheless, I obtained mercy because I had acted out of ignorance in unbelief.
1 Tim 1:14 And the grace (unmerited favor and blessing) of our Lord [actually] flowed out superabundantly {and} beyond measure for me, accompanied by faith and love that are [to be realized] in Christ Jesus.
1 Tim 1:15 The saying is sure {and} true and worthy of full {and} universal acceptance, that Christ Jesus (the Messiah) came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am foremost.
1 Tim 1:16 But I obtained mercy for the reason that in me, as the foremost [of sinners], Jesus Christ might show forth {and} display all His perfect long-suffering {and} patience for an example to [encourage] those who would thereafter believe on Him for [the gaining of] eternal life.
1 Tim 1:17 Now to the King of eternity, incorruptible {and} immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever (to the ages of ages). Amen (so be it).
1 Tim 1:18 This charge {and} admonition I commit in trust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with prophetic intimations which I formerly received concerning you, so that inspired {and} aided by them you may wage the good warfare,
1 Tim 1:19 Holding fast to faith (that leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence) and having a good (clear) conscience. By rejecting {and} thrusting from them [their conscience], some individuals have made shipwreck of their faith.
1 Tim 1:20 Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have delivered to Satan in order that they may be disciplined [by punishment and learn] not to blaspheme.
1 Tim 2:1 FIRST OF all, then, I admonish {and} urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be offered on behalf of all men,
1 Tim 2:2 For kings and all who are in positions of authority {or} high responsibility, that [outwardly] we may pass a quiet {and} undisturbed life [and inwardly] a peaceable one in all godliness {and} reverence and seriousness in every way.
1 Tim 2:3 For such [praying] is good {and} right, and [it is] pleasing {and} acceptable to God our Savior,
1 Tim 2:4 Who wishes all men to be saved and [increasingly] to perceive {and} recognize {and} discern {and} know precisely {and} correctly the [divine] Truth.
1 Tim 2:5 For there [is only] one God, and [only] one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,
1 Tim 2:6 Who gave Himself as a ransom for all [people, a fact that was] attested to at the right {and} proper time.
1 Tim 2:7 And of this matter I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (special messenger)--I am speaking the truth {in Christ,} I do not falsify [when I say this]--a teacher of the Gentiles in [the realm of] faith and truth.
1 Tim 2:8 I desire therefore that in every place men should pray, without anger {or} quarreling {or} resentment or doubt [in their minds], lifting up holy hands.
1 Tim 2:9 Also [I desire] that women should adorn themselves modestly {and} appropriately and sensibly in seemly apparel, not with [elaborate] hair arrangement or gold or pearls or expensive clothing,
1 Tim 2:10 But by doing good deeds (deeds in themselves good and for the good and advantage of those contacted by them), as befits women who profess reverential fear for {and} devotion to God.
1 Tim 2:11 Let a woman learn in quietness, in entire submissiveness.
1 Tim 2:12 I allow no woman to teach or to have authority over men; she is to remain in quietness {and} keep silence [in religious assemblies].
1 Tim 2:13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve;
1 Tim 2:14 And it was not Adam who was deceived, but [the] woman who was deceived {and} deluded and fell into transgression.
1 Tim 2:15 Nevertheless [the sentence put upon women of pain in motherhood does not hinder their souls' salvation,

and] they will be saved [eternally] if they continue in faith and love and holiness with self-control, [saved indeed] through the Childbearing {or} by the birth of the divine Child.
1 Tim 3:1 THE SAYING is true {and} irrefutable: If any man [eagerly] seeks the office of bishop (superintendent, overseer), he desires an excellent task (work).
1 Tim 3:2 Now a bishop (superintendent, overseer) must give no grounds for accusation {but} must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, circumspect {and} temperate {and} self-controlled; [he must be] sensible {and} well behaved {and} dignified and lead an orderly (disciplined) life; [he must be] hospitable [showing love for and being a friend to the believers, especially strangers or foreigners, and be] a capable {and} qualified teacher,
1 Tim 3:3 Not given to wine, not combative but gentle {and} considerate, not quarrelsome {but} forbearing {and} peaceable, and not a lover of money [insatiable for wealth and ready to obtain it by questionable means].
1 Tim 3:4 He must rule his own household well, keeping his children under control, with true dignity, commanding their respect in every way {and} keeping them respectful.
1 Tim 3:5 For if a man does not know how to rule his own household, how is he to take care of the church of God?
1 Tim 3:6 He must not be a new convert, or he may [develop a beclouded and stupid state of mind] as the result of pride [be blinded by conceit, and] fall into the condemnation that the devil [once] did.
1 Tim 3:7 Furthermore, he must have a good reputation {and} be well thought of by those outside [the church], lest he become involved in slander {and} incur reproach and fall into the devil's trap.
1 Tim 3:8 In like manner the deacons [must be] worthy of respect, not shifty {and} double-talkers {but} sincere in what they say, not given to much wine, not greedy for base gain [craving wealth and resorting to ignoble and dishonest methods of getting it].
1 Tim 3:9 They must possess the mystic secret of the faith [Christian truth as hidden from ungodly men] with a clear conscience.
1 Tim 3:10 And let them also be tried {and} investigated {and} proved first; then, if they turn out to be above reproach, let them serve [as deacons].
1 Tim 3:11 [The] women likewise must be worthy of respect {and} serious, not gossipers, but temperate {and} self-controlled, [thoroughly] trustworthy in all things.
1 Tim 3:12 Let deacons be the husbands of but one wife, and let them manage [their] children and their own households well.
1 Tim 3:13 For those who perform well as deacons acquire a good standing for themselves and also gain much confidence {and} freedom {and} boldness in the faith which is [founded on and centers] in Christ Jesus.
1 Tim 3:14 Although I hope to come to you before long, I am writing these instructions to you so that,
1 Tim 3:15 If I am detained, you may know how people ought to conduct themselves in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and stay (the prop and support) of the Truth.
1 Tim 3:16 And great {and} important {and} weighty, we confess, is the hidden truth (the mystic secret) of godliness. He [God] was made visible in human flesh, justified {and} vindicated in the [Holy] Spirit, was seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, [and] taken up in glory.
1 Tim 4:1 BUT THE [Holy] Spirit distinctly {and} expressly declares that in latter times some will turn away from the faith, giving attention to deluding {and} seducing spirits and doctrines that demons teach,
1 Tim 4:2 Through the hypocrisy {and} pretensions of liars whose consciences are seared (cauterized),
1 Tim 4:3 Who forbid people to marry and [teach them] to abstain from [certain kinds of] foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe {and} have [an increasingly clear] knowledge of the truth.
1 Tim 4:4 For everything God has created is good, and nothing is to be thrown away {or} refused if it is received with thanksgiving.
1 Tim 4:5 For it is hallowed {and} consecrated by the Word of God and by prayer.
1 Tim 4:6 If you lay all these instructions before the brethren, you will be a worthy steward {and} a good minister of Christ Jesus, ever nourishing your own self on the truths of the faith and of the good [Christian] instruction which you have closely followed.
1 Tim 4:7 But refuse {and} avoid irreverent legends (profane and impure and godless fictions, mere grandmothers' tales) and silly myths, {and} express your disapproval of them. Train yourself toward godliness (piety), [keeping yourself spiritually fit].
1 Tim 4:8 For physical training is of some value (useful for a little), but godliness (spiritual training) is useful {and} of value in everything {and} in every way, for it holds promise for the present life and also for the life which is to come.
1 Tim 4:9 This saying is reliable {and} worthy of complete acceptance by everybody.
1 Tim 4:10 With a view to this we toil and strive, [yes and] {suffer reproach}, because we have [fixed our] hope on

the living God, Who is the Savior (Preserver, Maintainer, Deliverer) of all men, especially of those who believe (trust in, rely on, and adhere to Him).
1 Tim 4:11 Continue to command these things and to teach them.
1 Tim 4:12 Let no one despise {or} think less of you because of your youth, but be an example (pattern) for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.
1 Tim 4:13 Till I come, devote yourself to [public and private] reading, to exhortation (preaching and personal appeals), and to teaching {and} instilling doctrine.
1 Tim 4:14 Do not neglect the gift which is in you, [that special inward endowment] which was directly imparted to you [by the Holy Spirit] by prophetic utterance when the elders laid their hands upon you [at your ordination].
1 Tim 4:15 Practice {and} cultivate {and} meditate upon these duties; throw yourself wholly into them [as your ministry], so that your progress may be evident to everybody.
1 Tim 4:16 Look well to yourself [to your own personality] and to [your] teaching; persevere in these things [hold to them], for by so doing you will save both yourself and those who hear you.
1 Tim 5:1 DO NOT sharply censure {or} rebuke an older man, but entreat {and} plead with him as [you would with] a father. Treat younger men like brothers;
1 Tim 5:2 [Treat] older women like mothers [and] younger women like sisters, in all purity.
1 Tim 5:3 [Always] treat with great consideration {and} give aid to those who are truly widowed (solitary and without support).
1 Tim 5:4 But if a widow has children or grandchildren, see to it that these are first made to understand that it is their religious duty [to defray their natural obligation to those] at home, and make return to their parents {or} grandparents [for all their care by contributing to their maintenance], for this is acceptable in the sight of God.
1 Tim 5:5 Now [a woman] who is a real widow and is left entirely alone {and} desolate has fixed her hope on God and perseveres in supplications and prayers night and day,
1 Tim 5:6 Whereas she who lives in pleasure {and} self-gratification [giving herself up to luxury and self-indulgence] is dead even while she [still] lives.
1 Tim 5:7 Charge [the people] thus, so that they may be without reproach {and} blameless.
1 Tim 5:8 If anyone fails to provide for his relatives, and especially for those of his own family, he has disowned the faith [by failing to accompany it with fruits] and is worse than an unbeliever [who performs his obligation in these matters].
1 Tim 5:9 Let no one be put on the roll of widows [who are to receive church support] who is under sixty years of age or who has been the wife of more than one man;
1 Tim 5:10 And she must have a reputation for good deeds, as one who has brought up children, who has practiced hospitality to strangers [of the brotherhood], washed the feet of the saints, helped to relieve the distressed, [and] devoted herself diligently to doing good in every way.
1 Tim 5:11 But refuse [to enroll on this list the] younger widows, for when they become restive {and} their natural desires grow strong, they withdraw themselves against Christ [and] wish to marry [again].
1 Tim 5:12 And so they incur condemnation for having set aside {and} slighted their previous pledge.
1 Tim 5:13 Moreover, as they go about from house to house, they learn to be idlers, and not only idlers, but gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not say {and} talking of things they should not mention.
1 Tim 5:14 So I would have younger [widows] marry, bear children, guide the household, [and] not give opponents of the faith occasion for slander or reproach.
1 Tim 5:15 For already some [widows] have turned aside after Satan.
1 Tim 5:16 If any believing woman {or believing man} has [relatives or persons in the household who are] widows, let him relieve them; let the church not be burdened [with them], so that it may [be free to] assist those who are truly widows (those who are all alone and are dependent).
1 Tim 5:17 Let the elders who perform the duties of their office well be considered doubly worthy of honor [and of adequate financial support], especially those who labor faithfully in preaching and teaching.
1 Tim 5:18 For the Scripture says, You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain, and again, The laborer is worthy of his hire.
1 Tim 5:19 Listen to no accusation [presented before a judge] against an elder unless it is confirmed by the testimony of two or three witnesses.
1 Tim 5:20 As for those who are guilty {and} persist in sin, rebuke {and} admonish them in the presence of all, so that the rest may be warned {and} stand in wholesome awe {and} fear.
1 Tim 5:21 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the chosen angels that you guard

{and} keep [these rules] without personal prejudice {or} favor, doing nothing from partiality.
1 Tim 5:22 Do not be in a hurry in the laying on of hands [giving the sanction of the church too hastily in reinstating expelled offenders or in ordination in questionable cases], nor share {or} participate in another man's sins; keep yourself pure.
1 Tim 5:23 Drink water no longer exclusively, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.
1 Tim 5:24 The sins of some men are conspicuous (openly evident to all eyes), going before them to the judgment [seat] {and} proclaiming their sentence in advance; but the sins of others appear later [following the offender to the bar of judgment and coming into view there].
1 Tim 5:25 So also, good deeds are evident {and} conspicuous, and even when they are not, they cannot remain hidden [indefinitely].
1 Tim 6:1 LET ALL who are under the yoke as bond servants esteem their own [personal] masters worthy of honor {and} fullest respect, so that the name of God and the teaching [about Him] may not be brought into disrepute {and} blasphemed.
1 Tim 6:2 Let those who have believing masters not be disrespectful {or} scornful [to them] on the grounds that they are brothers [in Christ]; rather, they should serve [them all the better] because those who benefit by their kindly service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these duties.
1 Tim 6:3 But if anyone teaches otherwise and does not assent to the sound {and} wholesome messages of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and the teaching which is in agreement with godliness (piety toward God),
1 Tim 6:4 He is puffed up with pride {and} stupefied with conceit, [although he is] woefully ignorant. He has a morbid fondness for controversy and disputes {and} strife about words, which result in (produce) envy {and} jealousy, quarrels {and} dissension, abuse {and} insults {and} slander, and base suspicions,
1 Tim 6:5 And protracted wrangling {and} wearing discussion {and} perpetual friction among men who are corrupted in mind and bereft of the truth, who imagine that godliness {or} righteousness is a source of profit [a moneymaking business, a means of livelihood]. {From such withdraw.}
1 Tim 6:6 [And it is, indeed, a source of immense profit, for] godliness accompanied with contentment (that contentment which is a sense of inward sufficiency) is great {and} abundant gain.
1 Tim 6:7 For we brought nothing into the world, and {obviously} we cannot take anything out of the world;
1 Tim 6:8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we shall be content (satisfied).
1 Tim 6:9 But those who crave to be rich fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish (useless, godless) and hurtful desires that plunge men into ruin {and} destruction and miserable perishing.
1 Tim 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have been led astray {and} have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves through with many acute [mental] pangs.
1 Tim 6:11 But as for you, O man of God, flee from all these things; aim at {and} pursue righteousness (right standing with God and true goodness), godliness (which is the loving fear of God and being Christlike), faith, love, steadfastness (patience), and gentleness of heart.
1 Tim 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith; lay hold of the eternal life to which you were summoned and [for which] you confessed the good confession [of faith] before many witnesses.
1 Tim 6:13 In the presence of God, Who preserves alive all living things, and of Christ Jesus, Who in His testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I [solemnly] charge you
1 Tim 6:14 To keep all His precepts unsullied {and} flawless, irreproachable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Anointed One),
1 Tim 6:15 Which [appearing] will be shown forth in His own proper time by the blessed, only Sovereign (Ruler), the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
1 Tim 6:16 Who alone has immortality [in the sense of exemption from every kind of death] and lives in unapproachable light, Whom no man has ever seen or can see. Unto Him be honor and everlasting power {and} dominion. Amen (so be it).
1 Tim 6:17 As for the rich in this world, charge them not to be proud {and} arrogant {and} contemptuous of others, nor to set their hopes on uncertain riches, but on God, Who richly {and} ceaselessly provides us with everything for [our] enjoyment.
1 Tim 6:18 [Charge them] to do good, to be rich in good works, to be liberal {and} generous of heart, ready to share [with others],
1 Tim 6:19 In this way laying up for themselves [the riches that endure forever as] a good foundation for the future, so that they may grasp that which is life indeed.

1 Tim 6:20 O Timothy, guard {and} keep the deposit entrusted [to you]! Turn away from the irreverent babble {and} godless chatter, with the vain {and} empty {and} worldly phrases, and the subtleties {and} the contradictions in what is falsely called knowledge {and} spiritual illumination.
1 Tim 6:21 [For] by making such profession some have erred (missed the mark) as regards the faith. Grace (divine favor and blessing) be with you all! {Amen (so be it).}
2 Tim 1:1 PAUL, AN apostle (special messenger) of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
2 Tim 1:2 To Timothy, [my] beloved child: Grace (favor and spiritual blessing), mercy, and [heart] peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord!
2 Tim 1:3 I thank God Whom I worship with a pure conscience, in the spirit of my fathers, when without ceasing I remember you night and day in my prayers,
2 Tim 1:4 And when, as I recall your tears, I yearn to see you so that I may be filled with joy.
2 Tim 1:5 I am calling up memories of your sincere {and} unqualified faith (the leaning of your entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness), [a faith] that first lived permanently in [the heart of] your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am [fully] persuaded, [dwells] in you also.
2 Tim 1:6 That is why I would remind you to stir up (rekindle the embers of, fan the flame of, and keep burning) the [gracious] gift of God, [the inner fire] that is in you by means of the laying on of my hands [with those of the elders at your ordination].
2 Tim 1:7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm {and} well-balanced mind {and} discipline {and} self-control.
2 Tim 1:8 Do not blush {or} be ashamed then, to testify to {and} for our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for His sake, but [with me] take your share of the suffering [to which the preaching] of the Gospel [may expose you, and do it] in the power of God.
2 Tim 1:9 [For it is He] Who delivered {and} saved us and called us with a calling in itself holy {and} leading to holiness [to a life of consecration, a vocation of holiness]; [He did it] not because of anything of merit that we have done, but because of {and} to further His own purpose and grace (unmerited favor) which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began [eternal ages ago].
2 Tim 1:10 [It is that purpose and grace] which He now has made known {and} has fully disclosed {and} made real [to us] through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, Who annulled death {and} made it of no effect and brought life and immortality (immunity from eternal death) to light through the Gospel.
2 Tim 1:11 For [the proclaiming of] this [Gospel] I was appointed a herald (preacher) and an apostle (special messenger) and a teacher {of the Gentiles.}
2 Tim 1:12 And this is why I am suffering as I do. Still I am not ashamed, for I know (perceive, have knowledge of, and am acquainted with) Him Whom I have believed (adhered to and trusted in and relied on), and I am [positively] persuaded that He is able to guard {and} keep that which has been entrusted to me {and} which I have committed [to Him] until that day.
2 Tim 1:13 Hold fast {and} follow the pattern of wholesome {and} sound teaching which you have heard from me, in [all] the faith and love which are [for us] in Christ Jesus.
2 Tim 1:14 Guard {and} keep [with the greatest care] the precious {and} excellently adapted [Truth] which has been entrusted [to you], by the [help of the] Holy Spirit Who makes His home in us.
2 Tim 1:15 You already know that all who are in Asia turned away {and} forsook me, Phygelus and Hermogenes among them.
2 Tim 1:16 May the Lord grant [His] mercy to the family of Onesiphorus, for he often showed me kindness {and} ministered to my needs [comforting and reviving and bracing me like fresh air]! He was not ashamed of my chains {and} imprisonment [for Christ's sake].
2 Tim 1:17 No, rather when he reached Rome, he searched diligently {and} eagerly for me and found me.
2 Tim 1:18 May the Lord grant to him that he may find mercy from the Lord on that [great] day! And you know how many things he did for me {and} what a help he was at Ephesus [you know better than I can tell you].
2 Tim 2:1 SO YOU, my son, be strong (strengthened inwardly) in the grace (spiritual blessing) that is [to be found only] in Christ Jesus.
2 Tim 2:2 And the [instructions] which you have heard from me along with many witnesses, transmit {and} entrust [as a deposit] to reliable {and} faithful men who will be competent {and} qualified to teach others also.
2 Tim 2:3 Take [with me] your share of the hardships {and} suffering [which you are called to endure] as a good

(first-class) soldier of Christ Jesus.
2 Tim 2:4 No soldier when in service gets entangled in the enterprises of [civilian] life; his aim is to satisfy {and} please the one who enlisted him.
2 Tim 2:5 And if anyone enters competitive games, he is not crowned unless he competes lawfully (fairly, according to the rules laid down).
2 Tim 2:6 [It is] the hard-working farmer [who labors to produce] who must be the first partaker of the fruits.
2 Tim 2:7 Think over these things I am saying [understand them and grasp their application], for the Lord will grant you full insight {and} understanding in everything.
2 Tim 2:8 Constantly keep in mind Jesus Christ (the Messiah) [as] risen from the dead, [as the prophesied King] descended from David, according to the good news (the Gospel) that I preach.
2 Tim 2:9 For that [Gospel] I am suffering affliction {and} even wearing chains like a criminal. But the Word of God is not chained {or} imprisoned!
2 Tim 2:10 Therefore I [am ready to] persevere {and} stand my ground with patience {and} endure everything for the sake of the elect [God's chosen], so that they too may obtain [the] salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with [the reward of] eternal glory.
2 Tim 2:11 The saying is sure {and} worthy of confidence: If we have died with Him, we shall also live with Him.
2 Tim 2:12 If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny {and} disown {and} reject Him, He will also deny {and} disown {and} reject us.
2 Tim 2:13 If we are faithless [do not believe and are untrue to Him], He remains true (faithful to His Word and His righteous character), for He cannot deny Himself.
2 Tim 2:14 Remind [the people] of these facts and [solemnly] charge them in the presence of the Lord to avoid petty controversy over words, which does no good but upsets {and} undermines the faith of the hearers.
2 Tim 2:15 Study {and} be eager {and} do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing {and} accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.
2 Tim 2:16 But avoid all empty (vain, useless, idle) talk, for it will lead people into more {and} more ungodliness.
2 Tim 2:17 And their teaching [will devour; it] will eat its way like cancer {or} spread like gangrene. So it is with Hymenaeus and Philetus,
2 Tim 2:18 Who have missed the mark {and} swerved from the truth by arguing that the resurrection has already taken place. They are undermining the faith of some.
2 Tim 2:19 But the firm foundation of (laid by) God stands, sure {and} unshaken, bearing this seal (inscription): The Lord knows those who are His, and, Let everyone who names [himself by] the name of the Lord give up all iniquity {and} stand aloof from it.
2 Tim 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also [utensils] of wood and earthenware, and some for honorable {and} noble [use] and some for menial {and} ignoble [use].
2 Tim 2:21 So whoever cleanses himself [from what is ignoble {and} unclean, who separates himself from contact with contaminating and corrupting influences] will [then himself] be a vessel set apart {and} useful for honorable {and} noble purposes, consecrated {and} profitable to the Master, fit {and} ready for any good work.
2 Tim 2:22 Shun youthful lusts {and} flee from them, and aim at {and} pursue righteousness (all that is virtuous and good, right living, conformity to the will of God in thought, word, and deed); [and aim at and pursue] faith, love, [and] peace (harmony and concord with others) in fellowship with all [Christians], who call upon the Lord out of a pure heart.
2 Tim 2:23 But refuse (shut your mind against, have nothing to do with) trifling (ill-informed, unedifying, stupid) controversies over ignorant questionings, for you know that they foster strife {and} breed quarrels.
2 Tim 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not be quarrelsome (fighting and contending). Instead, he must be kindly to everyone {and} mild-tempered [preserving the bond of peace]; he must be a skilled {and} suitable teacher, patient {and} forbearing {and} willing to suffer wrong.
2 Tim 2:25 He must correct his opponents with courtesy {and} gentleness, in the hope that God may grant that they will repent and come to know the Truth [that they will perceive and recognize and become accurately acquainted with and acknowledge it],
2 Tim 2:26 And that they may come to their senses [and] escape out of the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him, [henceforth] to do His [God's] will.
2 Tim 3:1 BUT UNDERSTAND this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress {and} trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].

2 Tim 3:2 For people will be lovers of self {and} [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money {and} aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud {and} arrogant {and} contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy {and} profane.
2 Tim 3:3 [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate {and} loose in morals {and} conduct, uncontrolled {and} fierce, haters of good.
2 Tim 3:4 [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures {and} vain amusements more than {and} rather than lovers of God.
2 Tim 3:5 For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny {and} reject {and} are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them].
2 Tim 3:6 For among them are those who worm their way into homes and captivate silly {and} weak-natured {and} spiritually dwarfed women, loaded down with [the burden of their] sins [and easily] swayed {and} led away by various evil desires {and} seductive impulses.
2 Tim 3:7 [These weak women will listen to anybody who will teach them]; they are forever inquiring {and} getting information, but are never able to arrive at a recognition {and} knowledge of the Truth.
2 Tim 3:8 Now just as Jannes and Jambres were hostile to {and} resisted Moses, so these men also are hostile to {and} oppose the Truth. They have depraved {and} distorted minds, and are reprobate {and} counterfeit {and} to be rejected as far as the faith is concerned.
2 Tim 3:9 But they will not get very far, for their rash folly will become obvious to everybody, as was that of those [magicians mentioned].
2 Tim 3:10 Now you have closely observed {and} diligently followed my teaching, conduct, purpose in life, faith, patience, love, steadfastness,
2 Tim 3:11 Persecutions, sufferings--such as occurred to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, persecutions I endured, but out of them all the Lord delivered me.
2 Tim 3:12 Indeed all who delight in piety {and} are determined to live a devoted {and} godly life in Christ Jesus will meet with persecution [will be made to suffer because of their religious stand].
2 Tim 3:13 But wicked men and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceiving {and} leading astray others and being deceived {and} led astray themselves.
2 Tim 3:14 But as for you, continue to hold to the things that you have learned and of which you are convinced, knowing from whom you learned [them],
2 Tim 3:15 And how from your childhood you have had a knowledge of {and} been acquainted with the sacred Writings, which are able to instruct you {and} give you the understanding for salvation which comes through faith in Christ Jesus [through the leaning of the entire human personality on God in Christ Jesus in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness].
2 Tim 3:16 Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof {and} conviction of sin, for correction of error {and} discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action),
2 Tim 3:17 So that the man of God may be complete {and} proficient, well fitted {and} thoroughly equipped for every good work.
2 Tim 4:1 I CHARGE [you] in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, Who is to judge the living and the dead, and by (in the light of) His coming and His kingdom:
2 Tim 4:2 Herald {and} preach the Word! Keep your sense of urgency [stand by, be at hand and ready], whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable. [Whether it is convenient or inconvenient, whether it is welcome or unwelcome, you as preacher of the Word are to show people in what way their lives are wrong.] And convince them, rebuking {and} correcting, warning {and} urging {and} encouraging them, being unflagging {and} inexhaustible in patience and teaching.
2 Tim 4:3 For the time is coming when [people] will not tolerate (endure) sound {and} wholesome instruction, but, having ears itching [for something pleasing and gratifying], they will gather to themselves one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking {and} to foster the errors they hold,
2 Tim 4:4 And will turn aside from hearing the truth and wander off into myths {and} man-made fictions.
2 Tim 4:5 As for you, be calm {and} cool {and} steady, accept {and} suffer unflinchingly every hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fully perform all the duties of your ministry.
2 Tim 4:6 For I am already about to be sacrificed [my life is about to be poured out as a drink offering]; the time of my [spirit's] release [from the body] is at hand {and} I will soon go free.

2 Tim 4:7 I have fought the good (worthy, honorable, and noble) fight, I have finished the race, I have kept (firmly held) the faith.
2 Tim 4:8 [As to what remains] henceforth there is laid up for me the [victor's] crown of righteousness [for being right with God and doing right], which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me {and} recompense me on that [great] day--and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved {and} yearned for {and} welcomed His appearing (His return).
2 Tim 4:9 Make every effort to come to me soon.
2 Tim 4:10 For Demas has deserted me for love of this present world and has gone to Thessalonica; Crescens [has gone] to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.
2 Tim 4:11 Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very helpful to me for the ministry.
2 Tim 4:12 Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.
2 Tim 4:13 [When] you come, bring the cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, also the books, especially the parchments.
2 Tim 4:14 Alexander the coppersmith did me great wrongs. The Lord will pay him back for his actions.
2 Tim 4:15 Beware of him yourself, for he opposed {and} resisted our message very strongly {and} exceedingly.
2 Tim 4:16 At my first trial no one acted in my defense [as my advocate] {or} took my part {or} [even] stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them!
2 Tim 4:17 But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the [Gospel] message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was delivered out of the jaws of the lion.
2 Tim 4:18 [And indeed] the Lord will certainly deliver {and} draw me to Himself from every assault of evil. He will preserve {and} bring me safe unto His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen (so be it).
2 Tim 4:19 Give my greetings to Prisca and Aquila and to the household of Onesiphorus.
2 Tim 4:20 Erastus stayed on at Corinth, but Trophimus I left ill at Miletus.
2 Tim 4:21 Do hasten {and} try your best to come to me before winter. Eubulus wishes to be remembered to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren.
2 Tim 4:22 The Lord {Jesus Christ} be with your spirit. Grace (God's favor and blessing) be with you. {Amen (so be it).}
Titus 1:1 PAUL, A bond servant of God and an apostle (a special messenger) of Jesus Christ (the Messiah) to stimulate {and} promote the faith of God's chosen ones and to lead them on to accurate discernment {and} recognition of {and} acquaintance with the Truth which belongs to {and} harmonizes with {and} tends to godliness,
Titus 1:2 [Resting] in the hope of eternal life, [life] which the ever truthful God Who cannot deceive promised before the world {or} the ages of time began.
Titus 1:3 And [now] in His own appointed time He has made manifest (made known) His Word {and} revealed it as His message through the preaching entrusted to me by command of God our Savior;
Titus 1:4 To Titus, my true child according to a common (general) faith: Grace (favor and spiritual blessing) and [heart] peace from God the Father and {the Lord} Christ Jesus our Savior.
Titus 1:5 For this reason I left you [behind] in Crete, that you might set right what was defective {and} finish what was left undone, and that you might appoint elders {and} set them over the churches (assemblies) in every city as I directed you.
Titus 1:6 [These elders should be] men who are of unquestionable integrity {and} are irreproachable, the husband of [but] one wife, whose children are [well trained and are] believers, not open to the accusation of being loose in morals {and} conduct or unruly {and} disorderly.
Titus 1:7 For the bishop (an overseer) as God's steward must be blameless, not self-willed {or} arrogant {or} presumptuous; he must not be quick-tempered or given to drink {or} pugnacious (brawling, violent); he must not be grasping {and} greedy for filthy lucre (financial gain);
Titus 1:8 But he must be hospitable (loving and a friend to believers, especially to strangers and foreigners); [he must be] a lover of goodness [of good people and good things], sober-minded (sensible, discreet), upright {and} fair-minded, a devout man {and} religiously correct, temperate {and} keeping himself in hand.
Titus 1:9 He must hold fast to the sure {and} trustworthy Word of God as he was taught it, so that he may be able both to give stimulating instruction {and} encouragement in sound (wholesome) doctrine and to refute {and} convict those who contradict {and} oppose it [showing the wayward their error].
Titus 1:10 For there are many disorderly {and} unruly men who are idle (vain, empty) {and} misleading talkers and self-deceivers {and} deceivers of others. [This is true] especially of those of the circumcision party [who have come over from Judaism].

Titus 1:11 Their mouths must be stopped, for they are mentally distressing {and} subverting whole families by teaching what they ought not to teach, for the purpose of getting base advantage {and} disreputable gain.
Titus 1:12 One of their [very] number, a prophet of their own, said, Cretans are always liars, hurtful beasts, idle {and} lazy gluttons.
Titus 1:13 And this account of them is [really] true. Because it is [true], rebuke them sharply [deal sternly, even severely with them], so that they may be sound in the faith {and} free from error,
Titus 1:14 [And may show their soundness by] ceasing to give attention to Jewish myths {and} fables or to rules [laid down] by [mere] men who reject {and} turn their backs on the Truth.
Titus 1:15 To the pure [in heart and conscience] all things are pure, but to the defiled {and} corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure; their very minds and consciences are defiled {and} polluted.
Titus 1:16 They profess to know God [to recognize, perceive, and be acquainted with Him], but deny {and} disown {and} renounce Him by what they do; they are detestable {and} loathsome, unbelieving {and} disobedient {and} disloyal {and} rebellious, and [they are] unfit {and} worthless for good work (deed or enterprise) of any kind.
Titus 2:1 BUT [as for] you, teach what is fitting {and} becoming to sound (wholesome) doctrine [the character and right living that identify true Christians].
Titus 2:2 Urge the older men to be temperate, venerable (serious), sensible, self-controlled, and sound in the faith, in the love, and in the steadfastness {and} patience [of Christ].
Titus 2:3 Bid the older women similarly to be reverent {and} devout in their deportment as becomes those engaged in sacred service, not slanderers or slaves to drink. They are to give good counsel {and} be teachers of what is right {and} noble,
Titus 2:4 So that they will wisely train the young women to be sane and sober of mind (temperate, disciplined) and to love their husbands and their children,
Titus 2:5 To be self-controlled, chaste, homemakers, good-natured (kindhearted), adapting {and} subordinating themselves to their husbands, that the word of God may not be exposed to reproach (blasphemed or discredited).
Titus 2:6 In a similar way, urge the younger men to be self-restrained {and} to behave prudently [taking life seriously].
Titus 2:7 And show your own self in all respects to be a pattern {and} a model of good deeds {and} works, teaching what is unadulterated, showing gravity [having the strictest regard for truth and purity of motive], with dignity {and} seriousness.
Titus 2:8 And let your instruction be sound {and} fit {and} wise {and} wholesome, vigorous {and} irrefutable {and} above censure, so that the opponent may be put to shame, finding nothing discrediting {or} evil to say about us.
Titus 2:9 [Tell] bond servants to be submissive to their masters, to be pleasing {and} give satisfaction in every way. [Warn them] not to talk back {or} contradict,
Titus 2:10 Nor to steal by taking things of small value, but to prove themselves truly loyal {and} entirely reliable {and} faithful throughout, so that in everything they may be an ornament {and} do credit to the teaching [which is] from {and} about God our Savior.
Titus 2:11 For the grace of God (His unmerited favor and blessing) has come forward (appeared) for the deliverance from sin {and} the eternal salvation for all mankind.
Titus 2:12 It has trained us to reject {and} renounce all ungodliness (irreligion) and worldly (passionate) desires, to live discreet (temperate, self-controlled), upright, devout (spiritually whole) lives in this present world,
Titus 2:13 Awaiting {and} looking for the [fulfillment, the realization of our] blessed hope, even the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One),
Titus 2:14 Who gave Himself on our behalf that He might redeem us (purchase our freedom) from all iniquity and purify for Himself a people [to be peculiarly His own, people who are] eager {and} enthusiastic about [living a life that is good and filled with] beneficial deeds.
Titus 2:15 Tell [them all] these things. Urge (advise, encourage, warn) and rebuke with full authority. Let no one despise {or} disregard {or} think little of you [conduct yourself and your teaching so as to command respect].
Titus 3:1 REMIND PEOPLE to be submissive to [their] magistrates and authorities, to be obedient, to be prepared {and} willing to do any upright {and} honorable work,
Titus 3:2 To slander {or} abuse {or} speak evil of no one, to avoid being contentious, to be forbearing (yielding, gentle, and conciliatory), and to show unqualified courtesy toward everybody.
Titus 3:3 For we also were once thoughtless {and} senseless, obstinate {and} disobedient, deluded {and} misled; [we too were once] slaves to all sorts of cravings {and} pleasures, wasting our days in malice and jealousy {and} envy, hateful (hated, detestable) and hating one another.

Titus 3:4 But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Savior to man [as man] appeared,
Titus 3:5 He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but because of His own pity {and} mercy, by [the] cleansing [bath] of the new birth (regeneration) and renewing of the Holy Spirit,
Titus 3:6 Which He poured out [so] richly upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Titus 3:7 [And He did it in order] that we might be justified by His grace (by His favor, wholly undeserved), [that we might be acknowledged and counted as conformed to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action], and that we might become heirs of eternal life according to [our] hope.
Titus 3:8 This message is most trustworthy, and concerning these things I want you to insist steadfastly, so that those who have believed in (trusted in, relied on) God may be careful to apply themselves to honorable occupations {and} to doing good, for such things are [not only] excellent {and} right [in themselves], but [they are] good {and} profitable for the people.
Titus 3:9 But avoid stupid {and} foolish controversies and genealogies and dissensions and wrangling about the Law, for they are unprofitable and futile.
Titus 3:10 [As for] a man who is factious [a heretical sectarian and cause of divisions], after admonishing him a first and second time, reject [him from your fellowship and have nothing more to do with him],
Titus 3:11 Well aware that such a person has utterly changed (is perverted and corrupted); he goes on sinning [though he] is convicted of guilt {and} self-condemned.
Titus 3:12 When I send Artemas or [perhaps] Tychicus to you, lose no time {but} make every effort to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.
Titus 3:13 Do your utmost to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they want for (lack) nothing.
Titus 3:14 And let our own [people really] learn to apply themselves to good deeds (to honest labor and honorable employment), so that they may be able to meet necessary demands whenever the occasion may require and not be living idle {and} uncultivated {and} unfruitful lives.
Titus 3:15 All who are with me wish to be remembered to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace (God's favor and blessing) be with you all. {Amen (so be it).}
Philem 1:1 PAUL, A prisoner [for the sake] of Christ Jesus (the Messiah), and our brother Timothy, to Philemon our dearly beloved sharer with us in our work,
Philem 1:2 And to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier [in the Christian warfare], and to the church [assembly that meets] in your house:
Philem 1:3 Grace (spiritual blessing and favor) be to all of you and [heart] peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).
Philem 1:4 I give thanks to my God for you always when I mention you in my prayers,
Philem 1:5 Because I continue to hear of your love and of your loyal faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and [which you show] toward all the saints (God's consecrated people).
Philem 1:6 [And I pray] that the participation in {and} sharing of your faith may produce {and} promote full recognition {and} appreciation {and} understanding {and} precise knowledge of every good [thing] that is ours in [our identification with] Christ {Jesus} [and unto His glory].
Philem 1:7 For I have derived great joy and comfort {and} encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints [who are your fellow Christians] have been cheered {and} refreshed through you, [my] brother.
Philem 1:8 Therefore, though I have abundant boldness in Christ to charge you to do what is fitting {and} required {and} your duty to do,
Philem 1:9 Yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you just for what I am--I, Paul, an ambassador [of Christ Jesus] {and} an old man and now a prisoner for His sake also--
Philem 1:10 I appeal to you for my [own spiritual] child, Onesimus [meaning profitable], whom I have begotten [in the faith] while a captive in these chains.
Philem 1:11 Once he was unprofitable to you, but now he is indeed profitable to you as well as to me.
Philem 1:12 I am sending him back to you in his own person, [and it is like sending] my very heart.
Philem 1:13 I would have chosen to keep him with me, in order that he might minister to my needs in your stead during my imprisonment for the Gospel's sake.
Philem 1:14 But it has been my wish to do nothing about it without first consulting you {and} getting your consent, in order that your benevolence might not seem to be the result of compulsion {or} of pressure but might be voluntary [on your part].
Philem 1:15 Perhaps it was for this reason that he was separated [from you] for a while, that you might have him back as yours forever,

Philem 1:16 Not as a slave any longer but as [something] more than a slave, as a brother [Christian], especially dear to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh [as a servant] and in the Lord [as a fellow believer].
Philem 1:17 If then you consider me a partner {and} a comrade in fellowship, welcome {and} receive him as you would [welcome and receive] me.
Philem 1:18 And if he has done you any wrong in any way or owes anything [to you], charge that to my account.
Philem 1:19 I, Paul, write it with my own hand, I promise to repay it [in full]--and that is to say nothing [of the fact] that you owe me your very self!
Philem 1:20 Yes, brother, let me have some profit from you in the Lord. Cheer {and} refresh my heart in Christ.
Philem 1:21 I write to you [perfectly] confident of your obedient compliance, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.
Philem 1:22 At the same time prepare a guest room [in expectation of extending your hospitality] to me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be granted [the gracious privilege of coming] to you.
Philem 1:23 Greetings to you from Epaphras, my fellow prisoner here in [the cause of] Christ Jesus (the Messiah),
Philem 1:24 And [from] Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers.
Philem 1:25 The grace (blessing and favor) of the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) be with your spirit. {Amen (so be it).}
Heb 1:1 IN MANY separate revelations [each of which set forth a portion of the Truth] and in different ways God spoke of old to [our] forefathers in {and} by the prophets,
Heb 1:2 [But] in the last of these days He has spoken to us in [the person of a] Son, Whom He appointed Heir {and} lawful Owner of all things, also by {and} through Whom He created the worlds {and} the reaches of space {and} the ages of time [He made, produced, built, operated, and arranged them in order].
Heb 1:3 He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint {and} very image of [God's] nature, upholding {and} maintaining {and} guiding {and} propelling the universe by His mighty word of power. When He had {by offering Himself} accomplished {our} cleansing of sins {and} riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on high,
Heb 1:4 [Taking a place and rank by which] He Himself became as much superior to angels as the glorious Name (title) which He has inherited is different from {and} more excellent than theirs.
Heb 1:5 For to which of the angels did [God] ever say, You are My Son, today I have begotten You [established You in an official Sonship relation, with kingly dignity]? And again, I will be to Him a Father, and He will be to Me a Son? [II Sam. 7:14; Ps. 2:7.]
Heb 1:6 Moreover, when He brings the firstborn Son again into the habitable world, He says, Let all the angels of God worship Him.
Heb 1:7 Referring to the angels He says, [God] Who makes His angels winds and His ministering servants flames of fire;
Heb 1:8 But as to the Son, He says to Him, Your throne, O God, is forever and ever (to the ages of the ages), and the scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of absolute righteousness (of justice and straightforwardness).
Heb 1:9 You have loved righteousness [You have delighted in integrity, virtue, and uprightness in purpose, thought, and action] and You have hated lawlessness (injustice and iniquity). Therefore God, [even] Your God (Godhead), has anointed You with the oil of exultant joy {and} gladness above {and} beyond Your companions.
Heb 1:10 And [further], You, Lord, did lay the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the works of Your hands.
Heb 1:11 They will perish, but You remain {and} continue permanently; they will all grow old {and} wear out like a garment.
Heb 1:12 Like a mantle [thrown about one's self] You will roll them up, and they will be changed {and} replaced by others. But You remain the same, and Your years will never end {nor} come to failure.
Heb 1:13 Besides, to which of the angels has He ever said, Sit at My right hand [associated with Me in My royal dignity] till I make your enemies a stool for your feet?
Heb 1:14 Are not the angels all ministering spirits (servants) sent out in the service [of God for the assistance] of those who are to inherit salvation?
Heb 2:1 SINCE ALL this is true, we ought to pay much closer attention than ever to the truths that we have heard, lest in any way we drift past [them] {and} slip away.
Heb 2:2 For if the message given through angels [the Law spoken by them to Moses] was authentic {and} proved sure, and every violation and disobedience received an appropriate (just and adequate) penalty,
Heb 2:3 How shall we escape [appropriate retribution] if we neglect {and} refuse to pay attention to such a great

salvation [as is now offered to us, letting it drift past us forever]? For it was declared at first by the Lord [Himself], and it was confirmed to us {and} proved to be real {and} genuine by those who personally heard [Him speak].
Heb 2:4 [Besides this evidence] it was also established {and} plainly endorsed by God, Who showed His approval of it by signs and wonders and various miraculous manifestations of [His] power and by imparting the gifts of the Holy Spirit [to the believers] according to His own will.
Heb 2:5 For it was not to angels that God subjected the habitable world of the future, of which we are speaking.
Heb 2:6 It has been solemnly {and} earnestly said in a certain place, What is man that You are mindful of him, or the son of man that You graciously {and} helpfully care for {and} visit {and} look after him?
Heb 2:7 For some little time You have ranked him lower than {and} inferior to the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor {and set him over the works of Your hands,}
Heb 2:8 For You have put everything in subjection under his feet. Now in putting everything in subjection to man, He left nothing outside [of man's] control. But at present we do not yet see all things subjected to him [man].
Heb 2:9 But we are able to see Jesus, Who was ranked lower than the angels for a little while, crowned with glory and honor because of His having suffered death, in order that by the grace (unmerited favor) of God [to us sinners] He might experience death for every individual person.
Heb 2:10 For it was an act worthy [of God] {and} fitting [to the divine nature] that He, for Whose sake and by Whom all things have their existence, in bringing many sons into glory, should make the Pioneer of their salvation perfect [should bring to maturity the human experience necessary to be perfectly equipped for His office as High Priest] through suffering.
Heb 2:11 For both He Who sanctifies [making men holy] and those who are sanctified all have one [Father]. For this reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren;
Heb 2:12 For He says, I will declare Your [the Father's] name to My brethren; in the midst of the [worshiping] congregation I will sing hymns of praise to You.
Heb 2:13 And again He says, My trust {and} assured reliance {and} confident hope shall be fixed in Him. And yet again, Here I am, I and the children whom God has given Me.
Heb 2:14 Since, therefore, [these His] children share in flesh and blood [in the physical nature of human beings], He [Himself] in a similar manner partook of the same [nature], that by [going through] death He might bring to nought {and} make of no effect him who had the power of death--that is, the devil--
Heb 2:15 And also that He might deliver {and} completely set free all those who through the [haunting] fear of death were held in bondage throughout the whole course of their lives.
Heb 2:16 For, as we all know, He [Christ] did not take hold of angels [the fallen angels, to give them a helping and delivering hand], but He did take hold of [the fallen] descendants of Abraham [to reach out to them a helping and delivering hand].
Heb 2:17 So it is evident that it was essential that He be made like His brethren in every respect, in order that He might become a merciful (sympathetic) and faithful High Priest in the things related to God, to make atonement {and} propitiation for the people's sins.
Heb 2:18 For because He Himself [in His humanity] has suffered in being tempted (tested and tried), He is able [immediately] to run to the cry of (assist, relieve) those who are being tempted {and} tested {and} tried [and who therefore are being exposed to suffering].
Heb 3:1 SO THEN, brethren, consecrated {and} set apart for God, who share in the heavenly calling, [thoughtfully and attentively] consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest Whom we confessed [as ours when we embraced the Christian faith].
Heb 3:2 [See how] faithful He was to Him Who appointed Him [Apostle and High Priest], as Moses was also faithful in the whole house [of God].
Heb 3:3 Yet Jesus has been considered worthy of much greater honor {and} glory than Moses, just as the builder of a house has more honor than the house [itself].
Heb 3:4 For [of course] every house is built {and} furnished by someone, but the Builder of all things {and} the Furnisher [of the entire equipment of all things] is God.
Heb 3:5 And Moses certainly was faithful in the administration of all God's house [but it was only] as a ministering servant. [In his entire ministry he was but] a testimony to the things which were to be spoken [the revelations to be given afterward in Christ].
Heb 3:6 But Christ (the Messiah) was faithful over His [own Father's] house as a Son [and Master of it]. And it is we who are [now members] of this house, if we hold {fast and firm to the end} our joyful {and} exultant confidence and sense of triumph in our hope [in Christ].

Heb 3:7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: Today, if you will hear His voice,
Heb 3:8 Do not harden your hearts, as [happened] in the rebellion [of Israel] {and} their provocation {and} embitterment [of Me] in the day of testing in the wilderness,
Heb 3:9 Where your fathers tried [My patience] {and} tested [My forbearance] and found I stood their test, and they saw My works for forty years.
Heb 3:10 And so I was provoked (displeased and sorely grieved) with that generation, and said, They always err {and} are led astray in their hearts, and they have not perceived {or} recognized My ways {and} become progressively better {and} more experimentally {and} intimately acquainted with them.
Heb 3:11 Accordingly, I swore in My wrath {and} indignation, They shall not enter into My rest.
Heb 3:12 [Therefore beware] brethren, take care, lest there be in any one of you a wicked, unbelieving heart [which refuses to cleave to, trust in, and rely on Him], leading you to turn away {and} desert {or} stand aloof from the living God.
Heb 3:13 But instead warn (admonish, urge, and encourage) one another every day, as long as it is called Today, that none of you may be hardened [into settled rebellion] by the deceitfulness of sin [by the fraudulence, the stratagem, the trickery which the delusive glamor of his sin may play on him].
Heb 3:14 For we have become fellows with Christ (the Messiah) {and} share in all He has for us, if only we hold our first newborn confidence {and} original assured expectation [in virtue of which we are believers] firm {and} unshaken to the end.
Heb 3:15 Then while it is [still] called Today, if you would hear His voice {and} when you hear it, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion [in the desert, when the people provoked and irritated and embittered God against them].
Heb 3:16 For who were they who heard {and} yet were rebellious {and} provoked [Him]? Was it not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses?
Heb 3:17 And with whom was He irritated {and} provoked {and} grieved for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose dismembered bodies were strewn {and} left in the desert?
Heb 3:18 And to whom did He swear that they should not enter His rest, but to those who disobeyed [who had not listened to His word and who refused to be compliant or be persuaded]?
Heb 3:19 So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest], because of their unwillingness to adhere to {and} trust in {and} rely on God [unbelief had shut them out].
Heb 4:1 THEREFORE, WHILE the promise of entering His rest still holds {and} is offered [today], let us be afraid [to distrust it], lest any of you should think he has come too late {and} has come short of [reaching] it.
Heb 4:2 For indeed we have had the glad tidings [Gospel of God] proclaimed to us just as truly as they [the Israelites of old did when the good news of deliverance from bondage came to them]; but the message they heard did not benefit them, because it was not mixed with faith (with the leaning of the entire personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) by those who heard it; {neither were they united in faith with the ones [Joshua and Caleb] who heard (did believe).}
Heb 4:3 For we who have believed (adhered to and trusted in and relied on God) do enter that rest, in accordance with His declaration that those [who did not believe] should not enter when He said, As I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter My rest; and this He said although [His] works had been completed {and} prepared [and waiting for all who would believe] from the foundation of the world.
Heb 4:4 For in a certain place He has said this about the seventh day: And God rested on the seventh day from all His works.
Heb 4:5 And [they forfeited their part in it, for] in this [passage] He said, They shall not enter My rest.
Heb 4:6 Seeing then that the promise remains over [from past times] for some to enter that rest, and that those who formerly were given the good news about it {and} the opportunity, failed to appropriate it {and} did not enter because of disobedience,
Heb 4:7 Again He sets a definite day, [a new] Today, [and gives another opportunity of securing that rest] saying through David after so long a time in the words already quoted, Today, if you would hear His voice {and} when you hear it, do not harden your hearts.
Heb 4:8 [This mention of a rest was not a reference to their entering into Canaan.] For if Joshua had given them rest, He [God] would not speak afterward about another day.
Heb 4:9 So then, there is still awaiting a full {and} complete Sabbath-rest reserved for the [true] people of God;
Heb 4:10 For he who has once entered [God's] rest also has ceased from [the weariness and pain] of human labors, just as God rested from those labors peculiarly His own.
Heb 4:11 Let us therefore be zealous {and} exert ourselves {and} strive diligently to enter that rest [of God, to know

and experience it for ourselves], that no one may fall {or} perish by the same kind of unbelief {and} disobedience [into which those in the wilderness fell].
Heb 4:12 For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing {and} sifting {and} analyzing {and} judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.
Heb 4:13 And not a creature exists that is concealed from His sight, but all things are open {and} exposed, naked {and} defenseless to the eyes of Him with Whom we have to do.
Heb 4:14 Inasmuch then as we have a great High Priest Who has [already] ascended {and} passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession [of faith in Him].
Heb 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to understand {and} sympathize {and} have a shared feeling with our weaknesses {and} infirmities {and} liability to the assaults of temptation, but One Who has been tempted in every respect as we are, yet without sinning.
Heb 4:16 Let us then fearlessly {and} confidently {and} boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].
Heb 5:1 FOR EVERY high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in things relating to God, to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.
Heb 5:2 He is able to exercise gentleness {and} forbearance toward the ignorant and erring, since he himself also is liable to moral weakness {and} physical infirmity.
Heb 5:3 And because of this he is obliged to offer sacrifice for his own sins, as well as for those of the people.
Heb 5:4 Besides, one does not appropriate for himself the honor [of being high priest], but he is called by God {and} receives it of Him, just as Aaron did.
Heb 5:5 So too Christ (the Messiah) did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed {and} exalted by Him Who said to Him, You are My Son; today I have begotten You;
Heb 5:6 As He says also in another place, You are a Priest [appointed] forever after the order (with the rank) of Melchizedek.
Heb 5:7 In the days of His flesh [Jesus] offered up definite, special petitions [for that which He not only wanted but needed] and supplications with strong crying and tears to Him Who was [always] able to save Him [out] from death, and He was heard because of His reverence toward God [His godly fear, His piety, in that He shrank from the horrors of separation from the bright presence of the Father].
Heb 5:8 Although He was a Son, He learned [active, special] obedience through what He suffered
Heb 5:9 And, [His completed experience] making Him perfectly [equipped], He became the Author {and} Source of eternal salvation to all those who give heed {and} obey Him,
Heb 5:10 Being designated {and} recognized {and} saluted by God as High Priest after the order (with the rank) of Melchizedek.
Heb 5:11 Concerning this we have much to say which is hard to explain, since you have become dull in your [spiritual] hearing {and} sluggish [even slothful in achieving spiritual insight].
Heb 5:12 For even though by this time you ought to be teaching others, you actually need someone to teach you over again the very first principles of God's Word. You have come to need milk, not solid food.
Heb 5:13 For everyone who continues to feed on milk is obviously inexperienced {and} unskilled in the doctrine of righteousness (of conformity to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action), for he is a mere infant [not able to talk yet]!
Heb 5:14 But solid food is for full-grown men, for those whose senses {and} mental faculties are trained by practice to discriminate {and} distinguish between what is morally good {and} noble and what is evil {and} contrary either to divine or human law.
Heb 6:1 THEREFORE LET us go on and get past the elementary stage in the teachings {and} doctrine of Christ (the Messiah), advancing steadily toward the completeness {and} perfection that belong to spiritual maturity. Let us not again be laying the foundation of repentance {and} abandonment of dead works (dead formalism) and of the faith [by which you turned] to God,
Heb 6:2 With teachings about purifying, the laying on of hands, the resurrection from the dead, and eternal judgment {and} punishment. [These are all matters of which you should have been fully aware long, long ago.]
Heb 6:3 If indeed God permits, we will [now] proceed [to advanced teaching].
Heb 6:4 For it is impossible [to restore and bring again to repentance] those who have been once for all enlightened,

who have consciously tasted the heavenly gift and have become sharers of the Holy Spirit,
Heb 6:5 And have felt how good the Word of God is and the mighty powers of the age {and} world to come,
Heb 6:6 If they then deviate from the faith {and} turn away from their allegiance--[it is impossible] to bring them back to repentance, for (because, while, as long as) they nail upon the cross the Son of God afresh [as far as they are concerned] and are holding [Him] up to contempt {and} shame {and} public disgrace.
Heb 6:7 For the soil which has drunk the rain that repeatedly falls upon it and produces vegetation useful to those for whose benefit it is cultivated partakes of a blessing from God.
Heb 6:8 But if [that same soil] persistently bears thorns and thistles, it is considered worthless and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned.
Heb 6:9 Even though we speak this way, yet in your case, beloved, we are now firmly convinced of better things that are near to salvation {and} accompany it.
Heb 6:10 For God is not unrighteous to forget {or} overlook your labor and the love which you have shown for His name's sake in ministering to the needs of the saints (His own consecrated people), as you still do.
Heb 6:11 But we do [strongly and earnestly] desire for each of you to show the same diligence {and} sincerity [all the way through] in realizing {and} enjoying the full assurance {and} development of [your] hope until the end,
Heb 6:12 In order that you may not grow disinterested {and} become [spiritual] sluggards, but imitators, behaving as do those who through faith (by their leaning of the entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) and by practice of patient endurance {and} waiting are [now] inheriting the promises.
Heb 6:13 For when God made [His] promise to Abraham, He swore by Himself, since He had no one greater by whom to swear,
Heb 6:14 Saying, Blessing I certainly will bless you and multiplying I will multiply you.
Heb 6:15 And so it was that he [Abraham], having waited long {and} endured patiently, realized {and} obtained [in the birth of Isaac as a pledge of what was to come] what God had promised him.
Heb 6:16 Men indeed swear by a greater [than themselves], and with them in all disputes the oath taken for confirmation is final [ending strife].
Heb 6:17 Accordingly God also, in His desire to show more convincingly {and} beyond doubt to those who were to inherit the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose {and} plan, intervened (mediated) with an oath.
Heb 6:18 This was so that, by two unchangeable things [His promise and His oath] in which it is impossible for God ever to prove false {or} deceive us, we who have fled [to Him] for refuge might have mighty indwelling strength {and} strong encouragement to grasp {and} hold fast the hope appointed for us {and} set before [us].
Heb 6:19 [Now] we have this [hope] as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul [it cannot slip and it cannot break down under whoever steps out upon it--a hope] that reaches farther {and} enters into [the very certainty of the Presence] within the veil,
Heb 6:20 Where Jesus has entered in for us [in advance], a Forerunner having become a High Priest forever after the order (with the rank) of Melchizedek.
Heb 7:1 FOR THIS Melchizedek, king of Salem [and] priest of the Most High God, met Abraham as he returned from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,
Heb 7:2 And Abraham gave to him a tenth portion of all [the spoil]. He is primarily, as his name when translated indicates, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, which means king of peace.
Heb 7:3 Without [record of] father or mother or ancestral line, neither with beginning of days nor ending of life, but, resembling the Son of God, he continues to be a priest without interruption {and} without successor.
Heb 7:4 Now observe {and} consider how great [a personage] this was to whom even Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth [the topmost or the pick of the heap] of the spoils.
Heb 7:5 And it is true that those descendants of Levi who are charged with the priestly office are commanded in the Law to take tithes from the people--which means, from their brethren--though these have descended from Abraham.
Heb 7:6 But this person who has not their Levitical ancestry received tithes from Abraham [himself] and blessed him who possessed the promises [of God].
Heb 7:7 Yet it is beyond all contradiction that it is the lesser person who is blessed by the greater one.
Heb 7:8 Furthermore, here [in the Levitical priesthood] tithes are received by men who are subject to death; while there [in the case of Melchizedek], they are received by one of whom it is testified that he lives [perpetually].
Heb 7:9 A person might even say that Levi [the father of the priestly tribe] himself, who received tithes (the tenth), paid tithes through Abraham,
Heb 7:10 For he was still in the loins of his forefather [Abraham] when Melchizedek met him [Abraham].

Heb 7:11 Now if perfection (a perfect fellowship between God and the worshiper) had been attainable by the Levitical priesthood--for under it the people were given the Law--why was it further necessary that there should arise another {and} different kind of Priest, one after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one appointed after the order {and} rank of Aaron?
Heb 7:12 For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is of necessity an alteration of the law [concerning the priesthood] as well.
Heb 7:13 For the One of Whom these things are said belonged [not to the priestly line but] to another tribe, no member of which has officiated at the altar.
Heb 7:14 For it is obvious that our Lord sprang from the tribe of Judah, and Moses mentioned nothing about priests in connection with that tribe.
Heb 7:15 And this becomes more plainly evident when another Priest arises Who bears the likeness of Melchizedek,
Heb 7:16 Who has been constituted a Priest, not on the basis of a bodily legal requirement [an externally imposed command concerning His physical ancestry], but on the basis of the power of an endless {and} indestructible Life.
Heb 7:17 For it is witnessed of Him, You are a Priest forever after the order (with the rank) of Melchizedek.
Heb 7:18 So a previous physical regulation {and} command is cancelled because of its weakness {and} ineffectiveness and uselessness--
Heb 7:19 For the Law never made anything perfect--but instead a better hope is introduced through which we [now] come close to God.
Heb 7:20 And it was not without the taking of an oath [that Christ was made Priest],
Heb 7:21 For those who formerly became priests received their office without its being confirmed by the taking of an oath by God, but this One was designated {and} addressed {and} saluted with an oath, The Lord has sworn and will not regret it {or} change His mind, You are a Priest forever {according to the order of Melchizedek.}
Heb 7:22 In keeping with [the oath's greater strength and force], Jesus has become the Guarantee of a better (stronger) agreement [a more excellent and more advantageous covenant].
Heb 7:23 [Again, the former successive line of priests] was made up of many, because they were each prevented by death from continuing [perpetually in office];
Heb 7:24 But He holds His priesthood unchangeably, because He lives on forever.
Heb 7:25 Therefore He is able also to save to the uttermost (completely, perfectly, finally, and for all time and eternity) those who come to God through Him, since He is always living to make petition to God {and} intercede with Him {and} intervene for them.
Heb 7:26 [Here is] the High Priest [perfectly adapted] to our needs, as was fitting--holy, blameless, unstained by sin, separated from sinners, and exalted higher than the heavens.
Heb 7:27 He has no day by day necessity, as [do each of these other] high priests, to offer sacrifice first of all for his own [personal] sins and then for those of the people, because He [met all the requirements] once for all when He brought Himself [as a sacrifice] which He offered up.
Heb 7:28 For the Law sets up men in their weakness [frail, sinful, dying human beings] as high priests, but the word of [God's] oath, which [was spoken later] after the institution of the Law, [chooses and appoints as priest One Whose appointment is complete and permanent], a Son Who has been made perfect forever.
Heb 8:1 NOW THE main point of what we have to say is this: We have such a High Priest, One Who is seated at the right hand of the majestic [God] in heaven,
Heb 8:2 As officiating Priest, a Minister in the holy places {and} in the true tabernacle which is erected not by man but by the Lord.
Heb 8:3 For every high priest is appointed to offer up gifts and sacrifices; so it is essential for this [High Priest] to have some offering to make also.
Heb 8:4 If then He were still living on earth, He would not be a priest at all, for there are [already priests] who offer the gifts in accordance with the Law.
Heb 8:5 [But these offer] service [merely] as a pattern and as a foreshadowing of [what has its true existence and reality in] the heavenly sanctuary. For when Moses was about to erect the tabernacle, he was warned by God, saying, See to it that you make it all [exactly] according to the copy (the model) which was shown to you on the mountain.
Heb 8:6 But as it now is, He [Christ] has acquired a [priestly] ministry which is as much superior {and} more excellent [than the old] as the covenant (the agreement) of which He is the Mediator (the Arbiter, Agent) is superior {and} more excellent, [because] it is enacted {and} rests upon more important (sublimer, higher, and nobler) promises.
Heb 8:7 For if that first covenant had been without defect, there would have been no room for another one {or} an attempt to institute another one.

Heb 8:8 However, He finds fault with them [showing its inadequacy] when He says, Behold, the days will come, says the Lord, when I will make {and} ratify a new covenant {or} agreement with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.
Heb 8:9 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their forefathers on the day when I grasped them by the hand to help {and} relieve them {and} to lead them out from the land of Egypt, for they did not abide in My agreement with them, and so I withdrew My favor {and} disregarded them, says the Lord.
Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will imprint My laws upon their minds, even upon their innermost thoughts {and} understanding, and engrave them upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
Heb 8:11 And it will nevermore be necessary for each one to teach his neighbor and his fellow citizen or each one his brother, saying, Know (perceive, have knowledge of, and get acquainted by experience with) the Lord, for all will know Me, from the smallest to the greatest of them.
Heb 8:12 For I will be merciful {and} gracious toward their sins and I will remember their deeds of unrighteousness no more.
Heb 8:13 When God speaks of a new [covenant or agreement], He makes the first one obsolete (out of use). And what is obsolete (out of use and annulled because of age) is ripe for disappearance {and} to be dispensed with altogether.
Heb 9:1 NOW EVEN the first covenant had its own rules {and} regulations for divine worship, and it had a sanctuary [but one] of this world.
Heb 9:2 For a tabernacle (tent) was erected, in the outer division {or} compartment of which were the lampstand and the table with [its loaves of] the showbread set forth. [This portion] is called the Holy Place.
Heb 9:3 But [inside] beyond the second curtain {or} veil, [there stood another] tabernacle [division] known as the Holy of Holies.
Heb 9:4 It had the golden altar of incense and the ark (chest) of the covenant, covered over with wrought gold. This [ark] contained a golden jar which held the manna and the rod of Aaron that sprouted and the [two stone] slabs of the covenant [bearing the Ten Commandments].
Heb 9:5 Above [the ark] and overshadowing the mercy seat were the representations of the cherubim [winged creatures which were the symbols] of glory. We cannot now go into detail about these things.
Heb 9:6 These arrangements having thus been made, the priests enter [habitually] into the outer division of the tabernacle in performance of their ritual acts of worship.
Heb 9:7 But into the second [division of the tabernacle] none but the high priest goes, and he only once a year, and never without taking a sacrifice of blood with him, which he offers for himself and for the errors {and} sins of ignorance {and} thoughtlessness which the people have committed.
Heb 9:8 By this the Holy Spirit points out that the way into the [true Holy of] Holies is not yet thrown open as long as the former [the outer portion of the] tabernacle remains a recognized institution {and} is still standing,
Heb 9:9 Seeing that that first [outer portion of the] tabernacle was a parable (a visible symbol or type or picture of the present age). In it gifts and sacrifices are offered, and yet are incapable of perfecting the conscience {or} of cleansing {and} renewing the inner man of the worshiper.
Heb 9:10 For [the ceremonies] deal only with clean and unclean meats and drinks and different washings, [mere] external rules {and} regulations for the body imposed to tide the worshipers over until the time of setting things straight [of reformation, of the complete new order when Christ, the Messiah, shall establish the reality of what these things foreshadow--a better covenant].
Heb 9:11 But [that appointed time came] when Christ (the Messiah) appeared as a High Priest of the better things that have come {and} are to come. [Then] through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with [human] hands, that is, not a part of this material creation,
Heb 9:12 He went once for all into the [Holy of] Holies [of heaven], not by virtue of the blood of goats and calves [by which to make reconciliation between God and man], but His own blood, having found {and} secured a complete redemption (an everlasting release for us).
Heb 9:13 For if [the mere] sprinkling of unholy {and} defiled persons with blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a burnt heifer is sufficient for the purification of the body,
Heb 9:14 How much more surely shall the blood of Christ, Who by virtue of [His] eternal Spirit [His own preexistent divine personality] has offered Himself as an unblemished sacrifice to God, purify our consciences from dead works {and} lifeless observances to serve the [ever] living God?
Heb 9:15 [Christ, the Messiah] is therefore the Negotiator {and} Mediator of an [entirely] new agreement (testament, covenant), so that those who are called {and} offered it may receive the fulfillment of the promised everlasting

inheritance--since a death has taken place which rescues {and} delivers {and} redeems them from the transgressions committed under the [old] first agreement.
Heb 9:16 For where there is a [last] will {and} testament involved, the death of the one who made it must be established,
Heb 9:17 For a will {and} testament is valid and takes effect only at death, since it has no force {or} legal power as long as the one who made it is alive.
Heb 9:18 So even the [old] first covenant (God's will) was not inaugurated {and} ratified {and} put in force without the shedding of blood.
Heb 9:19 For when every command of the Law had been read out by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of slain calves and goats, together with water and scarlet wool and with a bunch of hyssop, and sprinkled both the Book (the roll of the Law and covenant) itself and all the people,
Heb 9:20 Saying these words: This is the blood that seals {and} ratifies the agreement (the testament, the covenant) which God commanded [me to deliver to] you.
Heb 9:21 And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and all the [sacred] vessels {and} appliances used in [divine] worship.
Heb 9:22 [In fact] under the Law almost everything is purified by means of blood, and without the shedding of blood there is neither release from sin {and} its guilt {nor} the remission of the due {and} merited punishment for sins.
Heb 9:23 By such means, therefore, it was necessary for the [earthly] copies of the heavenly things to be purified, but the actual heavenly things themselves [required far] better {and} nobler sacrifices than these.
Heb 9:24 For Christ (the Messiah) has not entered into a sanctuary made with [human] hands, only a copy {and} pattern {and} type of the true one, but [He has entered] into heaven itself, now to appear in the [very] presence of God on our behalf.
Heb 9:25 Nor did He [enter into the heavenly sanctuary to] offer Himself regularly again and again, as the high priest enters the [Holy of] Holies every year with blood not his own.
Heb 9:26 For then would He often have had to suffer [over and over again] since the foundation of the world. But as it now is, He has once for all at the consummation {and} close of the ages appeared to put away {and} abolish sin by His sacrifice [of Himself].
Heb 9:27 And just as it is appointed for [all] men once to die, and after that the [certain] judgment,
Heb 9:28 Even so it is that Christ, having been offered to take upon Himself {and} bear as a burden the sins of many once {and} once for all, will appear a second time, not to carry any burden of sin {nor} to deal with sin, but to bring to full salvation those who are [eagerly, constantly, and patiently] waiting for {and} expecting Him.
Heb 10:1 FOR SINCE the Law has merely a rude outline (foreshadowing) of the good things to come--instead of fully expressing those things--it can never by offering the same sacrifices continually year after year make perfect those who approach [its altars].
Heb 10:2 For if it were otherwise, would [these sacrifices] not have stopped being offered? Since the worshipers had once for all been cleansed, they would no longer have any guilt {or} consciousness of sin.
Heb 10:3 But [as it is] these sacrifices annually bring a fresh remembrance of sins [to be atoned for],
Heb 10:4 Because the blood of bulls and goats is powerless to take sins away.
Heb 10:5 Hence, when He [Christ] entered into the world, He said, Sacrifices and offerings You have not desired, but instead You have made ready a body for Me [to offer];
Heb 10:6 In burnt offerings and sin offerings You have taken no delight.
Heb 10:7 Then I said, Behold, here I am, coming to do Your will, O God--[to fulfill] what is written of Me in the volume of the Book.
Heb 10:8 When He said just before, You have neither desired, nor have You taken delight in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings--all of which are offered according to the Law--
Heb 10:9 He then went on to say, Behold, [here] I am, coming to do Your will. Thus He does away with {and} annuls the first (former) order [as a means of expiating sin] so that He might inaugurate {and} establish the second (latter) order.
Heb 10:10 And in accordance with this will [of God], we have been made holy (consecrated and sanctified) through the offering made once for all of the body of Jesus Christ (the Anointed One).
Heb 10:11 Furthermore, every [human] priest stands [at his altar of service] ministering daily, offering the same sacrifices over and over again, which never are able to strip [from every side of us] the sins [that envelop us] {and} take them away--
Heb 10:12 Whereas this One [Christ], after He had offered a single sacrifice for our sins [that shall avail] for all time,

sat down at the right hand of God,
Heb 10:13 Then to wait until His enemies should be made a stool beneath His feet.
Heb 10:14 For by a single offering He has forever completely cleansed {and} perfected those who are consecrated {and} made holy.
Heb 10:15 And also the Holy Spirit adds His testimony to us [in confirmation of this]. For having said,
Heb 10:16 This is the agreement (testament, covenant) that I will set up {and} conclude with them after those days, says the Lord: I will imprint My laws upon their hearts, and I will inscribe them on their minds (on their inmost thoughts and understanding),
Heb 10:17 He then goes on to say, And their sins and their lawbreaking I will remember no more.
Heb 10:18 Now where there is absolute remission (forgiveness and cancellation of the penalty) of these [sins and lawbreaking], there is no longer any offering made to atone for sin.
Heb 10:19 Therefore, brethren, since we have full freedom {and} confidence to enter into the [Holy of] Holies [by the power and virtue] in the blood of Jesus,
Heb 10:20 By this fresh (new) and living way which He initiated {and} dedicated {and} opened for us through the separating curtain (veil of the Holy of Holies), that is, through His flesh,
Heb 10:21 And since we have [such] a great {and} wonderful {and} noble Priest [Who rules] over the house of God,
Heb 10:22 Let us all come forward {and} draw near with true (honest and sincere) hearts in unqualified assurance {and} absolute conviction engendered by faith (by that leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness), having our hearts sprinkled {and} purified from a guilty (evil) conscience and our bodies cleansed with pure water.
Heb 10:23 So let us seize {and} hold fast {and} retain without wavering the hope we cherish {and} confess {and} our acknowledgement of it, for He Who promised is reliable (sure) {and} faithful to His word.
Heb 10:24 And let us consider {and} give attentive, continuous care to watching over one another, studying how we may stir up (stimulate and incite) to love {and} helpful deeds {and} noble activities,
Heb 10:25 Not forsaking {or} neglecting to assemble together [as believers], as is the habit of some people, but admonishing (warning, urging, and encouraging) one another, and all the more faithfully as you see the day approaching.
Heb 10:26 For if we go on deliberately {and} willingly sinning after once acquiring the knowledge of the Truth, there is no longer any sacrifice left to atone for [our] sins [no further offering to which to look forward].
Heb 10:27 [There is nothing left for us then] but a kind of awful {and} fearful prospect {and} expectation of divine judgment and the fury of burning wrath {and} indignation which will consume those who put themselves in opposition [to God].
Heb 10:28 Any person who has violated {and} [thus] rejected {and} set at naught the Law of Moses is put to death without pity {or} mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.
Heb 10:29 How much worse (sterner and heavier) punishment do you suppose he will be judged to deserve who has spurned {and} [thus] trampled underfoot the Son of God, and who has considered the covenant blood by which he was consecrated common {and} unhallowed, thus profaning it {and} insulting {and} outraging the [Holy] Spirit [Who imparts] grace (the unmerited favor and blessing of God)?
Heb 10:30 For we know Him Who said, Vengeance is Mine [retribution and the meting out of full justice rest with Me]; I will repay [I will exact the compensation], {says the Lord.} And again, The Lord will judge {and} determine {and} solve {and} settle the cause {and} the cases of His people.
Heb 10:31 It is a fearful (formidable and terrible) thing to incur the divine penalties {and} be cast into the hands of the living God!
Heb 10:32 But be ever mindful of the days gone by in which, after you were first spiritually enlightened, you endured a great {and} painful struggle,
Heb 10:33 Sometimes being yourselves a gazingstock, publicly exposed to insults {and} abuse and distress, and sometimes claiming fellowship {and} making common cause with others who were so treated.
Heb 10:34 For you did sympathize {and} suffer along with those who were imprisoned, and you bore cheerfully the plundering of your belongings {and} the confiscation of your property, in the knowledge {and} consciousness that you yourselves had a better and lasting possession.
Heb 10:35 Do not, therefore, fling away your fearless confidence, for it carries a great {and} glorious compensation of reward.
Heb 10:36 For you have need of steadfast patience {and} endurance, so that you may perform {and} fully accomplish the will of God, and thus receive {and} carry away [and enjoy to the full] what is promised.

Heb 10:37 For still a little while (a very little while), and the Coming One will come and He will not delay.
Heb 10:38 But the just shall live by faith [My righteous servant shall live by his conviction respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, and holy fervor born of faith and conjoined with it]; and if he draws back {and} shrinks in fear, My soul has no delight {or} pleasure in him.
Heb 10:39 But our way is not that of those who draw back to eternal misery (perdition) and are utterly destroyed, but we are of those who believe [who cleave to and trust in and rely on God through Jesus Christ, the Messiah] {and} by faith preserve the soul.
Heb 11:1 NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see {and} the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].
Heb 11:2 For by [faith--trust and holy fervor born of faith] the men of old had divine testimony borne to them {and} obtained a good report.
Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds [during the successive ages] were framed (fashioned, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose) by the word of God, so that what we see was not made out of things which are visible.
Heb 11:4 [Prompted, actuated] by faith Abel brought God a better and more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, because of which it was testified of him that he was righteous [that he was upright and in right standing with God], and God bore witness by accepting {and} acknowledging his gifts. And though he died, yet [through the incident] he is still speaking.
Heb 11:5 Because of faith Enoch was caught up {and} transferred to heaven, so that he did not have a glimpse of death; and he was not found, because God had translated him. For even before he was taken to heaven, he received testimony [still on record] that he had pleased {and} been satisfactory to God.
Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please {and} be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly {and} diligently seek Him [out].
Heb 11:7 [Prompted] by faith Noah, being forewarned by God concerning events of which as yet there was no visible sign, took heed {and} diligently {and} reverently constructed {and} prepared an ark for the deliverance of his own family. By this [his faith which relied on God] he passed judgment {and} sentence on the world's unbelief and became an heir {and} possessor of righteousness (that relation of being right into which God puts the person who has faith).
Heb 11:8 [Urged on] by faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and went forth to a place which he was destined to receive as an inheritance; and he went, although he did not know {or} trouble his mind about where he was to go.
Heb 11:9 [Prompted] by faith he dwelt as a temporary resident in the land which was designated in the promise [of God, though he was like a stranger] in a strange country, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs with him of the same promise.
Heb 11:10 For he was [waiting expectantly and confidently] looking forward to the city which has fixed {and} firm foundations, whose Architect {and} Builder is God.
Heb 11:11 Because of faith also Sarah herself received physical power to conceive a child, even when she was long past the age for it, because she considered [God] Who had given her the promise to be reliable {and} trustworthy {and} true to His word.
Heb 11:12 So from one man, though he was physically as good as dead, there have sprung descendants whose number is as the stars of heaven and as countless as the innumerable sands on the seashore.
Heb 11:13 These people all died controlled {and} sustained by their faith, but not having received the tangible fulfillment of [God's] promises, only having seen it {and} greeted it from a great distance by faith, and all the while acknowledging {and} confessing that they were strangers {and} temporary residents {and} exiles upon the earth.
Heb 11:14 Now those people who talk as they did show plainly that they are in search of a fatherland (their own country).
Heb 11:15 If they had been thinking with [homesick] remembrance of that country from which they were emigrants, they would have found constant opportunity to return to it.
Heb 11:16 But the truth is that they were yearning for {and} aspiring to a better {and} more desirable country, that is, a heavenly [one]. For that reason God is not ashamed to be called their God [even to be surnamed their God--the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob], for He has prepared a city for them.
Heb 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was put to the test [while the testing of his faith was still in progress], had already brought Isaac for an offering; he who had gladly received {and} welcomed [God's] promises was ready to sacrifice his only son,

Heb 11:18 Of whom it was said, Through Isaac shall your descendants be reckoned.
Heb 11:19 For he reasoned that God was able to raise [him] up even from among the dead. Indeed in the sense that Isaac was figuratively dead [potentially sacrificed], he did [actually] receive him back from the dead.
Heb 11:20 [With eyes of] faith Isaac, looking far into the future, invoked blessings upon Jacob and Esau.
Heb 11:21 [Prompted] by faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons and bowed in prayer over the top of his staff.
Heb 11:22 [Actuated] by faith Joseph, when nearing the end of his life, referred to [the promise of God for] the departure of the Israelites out of Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his own bones.
Heb 11:23 [Prompted] by faith Moses, after his birth, was kept concealed for three months by his parents, because they saw how comely the child was; and they were not overawed {and} terrified by the king's decree.
Heb 11:24 [Aroused] by faith Moses, when he had grown to maturity {and} become great, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,
Heb 11:25 Because he preferred to share the oppression [suffer the hardships] {and} bear the shame of the people of God rather than to have the fleeting enjoyment of a sinful life.
Heb 11:26 He considered the contempt {and} abuse {and} shame [borne for] the Christ (the Messiah Who was to come) to be greater wealth than all the treasures of Egypt, for he looked forward {and} away to the reward (recompense).
Heb 11:27 [Motivated] by faith he left Egypt behind him, being unawed {and} undismayed by the wrath of the king; for he never flinched {but} held staunchly to his purpose {and} endured steadfastly as one who gazed on Him Who is invisible.
Heb 11:28 By faith (simple trust and confidence in God) he instituted {and} carried out the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood [on the doorposts], so that the destroyer of the firstborn (the angel) might not touch those [of the children of Israel].
Heb 11:29 [Urged on] by faith the people crossed the Red Sea as [though] on dry land, but when the Egyptians tried to do the same thing they were swallowed up [by the sea].
Heb 11:30 Because of faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encompassed for seven days [by the Israelites].
Heb 11:31 [Prompted] by faith Rahab the prostitute was not destroyed along with those who refused to believe {and} obey, because she had received the spies in peace [without enmity].
Heb 11:32 And what shall I say further? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets,
Heb 11:33 Who by [the help of] faith subdued kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promised blessings, closed the mouths of lions,
Heb 11:34 Extinguished the power of raging fire, escaped the devourings of the sword, out of frailty {and} weakness won strength {and} became stalwart, even mighty {and} resistless in battle, routing alien hosts.
Heb 11:35 [Some] women received again their dead by a resurrection. Others were tortured to death with clubs, refusing to accept release [offered on the terms of denying their faith], so that they might be resurrected to a better life. [I Kings 17:17-24; II Kings 4:25-37.]
Heb 11:36 Others had to suffer the trial of mocking and scourging and even chains and imprisonment.
Heb 11:37 They were stoned to death; they were lured with tempting offers [to renounce their faith]; they were sawn asunder; they were slaughtered by the sword; [while they were alive] they had to go about wrapped in the skins of sheep and goats, utterly destitute, oppressed, cruelly treated--
Heb 11:38 [Men] of whom the world was not worthy--roaming over the desolate places and the mountains, and [living] in caves {and} caverns and holes of the earth.
Heb 11:39 And all of these, though they won divine approval by [means of] their faith, did not receive the fulfillment of what was promised,
Heb 11:40 Because God had us in mind {and} had something better {and} greater in view for us, so that they [these heroes and heroines of faith] should not come to perfection apart from us [before we could join them].
Heb 12:1 THEREFORE THEN, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [who have borne testimony to the Truth], let us strip off {and} throw aside every encumbrance (unnecessary weight) and that sin which so readily (deftly and cleverly) clings to {and} entangles us, and let us run with patient endurance {and} steady {and} active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us,
Heb 12:2 Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus, Who is the Leader {and} the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]. He, for the joy [of

obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising {and} ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God.
Heb 12:3 Just think of Him Who endured from sinners such grievous opposition {and} bitter hostility against Himself [reckon up and consider it all in comparison with your trials], so that you may not grow weary {or} exhausted, losing heart {and} relaxing {and} fainting in your minds.
Heb 12:4 You have not yet struggled {and} fought agonizingly against sin, {nor} have you yet resisted {and} withstood to the point of pouring out your [own] blood.
Heb 12:5 And have you [completely] forgotten the divine word of appeal {and} encouragement in which you are reasoned with {and} addressed as sons? My son, do not think lightly {or} scorn to submit to the correction {and} discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage {and} give up {and} faint when you are reproved {or} corrected by Him;
Heb 12:6 For the Lord corrects {and} disciplines everyone whom He loves, and He punishes, even scourges, every son whom He accepts {and} welcomes to His heart {and} cherishes.
Heb 12:7 You must submit to {and} endure [correction] for discipline; God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is there whom his father does not [thus] train {and} correct {and} discipline?
Heb 12:8 Now if you are exempt from correction {and} left without discipline in which all [of God's children] share, then you are illegitimate offspring {and} not true sons [at all].
Heb 12:9 Moreover, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we yielded [to them] {and} respected [them for training us]. Shall we not much more cheerfully submit to the Father of spirits and so [truly] live?
Heb 12:10 For [our earthly fathers] disciplined us for only a short period of time {and} chastised us as seemed proper {and} good to them; but He disciplines us for our certain good, that we may become sharers in His own holiness.
Heb 12:11 For the time being no discipline brings joy, but seems grievous {and} painful; but afterwards it yields a peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it [a harvest of fruit which consists in righteousness--in conformity to God's will in purpose, thought, and action, resulting in right living and right standing with God].
Heb 12:12 So then, brace up {and} reinvigorate {and} set right your slackened {and} weakened {and} drooping hands and strengthen your feeble {and} palsied {and} tottering knees,
Heb 12:13 And cut through {and} make firm {and} plain {and} smooth, straight paths for your feet [yes, make them safe and upright and happy paths that go in the right direction], so that the lame {and} halting [limbs] may not be put out of joint, but rather may be cured.
Heb 12:14 Strive to live in peace with everybody and pursue that consecration {and} holiness without which no one will [ever] see the Lord.
Heb 12:15 Exercise foresight {and} be on the watch to look [after one another], to see that no one falls back from {and} fails to secure God's grace (His unmerited favor and spiritual blessing), in order that no root of resentment (rancor, bitterness, or hatred) shoots forth and causes trouble {and} bitter torment, and the many become contaminated {and} defiled by it--
Heb 12:16 That no one may become guilty of sexual vice, or become a profane (godless and sacrilegious) person as Esau did, who sold his own birthright for a single meal.
Heb 12:17 For you understand that later on, when he wanted [to regain title to] his inheritance of the blessing, he was rejected (disqualified and set aside), for he could find no opportunity to repair by repentance [what he had done, no chance to recall the choice he had made], although he sought for it carefully with [bitter] tears.
Heb 12:18 For you have not come [as did the Israelites in the wilderness] to a [material] mountain that can be touched, [a mountain] that is ablaze with fire, and to gloom and darkness and a raging storm,
Heb 12:19 And to the blast of a trumpet and a voice whose words make the listeners beg that nothing more be said to them.
Heb 12:20 For they could not bear the command that was given: If even a wild animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.
Heb 12:21 In fact, so awful {and} terrifying was the [phenomenal] sight that Moses said, I am terrified (aghast and trembling with fear).
Heb 12:22 But rather, you have come to Mount Zion, even to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless multitudes of angels in festal gathering,
Heb 12:23 And to the church (assembly) of the Firstborn who are registered [as citizens] in heaven, and to the God Who is Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous (the redeemed in heaven) who have been made perfect,
Heb 12:24 And to Jesus, the Mediator (Go-between, Agent) of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood which speaks [of mercy], a better {and} nobler {and} more gracious message than the blood of Abel [which cried out for

vengeance].
Heb 12:25 So see to it that you do not reject Him {or} refuse to listen to {and} heed Him Who is speaking [to you now]. For if they [the Israelites] did not escape when they refused to listen {and} heed Him Who warned {and} divinely instructed them [here] on earth [revealing with heavenly warnings His will], how much less shall we escape if we reject {and} turn our backs on Him Who cautions {and} admonishes [us] from heaven?
Heb 12:26 Then [at Mount Sinai] His voice shook the earth, but now He has given a promise: Yet once more I will shake {and} make tremble not only the earth but also the [starry] heavens.
Heb 12:27 Now this expression, Yet once more, indicates the final removal {and} transformation of all [that can be] shaken--that is, of that which has been created--in order that what cannot be shaken may remain {and} continue.
Heb 12:28 Let us therefore, receiving a kingdom that is firm {and} stable {and} cannot be shaken, offer to God pleasing service {and} acceptable worship, with modesty {and} pious care and godly fear {and} awe;
Heb 12:29 For our God [is indeed] a consuming fire.
Heb 13:1 LET LOVE for your fellow believers continue {and} be a fixed practice with you [never let it fail].
Heb 13:2 Do not forget {or} neglect {or} refuse to extend hospitality to strangers [in the brotherhood--being friendly, cordial, and gracious, sharing the comforts of your home and doing your part generously], for through it some have entertained angels without knowing it.
Heb 13:3 Remember those who are in prison as if you were their fellow prisoner, and those who are ill-treated, since you also are liable to bodily sufferings.
Heb 13:4 Let marriage be held in honor (esteemed worthy, precious, of great price, and especially dear) in all things. And thus let the marriage bed be undefiled (kept undishonored); for God will judge {and} punish the unchaste [all guilty of sexual vice] and adulterous.
Heb 13:5 Let your character {or} moral disposition be free from love of money [including greed, avarice, lust, and craving for earthly possessions] and be satisfied with your present [circumstances and with what you have]; for He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you {nor} give you up {nor} leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless {nor} forsake {nor} let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]
Heb 13:6 So we take comfort {and} are encouraged {and} confidently {and} boldly say, The Lord is my Helper; I will not be seized with alarm [I will not fear or dread or be terrified]. What can man do to me?
Heb 13:7 Remember your leaders {and} superiors in authority [for it was they] who brought to you the Word of God. Observe attentively {and} consider their manner of living (the outcome of their well-spent lives) and imitate their faith (their conviction that God exists and is the Creator and Ruler of all things, the Provider and Bestower of eternal salvation through Christ, and their leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness).
Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is [always] the same, yesterday, today, [yes] and forever (to the ages).
Heb 13:9 Do not be carried about by different {and} varied and alien teachings; for it is good for the heart to be established {and} ennobled {and} strengthened by means of grace (God's favor and spiritual blessing) and not [to be devoted to] foods [rules of diet and ritualistic meals], which bring no [spiritual] benefit {or} profit to those who observe them.
Heb 13:10 We have an altar from which those who serve {and} worship in the tabernacle have no right to eat.
Heb 13:11 For when the blood of animals is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin, the victims' bodies are burned outside the limits of the camp.
Heb 13:12 Therefore Jesus also suffered {and} died outside the [city's] gate in order that He might purify {and} consecrate the people through [the shedding of] His own blood {and} set them apart as holy [for God].
Heb 13:13 Let us then go forth [from all that would prevent us] to Him outside the camp [at Calvary], bearing the contempt {and} abuse {and} shame with Him.
Heb 13:14 For here we have no permanent city, but we are looking for the one which is to come.
Heb 13:15 Through Him, therefore, let us constantly {and} at all times offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, which is the fruit of lips that thankfully acknowledge {and} confess {and} glorify His name.
Heb 13:16 Do not forget {or} neglect to do kindness {and} good, to be generous {and} distribute {and} contribute to the needy [of the church as embodiment and proof of fellowship], for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
Heb 13:17 Obey your spiritual leaders and submit to them [continually recognizing their authority over you], for they are constantly keeping watch over your souls {and} guarding your spiritual welfare, as men who will have to render an account [of their trust]. [Do your part to] let them do this with gladness and not with sighing {and} groaning, for that would not be profitable to you [either].

Heb 13:18 Keep praying for us, for we are convinced that we have a good (clear) conscience, that we want to walk uprightly {and} live a noble life, acting honorably {and} in complete honesty in all things.
Heb 13:19 And I beg of you [to pray for us] the more earnestly, in order that I may be restored to you the sooner.
Heb 13:20 Now may the God of peace [Who is the Author and the Giver of peace], Who brought again from among the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood [that sealed, ratified] the everlasting agreement (covenant, testament),
Heb 13:21 Strengthen (complete, perfect) {and} make you what you ought to be {and} equip you with everything good that you may carry out His will; [while He Himself] works in you {and} accomplishes that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ (the Messiah); to Whom be the glory forever and ever (to the ages of the ages). Amen (so be it).
Heb 13:22 I call on you, brethren, to listen patiently {and} bear with this message of exhortation {and} admonition {and} encouragement, for I have written to you briefly.
Heb 13:23 Notice that our brother Timothy has been released [from prison]. If he comes here soon, I will see you along with him.
Heb 13:24 Give our greetings to all of your spiritual leaders and to all of the saints (God's consecrated believers). The Italian Christians send you their greetings [also].
Heb 13:25 Grace (God's favor and spiritual blessing) be with you all. {Amen (so be it).}
James 1:1 JAMES, A servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes scattered abroad [among the Gentiles in the dispersion]: Greetings (rejoice)!
James 1:2 Consider it wholly joyful, my brethren, whenever you are enveloped in {or} encounter trials of any sort {or} fall into various temptations.
James 1:3 Be assured {and} understand that the trial {and} proving of your faith bring out endurance {and} steadfastness {and} patience.
James 1:4 But let endurance {and} steadfastness {and} patience have full play {and} do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing.
James 1:5 If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally {and} ungrudgingly, without reproaching {or} faultfinding, and it will be given him.
James 1:6 Only it must be in faith that he asks with no wavering (no hesitating, no doubting). For the one who wavers (hesitates, doubts) is like the billowing surge out at sea that is blown hither {and} thither and tossed by the wind.
James 1:7 For truly, let not such a person imagine that he will receive anything [he asks for] from the Lord,
James 1:8 [For being as he is] a man of two minds (hesitating, dubious, irresolute), [he is] unstable {and} unreliable {and} uncertain about everything [he thinks, feels, decides].
James 1:9 Let the brother in humble circumstances glory in his elevation [as a Christian, called to the true riches and to be an heir of God],
James 1:10 And the rich [person ought to glory] in being humbled [by being shown his human frailty], because like the flower of the grass he will pass away.
James 1:11 For the sun comes up with a scorching heat and parches the grass; its flower falls off and its beauty fades away. Even so will the rich man wither {and} die in the midst of his pursuits.
James 1:12 Blessed (happy, to be envied) is the man who is patient under trial {and} stands up under temptation, for when he has stood the test {and} been approved, he will receive [the victor's] crown of life which God has promised to those who love Him.
James 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, I am tempted from God; for God is incapable of being tempted by [what is] evil and He Himself tempts no one.
James 1:14 But every person is tempted when he is drawn away, enticed {and} baited by his own evil desire (lust, passions).
James 1:15 Then the evil desire, when it has conceived, gives birth to sin, and sin, when it is fully matured, brings forth death.
James 1:16 Do not be misled, my beloved brethren.
James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect (free, large, full) gift is from above; it comes down from the Father of all [that gives] light, in [the shining of] Whom there can be no variation [rising or setting] or shadow cast by His turning [as in an eclipse].
James 1:18 And it was of His own [free] will that He gave us birth [as sons] by [His] Word of Truth, so that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures [a sample of what He created to be consecrated to Himself].
James 1:19 Understand [this], my beloved brethren. Let every man be quick to hear [a ready listener], slow to speak,

slow to take offense {and} to get angry.
James 1:20 For man's anger does not promote the righteousness God [wishes and requires].
James 1:21 So get rid of all uncleanness and the rampant outgrowth of wickedness, and in a humble (gentle, modest) spirit receive {and} welcome the Word which implanted {and} rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to save your souls.
James 1:22 But be doers of the Word [obey the message], and not merely listeners to it, betraying yourselves [into deception by reasoning contrary to the Truth].
James 1:23 For if anyone only listens to the Word without obeying it {and} being a doer of it, he is like a man who looks carefully at his [own] natural face in a mirror;
James 1:24 For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like.
James 1:25 But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it {and} perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience).
James 1:26 If anyone thinks himself to be religious (piously observant of the external duties of his faith) and does not bridle his tongue but deludes his own heart, this person's religious service is worthless (futile, barren).
James 1:27 External religious worship [religion as it is expressed in outward acts] that is pure and unblemished in the sight of God the Father is this: to visit {and} help {and} care for the orphans and widows in their affliction {and} need, and to keep oneself unspotted {and} uncontaminated from the world.
James 2:1 MY BRETHREN, pay no servile regard to people [show no prejudice, no partiality]. Do not [attempt to] hold {and} practice the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ [the Lord] of glory [together with snobbery]!
James 2:2 For if a person comes into your congregation whose hands are adorned with gold rings and who is wearing splendid apparel, and also a poor [man] in shabby clothes comes in,
James 2:3 And you pay special attention to the one who wears the splendid clothes and say to him, Sit here in this preferable seat! while you tell the poor [man], Stand there! or, Sit there on the floor at my feet!
James 2:4 Are you not discriminating among your own and becoming critics {and} judges with wrong motives?
James 2:5 Listen, my beloved brethren: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith {and} in their position as believers and to inherit the kingdom which He has promised to those who love Him?
James 2:6 But you [in contrast] have insulted (humiliated, dishonored, and shown your contempt for) the poor. Is it not the rich who domineer over you? Is it not they who drag you into the law courts?
James 2:7 Is it not they who slander {and} blaspheme that precious name by which you are distinguished {and} called [the name of Christ invoked in baptism]?
James 2:8 If indeed you [really] fulfill the royal Law in accordance with the Scripture, You shall love your neighbor as [you love] yourself, you do well.
James 2:9 But if you show servile regard (prejudice, favoritism) for people, you commit sin and are rebuked {and} convicted by the Law as violators {and} offenders.
James 2:10 For whosoever keeps the Law [as a] whole but stumbles {and} offends in one [single instance] has become guilty of [breaking] all of it.
James 2:11 For He Who said, You shall not commit adultery, also said, You shall not kill. If you do not commit adultery but do kill, you have become guilty of transgressing the [whole] Law.
James 2:12 So speak and so act as [people should] who are to be judged under the law of liberty [the moral instruction given by Christ, especially about love].
James 2:13 For to him who has shown no mercy the judgment [will be] merciless, but mercy [full of glad confidence] exults victoriously over judgment.
James 2:14 What is the use (profit), my brethren, for anyone to profess to have faith if he has no [good] works [to show for it]? Can [such] faith save [his soul]?
James 2:15 If a brother or sister is poorly clad and lacks food for each day,
James 2:16 And one of you says to him, Good-bye! Keep [yourself] warm and well fed, without giving him the necessities for the body, what good does that do?
James 2:17 So also faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead).
James 2:18 But someone will say [to you then], You [say you] have faith, and I have [good] works. Now you show me your [alleged] faith apart from any [good] works [if you can], and I by [good] works [of obedience] will show you my faith.
James 2:19 You believe that God is one; you do well. So do the demons believe and shudder [in terror and horror such

as make a man's hair stand on end and contract the surface of his skin]!
James 2:20 Are you willing to be shown [proof], you foolish (unproductive, spiritually deficient) fellow, that faith apart from [good] works is inactive {and} ineffective {and} worthless?
James 2:21 Was not our forefather Abraham [shown to be] justified (made acceptable to God) by [his] works when he brought to the altar as an offering his [own] son Isaac?
James 2:22 You see that [his] faith was cooperating with his works, and [his] faith was completed {and} reached its supreme expression [when he implemented it] by [good] works.
James 2:23 And [so] the Scripture was fulfilled that says, Abraham believed in (adhered to, trusted in, and relied on) God, and this was accounted to him as righteousness (as conformity to God's will in thought and deed), and he was called God's friend.
James 2:24 You see that a man is justified (pronounced righteous before God) through what he does and not alone through faith [through works of obedience as well as by what he believes].
James 2:25 So also with Rahab the harlot--was she not shown to be justified (pronounced righteous before God) by [good] deeds when she took in the scouts (spies) and sent them away by a different route?
James 2:26 For as the human body apart from the spirit is lifeless, so faith apart from [its] works of obedience is also dead.
James 3:1 NOT MANY [of you] should become teachers (self-constituted censors and reprovers of others), my brethren, for you know that we [teachers] will be judged by a higher standard {and} with greater severity [than other people; thus we assume the greater accountability and the more condemnation].
James 3:2 For we all often stumble {and} fall {and} offend in many things. And if anyone does not offend in speech [never says the wrong things], he is a fully developed character {and} a perfect man, able to control his whole body {and} to curb his entire nature.
James 3:3 If we set bits in the horses' mouths to make them obey us, we can turn their whole bodies about.
James 3:4 Likewise, look at the ships: though they are so great and are driven by rough winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the impulse of the helmsman determines.
James 3:5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and it can boast of great things. See how much wood {or} how great a forest a tiny spark can set ablaze!
James 3:6 And the tongue is a fire. [The tongue is a] world of wickedness set among our members, contaminating {and} depraving the whole body and setting on fire the wheel of birth (the cycle of man's nature), being itself ignited by hell (Gehenna).
James 3:7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea animal, can be tamed and has been tamed by human genius (nature).
James 3:8 But the human tongue can be tamed by no man. It is a restless (undisciplined, irreconcilable) evil, full of deadly poison.
James 3:9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men who were made in God's likeness!
James 3:10 Out of the same mouth come forth blessing and cursing. These things, my brethren, ought not to be so.
James 3:11 Does a fountain send forth [simultaneously] from the same opening fresh water and bitter?
James 3:12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine figs? Neither can a salt spring furnish fresh water.
James 3:13 Who is there among you who is wise and intelligent? Then let him by his noble living show forth his [good] works with the [unobtrusive] humility [which is the proper attribute] of true wisdom.
James 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy (envy) and contention (rivalry, selfish ambition) in your hearts, do not pride yourselves on it and thus be in defiance of {and} false to the Truth.
James 3:15 This [superficial] wisdom is not such as comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual (animal), even devilish (demoniacal).
James 3:16 For wherever there is jealousy (envy) and contention (rivalry and selfish ambition), there will also be confusion (unrest, disharmony, rebellion) and all sorts of evil {and} vile practices.
James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first of all pure (undefiled); then it is peace-loving, courteous (considerate, gentle). [It is willing to] yield to reason, full of compassion and good fruits; it is wholehearted {and} straightforward, impartial {and} unfeigned (free from doubts, wavering, and insincerity).
James 3:18 And the harvest of righteousness (of conformity to God's will in thought and deed) is [the fruit of the seed] sown in peace by those who work for {and} make peace [in themselves and in others, that peace which means concord, agreement, and harmony between individuals, with undisturbedness, in a peaceful mind free from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts].
James 4:1 WHAT LEADS to strife (discord and feuds) {and} how do conflicts (quarrels and fightings) originate

among you? Do they not arise from your sensual desires that are ever warring in your bodily members?
James 4:2 You are jealous {and} covet [what others have] and your desires go unfulfilled; [so] you become murderers. [To hate is to murder as far as your hearts are concerned.] You burn with envy {and} anger and are not able to obtain [the gratification, the contentment, and the happiness that you seek], so you fight and war. You do not have, because you do not ask. [I John 3:15.]
James 4:3 [Or] you do ask [God for them] and yet fail to receive, because you ask with wrong purpose and evil, selfish motives. Your intention is [when you get what you desire] to spend it in sensual pleasures.
James 4:4 You [are like] unfaithful wives [having illicit love affairs with the world and breaking your marriage vow to God]! Do you not know that being the world's friend is being God's enemy? So whoever chooses to be a friend of the world takes his stand as an enemy of God.
James 4:5 Or do you suppose that the Scripture is speaking to no purpose that says, The Spirit Whom He has caused to dwell in us yearns over us {and} He yearns for the Spirit [to be welcome] with a jealous love?
James 4:6 But He gives us more and more grace (power of the Holy Spirit, to meet this evil tendency and all others fully). That is why He says, God sets Himself against the proud and haughty, but gives grace [continually] to the lowly (those who are humble enough to receive it).
James 4:7 So be subject to God. Resist the devil [stand firm against him], and he will flee from you.
James 4:8 Come close to God and He will come close to you. [Recognize that you are] sinners, get your soiled hands clean; [realize that you have been disloyal] wavering individuals with divided interests, and purify your hearts [of your spiritual adultery].
James 4:9 [As you draw near to God] be deeply penitent and grieve, even weep [over your disloyalty]. Let your laughter be turned to grief and your mirth to dejection {and} heartfelt shame [for your sins].
James 4:10 Humble yourselves [feeling very insignificant] in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you [He will lift you up and make your lives significant].
James 4:11 [My] brethren, do not speak evil about or accuse one another. He that maligns a brother or judges his brother is maligning {and} criticizing the Law {and} judging the Law. But if you judge the Law, you are not a practicer of the Law but a censor {and} judge [of it].
James 4:12 One only is the Lawgiver {and} Judge Who is able to save and to destroy [the One Who has the absolute power of life and death]. [But you] who are you that [you presume to] pass judgment on your neighbor?
James 4:13 Come now, you who say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such {and} such a city and spend a year there and carry on our business and make money.
James 4:14 Yet you do not know [the least thing] about what may happen tomorrow. What is the nature of your life? You are [really] but a wisp of vapor (a puff of smoke, a mist) that is visible for a little while and then disappears [into thin air].
James 4:15 You ought instead to say, If the Lord is willing, we shall live and we shall do this or that [thing].
James 4:16 But as it is, you boast [falsely] in your presumption {and} your self-conceit. All such boasting is wrong.
James 4:17 So any person who knows what is right to do but does not do it, to him it is sin.
James 5:1 COME NOW, you rich [people], weep aloud and lament over the miseries (the woes) that are surely coming upon you.
James 5:2 Your abundant wealth has rotted {and} is ruined, and your [many] garments have become moth-eaten.
James 5:3 Your gold and silver are completely rusted through, and their rust will be testimony against you and it will devour your flesh as if it were fire. You have heaped together treasure for the last days.
James 5:4 [But] look! [Here are] the wages that you have withheld by fraud from the laborers who have reaped your fields, crying out [for vengeance]; and the cries of the harvesters have come to the ears of the Lord of hosts.
James 5:5 [Here] on earth you have abandoned yourselves to soft (prodigal) living and to [the pleasures of] self-indulgence {and} self-gratification. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.
James 5:6 You have condemned and have murdered the righteous (innocent man), [while] he offers no resistance to you.
James 5:7 So be patient, brethren, [as you wait] till the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits expectantly for the precious harvest from the land. [See how] he keeps up his patient [vigil] over it until it receives the early and late rains.
James 5:8 So you also must be patient. Establish your hearts [strengthen and confirm them in the final certainty], for the coming of the Lord is very near.
James 5:9 Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you [yourselves] may not be judged. Look! The Judge is [already] standing at the very door.

James 5:10 [As] an example of suffering and ill-treatment together with patience, brethren, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord [as His messengers].
James 5:11 You know how we call those blessed (happy) who were steadfast [who endured]. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the Lord's [purpose and how He richly blessed him in the] end, inasmuch as the Lord is full of pity {and} compassion {and} tenderness and mercy.
James 5:12 But above all [things], my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath; but let your yes be [a simple] yes, and your no be [a simple] no, so that you may not sin {and} fall under condemnation.
James 5:13 Is anyone among you afflicted (ill-treated, suffering evil)? He should pray. Is anyone glad at heart? He should sing praise [to God].
James 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? He should call in the church elders (the spiritual guides). And they should pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Lord's name.
James 5:15 And the prayer [that is] of faith will save him who is sick, and the Lord will restore him; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.
James 5:16 Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed {and} restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].
James 5:17 Elijah was a human being with a nature such as we have [with feelings, affections, and a constitution like ours]; and he prayed earnestly for it not to rain, and no rain fell on the earth for three years and six months. [I Kings 17:1.]
James 5:18 And [then] he prayed again and the heavens supplied rain and the land produced its crops [as usual]. [I Kings 18:42-45.]
James 5:19 [My] brethren, if anyone among you strays from the Truth {and} falls into error and another [person] brings him back [to God],
James 5:20 Let the [latter] one be sure that whoever turns a sinner from his evil course will save [that one's] soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins [procure the pardon of the many sins committed by the convert].
1 Pet 1:1 PETER, AN apostle (a special messenger) of Jesus Christ, [writing] to the elect exiles of the dispersion scattered (sowed) abroad in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,
1 Pet 1:2 Who were chosen {and} foreknown by God the Father and consecrated (sanctified, made holy) by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and to be sprinkled with [His] blood: May grace (spiritual blessing) and peace be given you in increasing abundance [that spiritual peace to be realized in and through Christ, freedom from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts].
1 Pet 1:3 Praised (honored, blessed) be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)! By His boundless mercy we have been born again to an ever-living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
1 Pet 1:4 [Born anew] into an inheritance which is beyond the reach of change {and} decay [imperishable], unsullied and unfading, reserved in heaven for you,
1 Pet 1:5 Who are being guarded (garrisoned) by God's power through [your] faith [till you fully inherit that final] salvation that is ready to be revealed [for you] in the last time.
1 Pet 1:6 [You should] be exceedingly glad on this account, though now for a little while you may be distressed by trials {and} suffer temptations,
1 Pet 1:7 So that [the genuineness] of your faith may be tested, [your faith] which is infinitely more precious than the perishable gold which is tested {and} purified by fire. [This proving of your faith is intended] to redound to [your] praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) is revealed.
1 Pet 1:8 Without having seen Him, you love Him; though you do not [even] now see Him, you believe in Him and exult {and} thrill with inexpressible and glorious (triumphant, heavenly) joy.
1 Pet 1:9 [At the same time] you receive the result (outcome, consummation) of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
1 Pet 1:10 The prophets, who prophesied of the grace (divine blessing) which was intended for you, searched and inquired earnestly about this salvation.
1 Pet 1:11 They sought [to find out] to whom or when this was to come which the Spirit of Christ working within them was indicating when He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that should follow [them].
1 Pet 1:12 It was then disclosed to them that the services they were rendering were not meant for themselves {and} their period of time, but for you. [It is these very] things which have now already been made known plainly to you by those who preached the good news (the Gospel) to you by the [same] Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Into these things [the very] angels long to look!
1 Pet 1:13 So brace up your minds; be sober (circumspect, morally alert); set your hope wholly {and} unchangeably on

the grace (divine favor) that is coming to you when Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is revealed.
1 Pet 1:14 [Live] as children of obedience [to God]; do not conform yourselves to the evil desires [that governed you] in your former ignorance [when you did not know the requirements of the Gospel].
1 Pet 1:15 But as the One Who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all your conduct {and} manner of living.
1 Pet 1:16 For it is written, You shall be holy, for I am holy.
1 Pet 1:17 And if you call upon Him as [your] Father Who judges each one impartially according to what he does, [then] you should conduct yourselves with true reverence throughout the time of your temporary residence [on the earth, whether long or short].
1 Pet 1:18 You must know (recognize) that you were redeemed (ransomed) from the useless (fruitless) way of living inherited by tradition from [your] forefathers, not with corruptible things [such as] silver and gold,
1 Pet 1:19 But [you were purchased] with the precious blood of Christ (the Messiah), like that of a [sacrificial] lamb without blemish or spot.
1 Pet 1:20 It is true that He was chosen {and} foreordained (destined and foreknown for it) before the foundation of the world, but He was brought out to public view (made manifest) in these last days (at the end of the times) for the sake of you.
1 Pet 1:21 Through Him you believe in (adhere to, rely on) God, Who raised Him up from the dead and gave Him honor {and} glory, so that your faith and hope are [centered and rest] in God.
1 Pet 1:22 Since by your obedience to the Truth {through the} [{Holy}] {Spirit} you have purified your hearts for the sincere affection of the brethren, [see that you] love one another fervently from a {pure} heart.
1 Pet 1:23 You have been regenerated (born again), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the {ever} living and lasting Word of God.
1 Pet 1:24 For all flesh (mankind) is like grass, and all its glory (honor) like [the] flower of grass. The grass withers and the flower drops off,
1 Pet 1:25 But the Word of the Lord (divine instruction, the Gospel) endures forever. And this Word is the good news which was preached to you.
1 Pet 2:1 SO BE done with every trace of wickedness (depravity, malignity) and all deceit and insincerity (pretense, hypocrisy) and grudges (envy, jealousy) and slander {and} evil speaking of every kind.
1 Pet 2:2 Like newborn babies you should crave (thirst for, earnestly desire) the pure (unadulterated) spiritual milk, that by it you may be nurtured {and} grow unto [completed] salvation,
1 Pet 2:3 Since you have [already] tasted the goodness {and} kindness of the Lord.
1 Pet 2:4 Come to Him [then, to that] Living Stone which men tried {and} threw away, but which is chosen [and] precious in God's sight.
1 Pet 2:5 [Come] and, like living stones, be yourselves built [into] a spiritual house, for a holy (dedicated, consecrated) priesthood, to offer up [those] spiritual sacrifices [that are] acceptable {and} pleasing to God through Jesus Christ.
1 Pet 2:6 For thus it stands in Scripture: Behold, I am laying in Zion a chosen (honored), precious chief Cornerstone, and he who believes in Him [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] shall never be disappointed {or} put to shame.
1 Pet 2:7 To you then who believe (who adhere to, trust in, and rely on Him) is the preciousness; but for those who disbelieve [it is true], The [very] Stone which the builders rejected has become the main Cornerstone,
1 Pet 2:8 And, A Stone that will cause stumbling and a Rock that will give [men] offense; they stumble because they disobey {and} disbelieve [God's] Word, as those [who reject Him] were destined (appointed) to do.
1 Pet 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds {and} display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
1 Pet 2:10 Once you were not a people [at all], but now you are God's people; once you were unpitied, but now you are pitied {and} have received mercy.
1 Pet 2:11 Beloved, I implore you as aliens and strangers {and} exiles [in this world] to abstain from the sensual urges (the evil desires, the passions of the flesh, your lower nature) that wage war against the soul.
1 Pet 2:12 Conduct yourselves properly (honorably, righteously) among the Gentiles, so that, although they may slander you as evildoers, [yet] they may by witnessing your good deeds [come to] glorify God in the day of inspection [when God shall look upon you wanderers as a pastor or shepherd looks over his flock].
1 Pet 2:13 Be submissive to every human institution {and} authority for the sake of the Lord, whether it be to the emperor as supreme,

1 Pet 2:14 Or to governors as sent by him to bring vengeance (punishment, justice) to those who do wrong and to encourage those who do good service.
1 Pet 2:15 For it is God's will {and} intention that by doing right [your good and honest lives] should silence (muzzle, gag) the ignorant charges {and} ill-informed criticisms of foolish persons.
1 Pet 2:16 [Live] as free people, [yet] without employing your freedom as a pretext for wickedness; but [live at all times] as servants of God.
1 Pet 2:17 Show respect for all men [treat them honorably]. Love the brotherhood (the Christian fraternity of which Christ is the Head). Reverence God. Honor the emperor.
1 Pet 2:18 [You who are] household servants, be submissive to your masters with all [proper] respect, not only to those who are kind and considerate {and} reasonable, but also to those who are surly (overbearing, unjust, and crooked).
1 Pet 2:19 For one is regarded favorably (is approved, acceptable, and thankworthy) if, as in the sight of God, he endures the pain of unjust suffering.
1 Pet 2:20 [After all] what kind of glory [is there in it] if, when you do wrong and are punished for it, you take it patiently? But if you bear patiently with suffering [which results] when you do right {and} that is undeserved, it is acceptable {and} pleasing to God.
1 Pet 2:21 For even to this were you called [it is inseparable from your vocation]. For Christ also suffered for you, leaving you [His personal] example, so that you should follow in His footsteps.
1 Pet 2:22 He was guilty of no sin, neither was deceit (guile) ever found on His lips.
1 Pet 2:23 When He was reviled {and} insulted, He did not revile {or} offer insult in return; [when] He was abused {and} suffered, He made no threats [of vengeance]; but he trusted [Himself and everything] to Him Who judges fairly.
1 Pet 2:24 He personally bore our sins in His [own] body on the tree [as on an altar and offered Himself on it], that we might die (cease to exist) to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.
1 Pet 2:25 For you were going astray like [so many] sheep, but now you have come back to the Shepherd and Guardian (the Bishop) of your souls.
1 Pet 3:1 IN LIKE manner, you married women, be submissive to your own husbands [subordinate yourselves as being secondary to and dependent on them, and adapt yourselves to them], so that even if any do not obey the Word [of God], they may be won over not by discussion but by the [godly] lives of their wives,
1 Pet 3:2 When they observe the pure {and} modest way in which you conduct yourselves, together with your reverence [for your husband; you are to feel for him all that reverence includes: to respect, defer to, revere him--to honor, esteem, appreciate, prize, and, in the human sense, to adore him, that is, to admire, praise, be devoted to, deeply love, and enjoy your husband].
1 Pet 3:3 Let not yours be the [merely] external adorning with [elaborate] interweaving {and} knotting of the hair, the wearing of jewelry, or changes of clothes;
1 Pet 3:4 But let it be the inward adorning {and} beauty of the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible {and} unfading charm of a gentle and peaceful spirit, which [is not anxious or wrought up, but] is very precious in the sight of God.
1 Pet 3:5 For it was thus that the pious women of old who hoped in God were [accustomed] to beautify themselves and were submissive to their husbands [adapting themselves to them as themselves secondary and dependent upon them].
1 Pet 3:6 It was thus that Sarah obeyed Abraham [following his guidance and acknowledging his headship over her by] calling him lord (master, leader, authority). And you are now her true daughters if you do right and let nothing terrify you [not giving way to hysterical fears or letting anxieties unnerve you].
1 Pet 3:7 In the same way you married men should live considerately with [your wives], with an intelligent recognition [of the marriage relation], honoring the woman as [physically] the weaker, but [realizing that you] are joint heirs of the grace (God's unmerited favor) of life, in order that your prayers may not be hindered {and} cut off. [Otherwise you cannot pray effectively.]
1 Pet 3:8 Finally, all [of you] should be of one {and} the same mind (united in spirit), sympathizing [with one another], loving [each other] as brethren [of one household], compassionate {and} courteous (tenderhearted and humble).
1 Pet 3:9 Never return evil for evil or insult for insult (scolding, tongue-lashing, berating), but on the contrary blessing [praying for their welfare, happiness, and protection, and truly pitying and loving them]. For {know that} to this you have been called, that you may yourselves inherit a blessing [from God--that you may obtain a blessing as heirs, bringing welfare and happiness and protection].
1 Pet 3:10 For let him who wants to enjoy life and see good days [good--whether apparent or not] keep his tongue free

from evil and his lips from guile (treachery, deceit).
1 Pet 3:11 Let him turn away from wickedness {and} shun it, and let him do right. Let him search for peace (harmony; undisturbedness from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts) and seek it eagerly. [Do not merely desire peaceful relations with God, with your fellowmen, and with yourself, but pursue, go after them!]
1 Pet 3:12 For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with God), and His ears are attentive to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who practice evil [to oppose them, to frustrate, and defeat them].
1 Pet 3:13 Now who is there to hurt you if you are zealous followers of that which is good?
1 Pet 3:14 But even in case you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, [you are] blessed (happy, to be envied). Do not dread {or} be afraid of their threats, nor be disturbed [by their opposition].
1 Pet 3:15 But in your hearts set Christ apart as holy [and acknowledge Him] as Lord. Always be ready to give a logical defense to anyone who asks you to account for the hope that is in you, but do it courteously and respectfully.
1 Pet 3:16 [And see to it that] your conscience is entirely clear (unimpaired), so that, when you are falsely accused as evildoers, those who threaten you abusively {and} revile your right behavior in Christ may come to be ashamed [of slandering your good lives].
1 Pet 3:17 For [it is] better to suffer [unjustly] for doing right, if that should be God's will, than to suffer [justly] for doing wrong.
1 Pet 3:18 For Christ [the Messiah Himself] died for sins once for all, the Righteous for the unrighteous (the Just for the unjust, the Innocent for the guilty), that He might bring us to God. In His human body He was put to death, but He was made alive in the spirit,
1 Pet 3:19 In which He went and preached to the spirits in prison,
1 Pet 3:20 [The souls of those] who long before in the days of Noah had been disobedient, when God's patience waited during the building of the ark in which a few [people], actually eight in number, were saved through water.
1 Pet 3:21 And baptism, which is a figure [of their deliverance], does now also save you [from inward questionings and fears], not by the removing of outward body filth [bathing], but by [providing you with] the answer of a good and clear conscience (inward cleanness and peace) before God [because you are demonstrating what you believe to be yours] through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
1 Pet 3:22 [And He] has now entered into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with [all] angels and authorities and powers made subservient to Him.
1 Pet 4:1 SO, SINCE Christ suffered in the flesh {for us, for you}, arm yourselves with the same thought {and} purpose [patiently to suffer rather than fail to please God]. For whoever has suffered in the flesh [having the mind of Christ] is done with [intentional] sin [has stopped pleasing himself and the world, and pleases God],
1 Pet 4:2 So that he can no longer spend the rest of his natural life living by [his] human appetites {and} desires, but [he lives] for what God wills.
1 Pet 4:3 For the time that is past already suffices for doing what the Gentiles like to do--living [as you have done] in shameless, insolent wantonness, in lustful desires, drunkenness, reveling, drinking bouts {and} abominable, lawless idolatries.
1 Pet 4:4 They are astonished {and} think it very queer that you do not now run hand in hand with them in the same excesses of dissipation, and they abuse [you].
1 Pet 4:5 But they will have to give an account to Him Who is ready to judge {and} pass sentence on the living and the dead.
1 Pet 4:6 For this is why the good news (the Gospel) was preached [in their lifetime] even to the dead, that though judged in fleshly bodies as men are, they might live in the spirit as God does.
1 Pet 4:7 But the end {and} culmination of all things has now come near; keep sound minded {and} self-restrained and alert therefore for [the practice of] prayer.
1 Pet 4:8 Above all things have intense {and} unfailing love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins [forgives and disregards the offenses of others].
1 Pet 4:9 Practice hospitality to one another (those of the household of faith). [Be hospitable, be a lover of strangers, with brotherly affection for the unknown guests, the foreigners, the poor, and all others who come your way who are of Christ's body.] And [in each instance] do it ungrudgingly (cordially and graciously, without complaining but as representing Him).
1 Pet 4:10 As each of you has received a gift (a particular spiritual talent, a gracious divine endowment), employ it for one another as [befits] good trustees of God's many-sided grace [faithful stewards of the extremely diverse powers and gifts granted to Christians by unmerited favor].

1 Pet 4:11 Whoever speaks, [let him do it as one who utters] oracles of God; whoever renders service, [let him do it] as with the strength which God furnishes abundantly, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ (the Messiah). To Him be the glory and dominion forever and ever (through endless ages). Amen (so be it).
1 Pet 4:12 Beloved, do not be amazed {and} bewildered at the fiery ordeal which is taking place to test your quality, as though something strange (unusual and alien to you and your position) were befalling you.
1 Pet 4:13 But insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, rejoice, so that when His glory [full of radiance and splendor] is revealed, you may also rejoice with triumph [exultantly].
1 Pet 4:14 If you are censured {and} suffer abuse [because you bear] the name of Christ, blessed [are you--happy, fortunate, to be envied, with life-joy, and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of your outward condition], because the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God, is resting upon you. {On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.}
1 Pet 4:15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or any sort of criminal, or as a mischief-maker (a meddler) in the affairs of others [infringing on their rights].
1 Pet 4:16 But if [one is ill-treated and suffers] as a Christian [which he is contemptuously called], let him not be ashamed, but give glory to God that he is [deemed worthy to suffer] in this name.
1 Pet 4:17 For the time [has arrived] for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will [be] the end of those who do not respect {or} believe {or} obey the good news (the Gospel) of God?
1 Pet 4:18 And if the righteous are barely saved, what will become of the godless and wicked?
1 Pet 4:19 Therefore, those who are ill-treated {and} suffer in accordance with God's will must do right and commit their souls [in charge as a deposit] to the One Who created [them] and will never fail [them].
1 Pet 5:1 I WARN {and} counsel the elders among you (the pastors and spiritual guides of the church) as a fellow elder and as an eyewitness [called to testify] of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a sharer in the glory (the honor and splendor) that is to be revealed (disclosed, unfolded):
1 Pet 5:2 Tend (nurture, guard, guide, and fold) the flock of God that is [your responsibility], not by coercion {or} constraint, but willingly; not dishonorably motivated by the advantages {and} profits [belonging to the office], but eagerly {and} cheerfully;
1 Pet 5:3 Not domineering [as arrogant, dictatorial, and overbearing persons] over those in your charge, but being examples (patterns and models of Christian living) to the flock (the congregation).
1 Pet 5:4 And [then] when the Chief Shepherd is revealed, you will win the conqueror's crown of glory.
1 Pet 5:5 Likewise, you who are younger {and} of lesser rank, be subject to the elders (the ministers and spiritual guides of the church)--[giving them due respect and yielding to their counsel]. Clothe (apron) yourselves, all of you, with humility [as the garb of a servant, so that its covering cannot possibly be stripped from you, with freedom from pride and arrogance] toward one another. For God sets Himself against the proud (the insolent, the overbearing, the disdainful, the presumptuous, the boastful)--[and He opposes, frustrates, and defeats them], but gives grace (favor, blessing) to the humble.
1 Pet 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves [demote, lower yourselves in your own estimation] under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you,
1 Pet 5:7 Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately {and} cares about you watchfully.
1 Pet 5:8 Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant {and} cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon {and} devour.
1 Pet 5:9 Withstand him; be firm in faith [against his onset--rooted, established, strong, immovable, and determined], knowing that the same (identical) sufferings are appointed to your brotherhood (the whole body of Christians) throughout the world.
1 Pet 5:10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace [Who imparts all blessing and favor], Who has called you to His [own] eternal glory in Christ {Jesus,} will Himself complete {and} make you what you ought to be, establish {and} ground you securely, and strengthen, and settle you.
1 Pet 5:11 To Him be the dominion (power, authority, rule) forever and ever. Amen (so be it).
1 Pet 5:12 By Silvanus, a true (loyal, consistent, incorruptible) brother, as I consider him, I have written briefly to you, to counsel {and} urge {and} stimulate [you] and to declare [to you] that this is the true [account of the] grace (the undeserved favor) of God. Be steadfast {and} persevere in it.
1 Pet 5:13 She [your sister church here] in Babylon, [who is] elect (chosen) with [yourselves], sends you greetings, and [so does] my son (disciple) Mark.
1 Pet 5:14 Salute one another with a kiss of love [the symbol of mutual affection]. To all of you that are in Christ

{Jesus} (the Messiah), may there be peace (every kind of peace and blessing, especially peace with God, and freedom from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts). {Amen (so be it).}
2 Pet 1:1 SIMON PETER, a servant and apostle (special messenger) of Jesus Christ, to those who have received (obtained an equal privilege of) like precious faith with ourselves in {and} through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:
2 Pet 1:2 May grace (God's favor) and peace (which is perfect well-being, all necessary good, all spiritual prosperity, and freedom from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts) be multiplied to you in [the full, personal, precise, and correct] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
2 Pet 1:3 For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by {and} to His own glory and excellence (virtue).
2 Pet 1:4 By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.
2 Pet 1:5 For this very reason, adding your diligence [to the divine promises], employ every effort in exercising your faith to develop virtue (excellence, resolution, Christian energy), and in [exercising] virtue [develop] knowledge (intelligence),
2 Pet 1:6 And in [exercising] knowledge [develop] self-control, and in [exercising] self-control [develop] steadfastness (patience, endurance), and in [exercising] steadfastness [develop] godliness (piety),
2 Pet 1:7 And in [exercising] godliness [develop] brotherly affection, and in [exercising] brotherly affection [develop] Christian love.
2 Pet 1:8 For as these qualities are yours and increasingly abound in you, they will keep [you] from being idle or unfruitful unto the [full personal] knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
2 Pet 1:9 For whoever lacks these qualities is blind, [spiritually] shortsighted, seeing only what is near to him, and has become oblivious [to the fact] that he was cleansed from his old sins.
2 Pet 1:10 Because of this, brethren, be all the more solicitous {and} eager to make sure (to ratify, to strengthen, to make steadfast) your calling and election; for if you do this, you will never stumble {or} fall.
2 Pet 1:11 Thus there will be richly {and} abundantly provided for you entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
2 Pet 1:12 So I intend always to remind you about these things, although indeed you know them and are firm in the truth that [you] now [hold].
2 Pet 1:13 I think it right, as long as I am in this tabernacle (tent, body), to stir you up by way of remembrance,
2 Pet 1:14 Since I know that the laying aside of this body of mine will come speedily, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.
2 Pet 1:15 Moreover, I will diligently endeavor [to see to it] that [even] after my departure (decease) you may be able at all times to call these things to mind.
2 Pet 1:16 For we were not following cleverly devised stories when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah), but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty (grandeur, authority of sovereign power).
2 Pet 1:17 For when He was invested with honor and glory from God the Father and a voice was borne to Him by the [splendid] Majestic Glory [in the bright cloud that overshadowed Him, saying], This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased {and} delight,
2 Pet 1:18 We [actually] heard this voice borne out of heaven, for we were together with Him on the holy mountain.
2 Pet 1:19 And we have the prophetic word [made] firmer still. You will do well to pay close attention to it as to a lamp shining in a dismal (squalid and dark) place, until the day breaks through [the gloom] and the Morning Star rises (comes into being) in your hearts.
2 Pet 1:20 [Yet] first [you must] understand this, that no prophecy of Scripture is [a matter] of any personal {or} private {or} special interpretation (loosening, solving).
2 Pet 1:21 For no prophecy ever originated because some man willed it [to do so--it never came by human impulse], but men spoke from God who were borne along (moved and impelled) by the Holy Spirit.
2 Pet 2:1 BUT ALSO [in those days] there arose false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among yourselves, who will subtly {and} stealthily introduce heretical doctrines (destructive heresies), even denying {and} disowning the Master Who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.
2 Pet 2:2 And many will follow their immoral ways {and} lascivious doings; because of them the true Way will be maligned {and} defamed.

2 Pet 2:3 And in their covetousness (lust, greed) they will exploit you with false (cunning) arguments. From of old the sentence [of condemnation] for them has not been idle; their destruction (eternal misery) has not been asleep.
2 Pet 2:4 For God did not [even] spare angels that sinned, but cast them into hell, delivering them to be kept there in pits of gloom till the judgment {and} their doom.
2 Pet 2:5 And He spared not the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven other persons, when He brought a flood upon the world of ungodly [people].
2 Pet 2:6 And He condemned to ruin {and} extinction the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, reducing them to ashes [and thus] set them forth as an example to those who would be ungodly;
2 Pet 2:7 And He rescued righteous Lot, greatly worn out {and} distressed by the wanton ways of the ungodly {and} lawless--
2 Pet 2:8 For that just man, living [there] among them, tortured his righteous soul every day with what he saw and heard of [their] unlawful and wicked deeds--
2 Pet 2:9 Now if [all these things are true, then be sure] the Lord knows how to rescue the godly out of temptations {and} trials, and how to keep the ungodly under chastisement until the day of judgment {and} doom,
2 Pet 2:10 And particularly those who walk after the flesh and indulge in the lust of polluting passion and scorn {and} despise authority. Presumptuous [and] daring [self-willed and self-loving creatures]! They scoff at {and} revile dignitaries (glorious ones) without trembling,
2 Pet 2:11 Whereas [even] angels, though superior in might and power, do not bring a defaming charge against them before the Lord.
2 Pet 2:12 But these [people]! Like unreasoning beasts, mere creatures of instinct, born [only] to be captured and destroyed, railing at things of which they are ignorant, they shall utterly perish in their [own] corruption [in their destroying they shall surely be destroyed],
2 Pet 2:13 Being destined to receive [punishment as] the reward of [their] unrighteousness [suffering wrong as the hire for their wrongdoing]. They count it a delight to revel in the daytime [living luxuriously and delicately]. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions {and} carousing together [even] as they feast with you.
2 Pet 2:14 They have eyes full of harlotry, insatiable for sin. They beguile {and} bait {and} lure away unstable souls. Their hearts are trained in covetousness (lust, greed), [they are] children of a curse [exposed to cursing]!
2 Pet 2:15 Forsaking the straight road they have gone astray; they have followed the way of Balaam [the son] of Beor, who loved the reward of wickedness.
2 Pet 2:16 But he was rebuked for his own transgression when a dumb beast of burden spoke with human voice and checked the prophet's madness.
2 Pet 2:17 These are springs without water and mists driven along before a tempest, for whom is reserved {forever} the gloom of darkness.
2 Pet 2:18 For uttering loud boasts of folly, they beguile {and} lure with lustful desires of the flesh those who are barely escaping from them who are wrongdoers.
2 Pet 2:19 They promise them liberty, when they themselves are the slaves of depravity {and} defilement--for by whatever anyone is made inferior {or} worse {or} is overcome, to that [person or thing] he is enslaved.
2 Pet 2:20 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through [the full, personal] knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they again become entangled in them and are overcome, their last condition is worse [for them] than the first.
2 Pet 2:21 For never to have obtained a [full, personal] knowledge of the way of righteousness would have been better for them than, having obtained [such knowledge], to turn back from the holy commandment which was [verbally] delivered to them.
2 Pet 2:22 There has befallen them the thing spoken of in the true proverb, The dog turns back to his own vomit, and, The sow is washed only to wallow again in the mire.
2 Pet 3:1 BELOVED, I am now writing you this second letter. In [both of] them I have stirred up your unsullied (sincere) mind by way of remembrance,
2 Pet 3:2 That you should recall the predictions of the holy (consecrated, dedicated) prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior [given] through your apostles (His special messengers).
2 Pet 3:3 To begin with, you must know {and} understand this, that scoffers (mockers) will come in the last days with scoffing, [people who] walk after their own fleshly desires
2 Pet 3:4 And say, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the forefathers fell asleep, all things have continued exactly as they did from the beginning of creation.
2 Pet 3:5 For they willfully overlook {and} forget this [fact], that the heavens [came into] existence long ago by the

word of God, and the earth also which was formed out of water and by means of water,
2 Pet 3:6 Through which the world that then [existed] was deluged with water and perished.
2 Pet 3:7 But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been stored up (reserved) for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly people.
2 Pet 3:8 Nevertheless, do not let this one fact escape you, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day.
2 Pet 3:9 The Lord does not delay {and} is not tardy {or} slow about what He promises, according to some people's conception of slowness, but He is long-suffering (extraordinarily patient) toward you, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should turn to repentance.
2 Pet 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will vanish (pass away) with a thunderous crash, and the [material] elements [of the universe] will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and the works that are upon it will be burned up.
2 Pet 3:11 Since all these things are thus in the process of being dissolved, what kind of person ought [each of] you to be [in the meanwhile] in consecrated {and} holy behavior and devout {and} godly qualities,
2 Pet 3:12 While you wait and earnestly long for (expect and hasten) the coming of the day of God by reason of which the flaming heavens will be dissolved, and the [material] elements [of the universe] will flare {and} melt with fire?
2 Pet 3:13 But we look for new heavens and a new earth according to His promise, in which righteousness (uprightness, freedom from sin, and right standing with God) is to abide.
2 Pet 3:14 So, beloved, since you are expecting these things, be eager to be found by Him [at His coming] without spot or blemish and at peace [in serene confidence, free from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts].
2 Pet 3:15 And consider that the long-suffering of our Lord [His slowness in avenging wrongs and judging the world] is salvation (that which is conducive to the soul's safety), even as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the spiritual insight given him,
2 Pet 3:16 Speaking of this as he does in all of his letters. There are some things in those [epistles of Paul] that are difficult to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist {and} misconstrue to their own utter destruction, just as [they distort and misinterpret] the rest of the Scriptures.
2 Pet 3:17 Let me warn you therefore, beloved, that knowing these things beforehand, you should be on your guard, lest you be carried away by the error of lawless {and} wicked [persons and] fall from your own [present] firm condition [your own steadfastness of mind].
2 Pet 3:18 But grow in grace (undeserved favor, spiritual strength) and recognition {and} knowledge {and} understanding of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (the Messiah). To Him [be] glory (honor, majesty, and splendor) both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (so be it)!
1 John 1:1 [WE ARE writing] about the Word of Life [in] Him Who existed from the beginning, Whom we have heard, Whom we have seen with our [own] eyes, Whom we have gazed upon [for ourselves] and have touched with our [own] hands.
1 John 1:2 And the Life [an aspect of His being] was revealed (made manifest, demonstrated), and we saw [as eyewitnesses] and are testifying to and declare to you the Life, the eternal Life [in Him] Who already existed with the Father and Who [actually] was made visible (was revealed) to us [His followers].
1 John 1:3 What we have seen and [ourselves] heard, we are also telling you, so that you too may realize {and} enjoy fellowship as partners {and} partakers with us. And [this] fellowship that we have [which is a distinguishing mark of Christians] is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ (the Messiah).
1 John 1:4 And we are now writing these things to you so that our joy [in seeing you included] may be full [and {your} joy may be complete].
1 John 1:5 And this is the message [the message of promise] which we have heard from Him and now are reporting to you: God is Light, and there is no darkness in Him at all [no, not in any way].
1 John 1:6 [So] if we say we are partakers together {and} enjoy fellowship with Him when we live {and} move {and} are walking about in darkness, we are [both] speaking falsely and do not live {and} practice the Truth [which the Gospel presents].
1 John 1:7 But if we [really] are living {and} walking in the Light, as He [Himself] is in the Light, we have [true, unbroken] fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus {Christ} His Son cleanses (removes) us from all sin {and} guilt [keeps us cleansed from sin in all its forms and manifestations].
1 John 1:8 If we say we have no sin [refusing to admit that we are sinners], we delude {and} lead ourselves astray, and the Truth [which the Gospel presents] is not in us [does not dwell in our hearts].
1 John 1:9 If we [freely] admit that we have sinned {and} confess our sins, He is faithful and just (true to His own

nature and promises) and will forgive our sins [dismiss our lawlessness] and [continuously] cleanse us from all unrighteousness [everything not in conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action].
1 John 1:10 If we say (claim) we have not sinned, we contradict His Word {and} make Him out to be false {and} a liar, and His Word is not in us [the divine message of the Gospel is not in our hearts].
1 John 2:1 MY LITTLE children, I write you these things so that you may not violate God's law {and} sin. But if anyone should sin, we have an Advocate (One Who will intercede for us) with the Father--[it is] Jesus Christ [the all] righteous [upright, just, Who conforms to the Father's will in every purpose, thought, and action].
1 John 2:2 And He [that same Jesus Himself] is the propitiation (the atoning sacrifice) for our sins, and not for ours alone but also for [the sins of] the whole world.
1 John 2:3 And this is how we may discern [daily, by experience] that we are coming to know Him [to perceive, recognize, understand, and become better acquainted with Him]: if we keep (bear in mind, observe, practice) His teachings (precepts, commandments).
1 John 2:4 Whoever says, I know Him [I perceive, recognize, understand, and am acquainted with Him] but fails to keep {and} obey His commandments (teachings) is a liar, and the Truth [of the Gospel] is not in him.
1 John 2:5 But he who keeps (treasures) His Word [who bears in mind His precepts, who observes His message in its entirety], truly in him has the love of {and} for God been perfected (completed, reached maturity). By this we may perceive (know, recognize, and be sure) that we are in Him:
1 John 2:6 Whoever says he abides in Him ought [as a personal debt] to walk {and} conduct himself in the same way in which He walked {and} conducted Himself.
1 John 2:7 Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the message which you have heard [the doctrine of salvation through Christ].
1 John 2:8 Yet I am writing you a new commandment, which is true (is realized) in Him and in you, because the darkness (moral blindness) is clearing away and the true Light (the revelation of God in Christ) is already shining.
1 John 2:9 Whoever says he is in the Light and [yet] hates his brother [Christian, born-again child of God his Father] is in darkness even until now.
1 John 2:10 Whoever loves his brother [believer] abides (lives) in the Light, and in It {or} in him there is no occasion for stumbling {or} cause for error {or} sin.
1 John 2:11 But he who hates (detests, despises) his brother [in Christ] is in darkness and walking (living) in the dark; he is straying {and} does not perceive {or} know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.
1 John 2:12 I am writing to you, little children, because for His name's sake your sins are forgiven [pardoned through His name and on account of confessing His name].
1 John 2:13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you have come to know (recognize, be aware of, and understand) Him Who [has existed] from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have been victorious over the wicked [one]. I write to you, boys (lads), because you have come to know (recognize and be aware) of the Father.
1 John 2:14 I write to you, fathers, because you have come to know (recognize, be conscious of, and understand) Him Who [has existed] from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong {and} vigorous, and the Word of God is [always] abiding in you (in your hearts), and you have been victorious over the wicked one.
1 John 2:15 Do not love {or} cherish the world or the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him.
1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh [craving for sensual gratification] and the lust of the eyes [greedy longings of the mind] and the pride of life [assurance in one's own resources or in the stability of earthly things]--these do not come from the Father but are from the world [itself].
1 John 2:17 And the world passes away {and} disappears, and with it the forbidden cravings (the passionate desires, the lust) of it; but he who does the will of God and carries out His purposes in his life abides (remains) forever.
1 John 2:18 Boys (lads), it is the last time (hour, the end of this age). And as you have heard that the antichrist [he who will oppose Christ in the guise of Christ] is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen, which confirms our belief that it is the final (the end) time.
1 John 2:19 They went out from our number, but they did not [really] belong to us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us. But [they withdrew] that it might be plain that they all are not of us.
1 John 2:20 But you have been anointed by [you hold a sacred appointment from, you have been given an unction from] the Holy One, and you all know [the Truth] {or you know all things}.
1 John 2:21 I write to you not because you are ignorant {and} do not perceive {and} know the Truth, but because you do perceive {and} know it, and [know positively] that nothing false (no deception, no lie) is of the Truth.
1 John 2:22 Who is [such a] liar as he who denies that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah)? He is the antichrist (the

antagonist of Christ), who [habitually] denies {and} refuses to acknowledge the Father and the Son.
1 John 2:23 No one who [habitually] denies (disowns) the Son even has the Father. {Whoever confesses (acknowledges and has) the Son has the Father also.}
1 John 2:24 As for you, keep in your hearts what you have heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the first dwells {and} remains in you, then you will dwell in the Son and in the Father [always].
1 John 2:25 And this is what He Himself has promised us--the life, the eternal [life].
1 John 2:26 I write this to you with reference to those who would deceive you [seduce and lead you astray].
1 John 2:27 But as for you, the anointing (the sacred appointment, the unction) which you received from Him abides [permanently] in you; [so] then you have no need that anyone should instruct you. But just as His anointing teaches you concerning everything and is true and is no falsehood, so you must abide in (live in, never depart from) Him [being rooted in Him, knit to Him], just as [His anointing] has taught you [to do].
1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide (live, remain permanently) in Him, so that when He is made visible, we may have {and} enjoy perfect confidence (boldness, assurance) and not be ashamed {and} shrink from Him at His coming.
1 John 2:29 If you know (perceive and are sure) that He [Christ] is [absolutely] righteous [conforming to the Father's will in purpose, thought, and action], you may also know (be sure) that everyone who does righteously [and is therefore in like manner conformed to the divine will] is born (begotten) of Him [God].
1 John 3:1 SEE WHAT [an incredible] quality of love the Father has given (shown, bestowed on) us, that we should [be permitted to] be named {and} called {and} counted the children of God! And so we are! The reason that the world does not know (recognize, acknowledge) us is that it does not know (recognize, acknowledge) Him.
1 John 3:2 Beloved, we are [even here and] now God's children; it is not yet disclosed (made clear) what we shall be [hereafter], but we know that when He comes {and} is manifested, we shall [as God's children] resemble {and} be like Him, for we shall see Him just as He [really] is.
1 John 3:3 And everyone who has this hope [resting] on Him cleanses (purifies) himself just as He is pure (chaste, undefiled, guiltless).
1 John 3:4 Everyone who commits (practices) sin is guilty of lawlessness; for [that is what] sin is, lawlessness (the breaking, violating of God's law by transgression or neglect--being unrestrained and unregulated by His commands and His will).
1 John 3:5 You know that He appeared in visible form {and} became Man to take away [upon Himself] sins, and in Him there is no sin [essentially and forever].
1 John 3:6 No one who abides in Him [who lives and remains in communion with and in obedience to Him--deliberately, knowingly, and habitually] commits (practices) sin. No one who [habitually] sins has either seen {or} known Him [recognized, perceived, or understood Him, or has had an experiential acquaintance with Him].
1 John 3:7 Boys (lads), let no one deceive {and} lead you astray. He who practices righteousness [who is upright, conforming to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action, living a consistently conscientious life] is righteous, even as He is righteous.
1 John 3:8 [But] he who commits sin [who practices evildoing] is of the devil [takes his character from the evil one], for the devil has sinned (violated the divine law) from the beginning. The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to undo (destroy, loosen, and dissolve) the works the devil [has done].
1 John 3:9 No one born (begotten) of God [deliberately, knowingly, and habitually] practices sin, for God's nature abides in him [His principle of life, the divine sperm, remains permanently within him]; and he cannot practice sinning because he is born (begotten) of God.
1 John 3:10 By this it is made clear who take their nature from God {and} are His children and who take their nature from the devil {and} are his children: no one who does not practice righteousness [who does not conform to God's will in purpose, thought, and action] is of God; neither is anyone who does not love his brother (his fellow believer in Christ).
1 John 3:11 For this is the message (the announcement) which you have heard from the first, that we should love one another,
1 John 3:12 [And] not be like Cain who [took his nature and got his motivation] from the evil one and slew his brother. And why did he slay him? Because his deeds (activities, works) were wicked {and} malicious and his brother's were righteous (virtuous).
1 John 3:13 Do not be surprised {and} wonder, brethren, that the world detests {and} pursues you with hatred.
1 John 3:14 We know that we have passed over out of death into Life by the fact that we love the brethren (our fellow Christians). He who does not love abides (remains, is held and kept continually) in [spiritual] death.

1 John 3:15 Anyone who hates (abominates, detests) his brother [in Christ] is [at heart] a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding (persevering) within him.
1 John 3:16 By this we come to know (progressively to recognize, to perceive, to understand) the [essential] love: that He laid down His [own] life for us; and we ought to lay [our] lives down for [those who are our] brothers [in Him].
1 John 3:17 But if anyone has this world's goods (resources for sustaining life) and sees his brother {and} fellow believer in need, yet closes his heart of compassion against him, how can the love of God live {and} remain in him?
1 John 3:18 Little children, let us not love [merely] in theory {or} in speech but in deed and in truth (in practice and in sincerity).
1 John 3:19 By this we shall come to know (perceive, recognize, and understand) that we are of the Truth, and can reassure (quiet, conciliate, and pacify) our hearts in His presence,
1 John 3:20 Whenever our hearts in [tormenting] self-accusation make us feel guilty {and} condemn us. [For we are in God's hands.] For He is above {and} greater than our consciences (our hearts), and He knows (perceives and understands) everything [nothing is hidden from Him].
1 John 3:21 And, beloved, if our consciences (our hearts) do not accuse us [if they do not make us feel guilty and condemn us], we have confidence (complete assurance and boldness) before God,
1 John 3:22 And we receive from Him whatever we ask, because we [watchfully] obey His orders [observe His suggestions and injunctions, follow His plan for us] {and} [habitually] practice what is pleasing to Him.
1 John 3:23 And this is His order (His command, His injunction): that we should believe in (put our faith and trust in and adhere to and rely on) the name of His Son Jesus Christ (the Messiah), and that we should love one another, just as He has commanded us.
1 John 3:24 All who keep His commandments [who obey His orders and follow His plan, live and continue to live, to stay and] abide in Him, and He in them. [They let Christ be a home to them and they are the home of Christ.] And by this we know {and} understand {and} have the proof that He [really] lives {and} makes His home in us: by the [Holy] Spirit Whom He has given us.
1 John 4:1 BELOVED, DO not put faith in every spirit, but prove (test) the spirits to discover whether they proceed from God; for many false prophets have gone forth into the world.
1 John 4:2 By this you may know (perceive and recognize) the Spirit of God: every spirit which acknowledges {and} confesses [the fact] that Jesus Christ (the Messiah) [actually] has become man {and} has come in the flesh is of God [has God for its source];
1 John 4:3 And every spirit which does not acknowledge {and} confess {that} Jesus {Christ has come in the flesh} [but would annul, destroy, sever, disunite Him] is not of God [does not proceed from Him]. This [nonconfession] is the [spirit] of the antichrist, [of] which you heard that it was coming, and now it is already in the world.
1 John 4:4 Little children, you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated {and} overcome them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world.
1 John 4:5 They proceed from the world {and} are of the world; therefore it is out of the world [its whole economy morally considered] that they speak, and the world listens (pays attention) to them.
1 John 4:6 We are [children] of God. Whoever is learning to know God [progressively to perceive, recognize, and understand God by observation and experience, and to get an ever-clearer knowledge of Him] listens to us; and he who is not of God does not listen {or} pay attention to us. By this we know (recognize) the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error.
1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is (springs) from God; and he who loves [his fellowmen] is begotten (born) of God and is coming [progressively] to know {and} understand God [to perceive and recognize and get a better and clearer knowledge of Him].
1 John 4:8 He who does not love has not become acquainted with God [does not and never did know Him], for God is love.
1 John 4:9 In this the love of God was made manifest (displayed) where we are concerned: in that God sent His Son, the only begotten {or} unique [Son], into the world so that we might live through Him.
1 John 4:10 In this is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation (the atoning sacrifice) for our sins.
1 John 4:11 Beloved, if God loved us so [very much], we also ought to love one another.
1 John 4:12 No man has at any time [yet] seen God. But if we love one another, God abides (lives and remains) in us and His love (that love which is essentially His) is brought to completion (to its full maturity, runs its full course, is perfected) in us!
1 John 4:13 By this we come to know (perceive, recognize, and understand) that we abide (live and remain) in Him

and He in us: because He has given (imparted) to us of His [Holy] Spirit.
1 John 4:14 And [besides] we ourselves have seen (have deliberately and steadfastly contemplated) and bear witness that the Father has sent the Son [as the] Savior of the world.
1 John 4:15 Anyone who confesses (acknowledges, owns) that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides (lives, makes His home) in him and he [abides, lives, makes his home] in God.
1 John 4:16 And we know (understand, recognize, are conscious of, by observation and by experience) and believe (adhere to and put faith in and rely on) the love God cherishes for us. God is love, and he who dwells {and} continues in love dwells {and} continues in God, and God dwells {and} continues in him.
1 John 4:17 In this [union and communion with Him] love is brought to completion {and} attains perfection with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment [with assurance and boldness to face Him], because as He is, so are we in this world.
1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love [dread does not exist], but full-grown (complete, perfect) love turns fear out of doors {and} expels every trace of terror! For fear brings with it the thought of punishment, and [so] he who is afraid has not reached the full maturity of love [is not yet grown into love's complete perfection].
1 John 4:19 We love {Him,} because He first loved us.
1 John 4:20 If anyone says, I love God, and hates (detests, abominates) his brother [in Christ], he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, Whom he has not seen.
1 John 4:21 And this command (charge, order, injunction) we have from Him: that he who loves God shall love his brother [believer] also.
1 John 5:1 EVERYONE WHO believes (adheres to, trusts, and relies on the fact) that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah) is a born-again child of God; and everyone who loves the Father also loves the one born of Him (His offspring).
1 John 5:2 By this we come to know (recognize and understand) that we love the children of God: when we love God and obey His commands (orders, charges)--[when we keep His ordinances and are mindful of His precepts and His teaching].
1 John 5:3 For the [true] love of God is this: that we do His commands [keep His ordinances and are mindful of His precepts and teaching]. And these orders of His are not irksome (burdensome, oppressive, or grievous).
1 John 5:4 For whatever is born of God is victorious over the world; and this is the victory that conquers the world, even our faith.
1 John 5:5 Who is it that is victorious over [that conquers] the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on that fact]?
1 John 5:6 This is He Who came by (with) water and blood [His baptism and His death], Jesus Christ (the Messiah)--not by (in) the water only, but by (in) the water and the blood. And it is the [Holy] Spirit Who bears witness, because the [Holy] Spirit is the Truth.
1 John 5:7 So there are three witnesses {in heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and these three are One;}
1 John 5:8 {and there are three witnesses on the earth:} the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree [are in unison; their testimony coincides].
1 John 5:9 If we accept [as we do] the testimony of men [if we are willing to take human authority], the testimony of God is greater (of stronger authority), for this is the testimony of God, even the witness which He has borne regarding His Son.
1 John 5:10 He who believes in the Son of God [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] has the testimony [possesses this divine attestation] within himself. He who does not believe God [in this way] has made Him out to be {and} represented Him as a liar, because he has not believed (put his faith in, adhered to, and relied on) the evidence (the testimony) that God has borne regarding His Son.
1 John 5:11 And this is that testimony (that evidence): God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.
1 John 5:12 He who possesses the Son has that life; he who does not possess the Son of God does not have that life.
1 John 5:13 I write this to you who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) the name of the Son of God [in the peculiar services and blessings conferred by Him on men], so that you may know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that you [already] have life, yes, eternal life.
1 John 5:14 And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to {and} hears us.
1 John 5:15 And if (since) we [positively] know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted us as our present possessions] the requests made of Him.
1 John 5:16 If anyone sees his brother [believer] committing a sin that does not [lead to] death (the extinguishing of

life), he will pray and [God] will give him life [yes, He will grant life to all those whose sin is not one leading to death]. There is a sin [that leads] to death; I do not say that one should pray for that.
1 John 5:17 All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin which does not [involve] death [that may be repented of and forgiven].
1 John 5:18 We know [absolutely] that anyone born of God does not [deliberately and knowingly] practice committing sin, but the One Who was begotten of God carefully watches over {and} protects him [Christ's divine presence within him preserves him against the evil], and the wicked one does not lay hold (get a grip) on him {or} touch [him].
1 John 5:19 We know [positively] that we are of God, and the whole world [around us] is under the power of the evil one.
1 John 5:20 And we [have seen and] know [positively] that the Son of God has [actually] come to this world and has given us understanding {and} insight [progressively] to perceive (recognize) {and} come to know better {and} more clearly Him Who is true; and we are in Him Who is true--in His Son Jesus Christ (the Messiah). This [Man] is the true God and Life eternal.
1 John 5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols (false gods)--[from anything and everything that would occupy the place in your heart due to God, from any sort of substitute for Him that would take first place in your life]. {Amen (so let it be).}
2 John 1:1 THE ELDERLY elder [of the church addresses this letter] to the elect (chosen) lady (Cyria) and her children, whom I truly love--and not only I but also all who are [progressively] learning to recognize {and} know {and} understand the Truth--
2 John 1:2 Because of the Truth which lives {and} stays on in our hearts and will be with us forever:
2 John 1:3 Grace (spiritual blessing), mercy, and [soul] peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ (the Messiah), the Father's Son, in all sincerity (truth) and love.
2 John 1:4 I was greatly delighted to find some of your children walking (living) in [the] Truth, just as we have been commanded by the Father [Himself].
2 John 1:5 And now I beg you, lady (Cyria), not as if I were issuing a new charge (injunction or command), but [simply recalling to your mind] the one we have had from the beginning, that we love one another.
2 John 1:6 And what this love consists in is this: that we live {and} walk in accordance with {and} guided by His commandments (His orders, ordinances, precepts, teaching). This is the commandment, as you have heard from the beginning, that you continue to walk in love [guided by it and following it].
2 John 1:7 For many imposters (seducers, deceivers, and false leaders) have gone out into the world, men who will not acknowledge (confess, admit) the coming of Jesus Christ (the Messiah) in bodily form. Such a one is the imposter (the seducer, the deceiver, the false leader, the antagonist of Christ) and the antichrist.
2 John 1:8 Look to yourselves (take care) that you may not lose (throw away or destroy) all that we {and} you have labored for, but that you may [persevere until you] win {and} receive back a perfect reward [in full].
2 John 1:9 Anyone who runs on ahead [of God] and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ [who is not content with what He taught] does not have God; but he who continues to live in the doctrine (teaching) of Christ [does have God], he has both the Father and the Son.
2 John 1:10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine [is disloyal to what Jesus Christ taught], do not receive him [do not accept him, do not welcome or admit him] into [your] house or bid him Godspeed {or} give him any encouragement.
2 John 1:11 For he who wishes him success [who encourages him, wishing him Godspeed] is a partaker in his evil doings.
2 John 1:12 I have many things to write to you, but I prefer not to do so with paper and ink; I hope to come to see you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete.
2 John 1:13 The children of your elect (chosen) sister wish to be remembered to you. {Amen (so be it).}
3 John 1:1 THE ELDERLY elder [of the church addresses this letter] to the beloved (esteemed) Gaius, whom I truly love.
3 John 1:2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in every way and [that your body] may keep well, even as [I know] your soul keeps well {and} prospers.
3 John 1:3 In fact, I greatly rejoiced when [some of] the brethren from time to time arrived and spoke [so highly] of the sincerity {and} fidelity of your life, as indeed you do live in the Truth [the whole Gospel presents].
3 John 1:4 I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my [spiritual] children are living their lives in the Truth.
3 John 1:5 Beloved, it is a fine {and} faithful work that you are doing when you give any service to the [Christian] brethren, and [especially when they are] strangers.

3 John 1:6 They have testified before the church of your love {and} friendship. You will do well to forward them on their journey [and you will please do so] in a way worthy of God's [service].
3 John 1:7 For these [traveling missionaries] have gone out for the Name's sake (for His sake) and are accepting nothing from the Gentiles (the heathen, the non-Israelites).
3 John 1:8 So we ourselves ought to support such people [to welcome and provide for them], in order that we may be fellow workers in the Truth (the whole Gospel) {and} cooperate with its teachers.
3 John 1:9 I have written briefly to the church; but Diotrephes, who likes to take the lead among them {and} put himself first, does not acknowledge my authority {and} refuses to accept my suggestions {or} to listen to me.
3 John 1:10 So when I arrive, I will call attention to what he is doing, his boiling over {and} casting malicious reflections upon us with insinuating language. And not satisfied with that, he refuses to receive {and} welcome the [missionary] brethren himself, and also interferes with {and} forbids those who would welcome them, and tries to expel (excommunicate) them from the church.
3 John 1:11 Beloved, do not imitate evil, but imitate good. He who does good is of God; he who does evil has not seen (discerned or experienced) God [has enjoyed no vision of Him and does not know Him at all].
3 John 1:12 Demetrius has warm commendation from everyone--and from the Truth itself; we add our testimony also, and you know that our testimony is true.
3 John 1:13 I had much [to say to you when I began] to write, but I prefer not to put it down with pen (a reed) and ink;
3 John 1:14 I hope to see you soon, and we will talk together face to face.
3 John 1:15 Peace be to you! (Good-bye!) The friends here send you greetings. Remember me to the friends there [to every one of them personally] by name.
Jude 1:1 JUDE, A servant of Jesus Christ (the Messiah), and brother of James, [writes this letter] to those who are called (chosen), dearly loved by God the Father {and separated (set apart)} and kept for Jesus Christ:
Jude 1:2 May mercy, [soul] peace, and love be multiplied to you.
Jude 1:3 Beloved, my whole concern was to write to you in regard to our common salvation. [But] I found it necessary {and} was impelled to write you and urgently appeal to {and} exhort [you] to contend for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints [the faith which is that sum of Christian belief which was delivered verbally to the holy people of God].
Jude 1:4 For certain men have crept in stealthily [gaining entrance secretly by a side door]. Their doom was predicted long ago, ungodly (impious, profane) persons who pervert the grace (the spiritual blessing and favor) of our God into lawlessness {and} wantonness {and} immorality, and disown {and} deny our sole Master and Lord, Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
Jude 1:5 Now I want to remind you, though you were fully informed once for all, that though the Lord [at one time] delivered a people out of the land of Egypt, He subsequently destroyed those [of them] who did not believe [who refused to adhere to, trust in, and rely upon Him].
Jude 1:6 And angels who did not keep (care for, guard, and hold to) their own first place of power but abandoned their proper dwelling place--these He has reserved in custody in eternal chains (bonds) under the thick gloom of utter darkness until the judgment {and} doom of the great day.
Jude 1:7 [The wicked are sentenced to suffer] just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the adjacent towns--which likewise gave themselves over to impurity and indulged in unnatural vice {and} sensual perversity--are laid out [in plain sight] as an exhibit of perpetual punishment [to warn] of everlasting fire.
Jude 1:8 Nevertheless in like manner, these dreamers also corrupt the body, scorn {and} reject authority {and} government, and revile {and} libel {and} scoff at [heavenly] glories (the glorious ones).
Jude 1:9 But when [even] the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, judicially argued (disputed) about the body of Moses, he dared not [presume to] bring an abusive condemnation against him, but [simply] said, The Lord rebuke you!
Jude 1:10 But these men revile (scoff and sneer at) anything they do not happen to be acquainted with {and} do not understand; and whatever they do understand physically [that which they know by mere instinct], like irrational beasts--by these they corrupt themselves {and} are destroyed (perish).
Jude 1:11 Woe to them! For they have run riotously in the way of Cain, and have abandoned themselves for the sake of gain [it offers them, following] the error of Balaam, and have perished in rebellion [like that] of Korah!
Jude 1:12 These are hidden reefs (elements of danger) in your love feasts, where they boldly feast sumptuously [carousing together in your midst], without scruples providing for themselves [alone]. They are clouds without water, swept along by the winds; trees, without fruit at the late autumn gathering time--twice (doubly) dead, [lifeless and] plucked up by the roots;

Jude 1:13 Wild waves of the sea, flinging up the foam of their own shame {and} disgrace; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of eternal darkness has been reserved forever.
Jude 1:14 It was of these people, moreover, that Enoch in the seventh [generation] from Adam prophesied when he said, Behold, the Lord comes with His myriads of holy ones (ten thousands of His saints)
Jude 1:15 To execute judgment upon all and to convict all the impious (unholy ones) of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed [in such an] ungodly [way], and of all the severe (abusive, jarring) things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.
Jude 1:16 These are inveterate murmurers (grumblers) who complain [of their lot in life], going after their own desires [controlled by their passions]; their talk is boastful {and} arrogant, [and they claim to] admire men's persons {and} pay people flattering compliments to gain advantage.
Jude 1:17 But you must remember, beloved, the predictions which were made by the apostles (the special messengers) of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
Jude 1:18 They told you beforehand, In the last days (in the end time) there will be scoffers [who seek to gratify their own unholy desires], following after their own ungodly passions.
Jude 1:19 It is these who are [agitators] setting up distinctions {and} causing divisions--merely sensual [creatures, carnal, worldly-minded people], devoid of the [Holy] Spirit {and} destitute of any higher spiritual life.
Jude 1:20 But you, beloved, build yourselves up [founded] on your most holy faith [make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], praying in the Holy Spirit;
Jude 1:21 Guard {and} keep yourselves in the love of God; expect {and} patiently wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)--[which will bring you] unto life eternal.
Jude 1:22 And {refute [so as to] convict some who dispute with you, and} on some have mercy who waver {and} doubt.
Jude 1:23 [Strive to] save others, snatching [them] out of [the] fire; on others take pity [but] with fear, loathing even the garment spotted by the flesh {and} polluted by their sensuality.
Jude 1:24 Now to Him Who is able to keep you without stumbling {or} slipping {or} falling, and to present [you] unblemished (blameless and faultless) before the presence of His glory in triumphant joy {and} exultation [with unspeakable, ecstatic delight]--
Jude 1:25 To the one only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory (splendor), majesty, might {and} dominion, and power {and} authority, before all time and now and forever (unto all the ages of eternity). Amen (so be it).
Rev 1:1 [THIS IS] the revelation of Jesus Christ [His unveiling of the divine mysteries]. God gave it to Him to disclose {and} make known to His bond servants certain things which must shortly {and} speedily come to pass in their entirety. And He sent and communicated it through His angel (messenger) to His bond servant John,
Rev 1:2 Who has testified to {and} vouched for all that he saw [in his visions], the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.
Rev 1:3 Blessed (happy, to be envied) is the man who reads aloud [in the assemblies] the word of this prophecy; and blessed (happy, to be envied) are those who hear [it read] and who keep themselves true to the things which are written in it [heeding them and laying them to heart], for the time [for them to be fulfilled] is near.
Rev 1:4 John to the seven assemblies (churches) that are in Asia: May grace (God's unmerited favor) be granted to you and spiritual peace (the peace of Christ's kingdom) from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come, and from the seven Spirits [the sevenfold Holy Spirit] before His throne,
Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ the faithful {and} trustworthy Witness, the Firstborn of the dead [first to be brought back to life] and the Prince (Ruler) of the kings of the earth. To Him Who ever loves us and has once [for all] loosed {and} freed us from our sins by His own blood,
Rev 1:6 And formed us into a kingdom (a royal race), priests to His God and Father--to Him be the glory and the power {and} the majesty and the dominion throughout the ages {and} forever and ever. Amen (so be it).
Rev 1:7 Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth shall gaze upon Him {and} beat their breasts {and} mourn {and} lament over Him. Even so [must it be]. Amen (so be it).
Rev 1:8 I am the Alpha and the Omega, {the Beginning and the End,} says the Lord God, He Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty (the Ruler of all).
Rev 1:9 I, John, your brother and companion (sharer and participator) with you in the tribulation and kingdom and patient endurance [which are] in Jesus {Christ,} was on the isle called Patmos, [banished] on account of [my witnessing to] the Word of God and the testimony (the proof, the evidence) for Jesus {Christ.}

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit [rapt in His power] on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a great voice like the calling of a war trumpet,
Rev 1:11 Saying, {I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last.} Write promptly what you see (your vision) in a book and send it to the seven churches {which are in Asia}--to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.
Rev 1:12 Then I turned to see [whose was] the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,
Rev 1:13 And in the midst of the lampstands [One] like a Son of Man, clothed with a robe which reached to His feet and with a girdle of gold about His breast.
Rev 1:14 His head and His hair were white like white wool, [as white] as snow, and His eyes [flashed] like a flame of fire.
Rev 1:15 His feet glowed like burnished (bright) bronze as it is refined in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters.
Rev 1:16 In His right hand He held seven stars, and from His mouth there came forth a sharp two-edged sword, and His face was like the sun shining in full power at midday.
Rev 1:17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as if dead. But He laid His right hand on me and said, Do not be afraid! I am the First and the Last,
Rev 1:18 And the Ever-living One [I am living in the eternity of the eternities]. I died, but see, I am alive forevermore; and I possess the keys of death and Hades (the realm of the dead).
Rev 1:19 Write therefore the things you see, what they are [and signify] and what is to take place hereafter.
Rev 1:20 As to the hidden meaning (the mystery) of the seven stars which you saw on My right hand and the seven lampstands of gold: the seven stars are the seven angels (messengers) of the seven assemblies (churches) and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.
Rev 2:1 TO THE angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Ephesus write: These are the words of Him Who holds the seven stars [which are the messengers of the seven churches] in His right hand, Who goes about among the seven golden lampstands [which are the seven churches]:
Rev 2:2 I know your industry {and} activities, laborious toil {and} trouble, and your patient endurance, and how you cannot tolerate wicked [men] and have tested {and} critically appraised those who call [themselves] apostles (special messengers of Christ) and yet are not, and have found them to be impostors {and} liars.
Rev 2:3 I know you are enduring patiently and are bearing up for My name's sake, and you have not fainted {or} become exhausted {or} grown weary.
Rev 2:4 But I have this [one charge to make] against you: that you have left (abandoned) the love that you had at first [you have deserted Me, your first love].
Rev 2:5 Remember then from what heights you have fallen. Repent (change the inner man to meet God's will) and do the works you did previously [when first you knew the Lord], or else I will visit you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you change your mind {and} repent.
Rev 2:6 Yet you have this [in your favor and to your credit]: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans [what they are doing as corrupters of the people], which I Myself also detest.
Rev 2:7 He who is able to hear, let him listen to {and} give heed to what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). To him who overcomes (is victorious), I will grant to eat [of the fruit] of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.
Rev 2:8 And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Smyrna write: These are the words of the First and the Last, Who died and came to life again:
Rev 2:9 I know your affliction {and} distress {and} pressing trouble and your poverty--but you are rich! and how you are abused {and} reviled {and} slandered by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.
Rev 2:10 Fear nothing that you are about to suffer. [Dismiss your dread and your fears!] Behold, the devil is indeed about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested {and} proved {and} critically appraised, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be loyally faithful unto death [even if you must die for it], and I will give you the crown of life.
Rev 2:11 He who is able to hear, let him listen to {and} heed what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). He who overcomes (is victorious) shall in no way be injured by the second death.
Rev 2:12 Then to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Pergamum write: These are the words of Him Who has {and} wields the sharp two-edged sword:
Rev 2:13 I know where you live--a place where Satan sits enthroned. [Yet] you are clinging to {and} holding fast My

name, and you did not deny My faith, even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed (martyred) in your midst--where Satan dwells.
Rev 2:14 Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: you have some people there who are clinging to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to set a trap {and} a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, [to entice them] to eat food that had been sacrificed to idols and to practice lewdness [giving themselves up to sexual vice].
Rev 2:15 You also have some who in a similar way are clinging to the teaching of the Nicolaitans [those corrupters of the people] {which thing I hate}.
Rev 2:16 Repent [then]! Or else I will come to you quickly and fight against them with the sword of My mouth.
Rev 2:17 He who is able to hear, let him listen to {and} heed what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). To him who overcomes (conquers), I will give to eat of the manna that is hidden, and I will give him a white stone with a new name engraved on the stone, which no one knows {or} understands except he who receives it.
Rev 2:18 And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, Who has eyes that flash like a flame of fire, and Whose feet glow like bright {and} burnished {and} white-hot bronze:
Rev 2:19 I know your record {and} what you are doing, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your recent works are more numerous {and} greater than your first ones.
Rev 2:20 But I have this against you: that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess [claiming to be inspired], and who is teaching and leading astray my servants {and} beguiling them into practicing sexual vice and eating food sacrificed to idols. [I Kings 16:31; II Kings 9:22, 30.]
Rev 2:21 I gave her time to repent, but she has no desire to repent of her immorality [symbolic of idolatry] {and} refuses to do so.
Rev 2:22 Take note: I will throw her on a bed [of anguish], and those who commit adultery with her [her paramours] I will bring down to pressing distress {and} severe affliction, unless they turn away their minds from conduct [such as] hers {and} repent of {their} doings.
Rev 2:23 And I will strike her children (her proper followers) dead [thoroughly exterminating them]. And all the assemblies (churches) shall recognize {and} understand that I am He Who searches minds (the thoughts, feelings, and purposes) and the [inmost] hearts, and I will give to each of you [the reward for what you have done] as your work deserves.
Rev 2:24 But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not explored {and} known the depths of Satan, as they say--I tell you that I do not lay upon you any other [fresh] burden:
Rev 2:25 Only hold fast to what you have until I come.
Rev 2:26 And he who overcomes (is victorious) and who obeys My commands to the [very] end [doing the works that please Me], I will give him authority {and} power over the nations;
Rev 2:27 And he shall rule them with a sceptre (rod) of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, and [his power over them shall be] like that which I Myself have received from My Father;
Rev 2:28 And I will give him the Morning Star.
Rev 2:29 He who is able to hear, let him listen to {and} heed what the [Holy] Spirit says to the assemblies (churches).
Rev 3:1 AND TO the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Sardis write: These are the words of Him Who has the seven Spirits of God [the sevenfold Holy Spirit] and the seven stars: I know your record {and} what you are doing; you are supposed to be alive, but [in reality] you are dead.
Rev 3:2 Rouse yourselves {and} keep awake, and strengthen {and} invigorate what remains and is on the point of dying; for I have not found a thing that you have done [any work of yours] meeting the requirements of My God {or} perfect in His sight.
Rev 3:3 So call to mind the lessons you received and heard; continually lay them to heart {and} obey them, and repent. In case you will not rouse yourselves {and} keep awake {and watch}, I will come upon you like a thief, and you will not know {or} suspect at what hour I will come.
Rev 3:4 Yet you still have a few [persons'] names in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes, and they shall walk with Me in white, because they are worthy {and} deserving.
Rev 3:5 Thus shall he who conquers (is victorious) be clad in white garments, and I will not erase {or} blot out his name from the Book of Life; I will acknowledge him [as Mine] {and} I will confess his name openly before My Father and before His angels.
Rev 3:6 He who is able to hear, let him listen to {and} heed what the [Holy] Spirit says to the assemblies (churches).
Rev 3:7 And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Philadelphia write: These are the words of the Holy One, the True One, He Who has the key of David, Who opens and no one shall shut, Who shuts and no one shall

open:
Rev 3:8 I know your [record of] works {and} what you are doing. See! I have set before you a door wide open which no one is able to shut; I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept My Word {and} guarded My message and have not renounced {or} denied My name.
Rev 3:9 Take note! I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say they are Jews and are not, but lie--behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet and learn {and} acknowledge that I have loved you.
Rev 3:10 Because you have guarded {and} kept My word of patient endurance [have held fast the lesson of My patience with the expectant endurance that I give you], I also will keep you [safe] from the hour of trial (testing) which is coming on the whole world to try those who dwell upon the earth.
Rev 3:11 I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one may rob you {and} deprive you of your crown.
Rev 3:12 He who overcomes (is victorious), I will make him a pillar in the sanctuary of My God; he shall never be put out of it {or} go out of it, and I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which descends from My God out of heaven, and My own new name.
Rev 3:13 He who can hear, let him listen to {and} heed what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches).
Rev 3:14 And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the trusty {and} faithful and true Witness, the Origin {and} Beginning {and} Author of God's creation:
Rev 3:15 I know your [record of] works {and} what you are doing; you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were cold or hot!
Rev 3:16 So, because you are lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of My mouth!
Rev 3:17 For you say, I am rich; I have prospered {and} grown wealthy, and I am in need of nothing; and you do not realize {and} understand that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.
Rev 3:18 Therefore I counsel you to purchase from Me gold refined {and} tested by fire, that you may be [truly] wealthy, and white clothes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nudity from being seen, and salve to put on your eyes, that you may see.
Rev 3:19 Those whom I [dearly and tenderly] love, I tell their faults and convict {and} convince {and} reprove and chasten [I discipline and instruct them]. So be enthusiastic {and} in earnest {and} burning with zeal and repent [changing your mind and attitude].
Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears {and} listens to {and} heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him, and he [will eat] with Me.
Rev 3:21 He who overcomes (is victorious), I will grant him to sit beside Me on My throne, as I Myself overcame (was victorious) and sat down beside My Father on His throne.
Rev 3:22 He who is able to hear, let him listen to {and} heed what the [Holy] Spirit says to the assemblies (churches).
Rev 4:1 AFTER THIS I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice which I had heard addressing me like [the calling of] a war trumpet said, Come up here, and I will show you what must take place in the future.
Rev 4:2 At once I came under the [Holy] Spirit's power, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with One seated on the throne!
Rev 4:3 And He Who sat there appeared like [the crystalline brightness of] jasper and [the fiery] sardius, and encircling the throne there was a halo that looked like [a rainbow of] emerald.
Rev 4:4 Twenty-four other thrones surrounded the throne, and seated on these thrones were twenty-four elders (the members of the heavenly Sanhedrin), arrayed in white clothing, with crowns of gold upon their heads.
Rev 4:5 Out from the throne came flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne seven blazing torches burned, which are the seven Spirits of God [the sevenfold Holy Spirit];
Rev 4:6 And in front of the throne there was also what looked like a transparent glassy sea, as if of crystal. And around the throne, in the center at each side of the throne, were four living creatures (beings) who were full of eyes in front and behind [with intelligence as to what is before and at the rear of them].
Rev 4:7 The first living creature (being) was like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature had the face of a man, and the fourth living creature [was] like a flying eagle.
Rev 4:8 And the four living creatures, individually having six wings, were full of eyes all over and within [underneath their wings]; and day and night they never stop saying, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty (Omnipotent), Who was and Who is and Who is to come.
Rev 4:9 And whenever the living creatures offer glory and honor and thanksgiving to Him Who sits on the throne, Who lives forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities),
Rev 4:10 The twenty-four elders (the members of the heavenly Sanhedrin) fall prostrate before Him Who is sitting on

the throne, and they worship Him Who lives forever and ever; and they throw down their crowns before the throne, crying out,
Rev 4:11 Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and dominion, for You created all things; by Your will they were [brought into being] and were created.
Rev 5:1 AND I saw lying on the open hand of Him Who was seated on the throne a scroll (book) written within and on the back, closed {and} sealed with seven seals;
Rev 5:2 And I saw a strong angel announcing in a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the scroll? And [who is entitled and deserves and is morally fit] to break its seals?
Rev 5:3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth [in the realm of the dead, Hades] was able to open the scroll or to take a [single] look at its contents.
Rev 5:4 And I wept audibly {and} bitterly because no one was found fit to open the scroll or to inspect it.
Rev 5:5 Then one of the elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] said to me, Stop weeping! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root (Source) of David, has won (has overcome and conquered)! He can open the scroll and break its seven seals!
Rev 5:6 And there between the throne and the four living creatures (beings) and among the elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God [the sevenfold Holy Spirit] Who have been sent [on duty far and wide] into all the earth.
Rev 5:7 He then went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him Who sat on the throne.
Rev 5:8 And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] prostrated themselves before the Lamb. Each was holding a harp (lute or guitar), and they had golden bowls full of incense (fragrant spices and gums for burning), which are the prayers of God's people (the saints).
Rev 5:9 And [now] they sing a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the scroll and to break the seals that are on it, for You were slain (sacrificed), and with Your blood You purchased men unto God from every tribe and language and people and nation.
Rev 5:10 And You have made them a kingdom (royal race) and priests to our God, and they shall reign [as kings] over the earth!
Rev 5:11 Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels on every side of the throne and of the living creatures and the elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin], and they numbered ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands,
Rev 5:12 Saying in a loud voice, Deserving is the Lamb, Who was sacrificed, to receive all the power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and majesty (glory, splendor) and blessing!
Rev 5:13 And I heard every created thing in heaven and on earth and under the earth [in Hades, the place of departed spirits] and on the sea and all that is in it, crying out together, To Him Who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb be ascribed the blessing and the honor and the majesty (glory, splendor) and the power (might and dominion) forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities)!
Rev 5:14 Then the four living creatures (beings) said, Amen (so be it)! And the elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] prostrated themselves and worshiped {Him Who lives forever and ever.}
Rev 6:1 THEN I saw as the Lamb broke open one of the seven seals, and as if in a voice of thunder I heard one of the four living creatures call out, Come!
Rev 6:2 And I looked, and saw there a white horse whose rider carried a bow. And a crown was given him, and he rode forth conquering and to conquer.
Rev 6:3 And when He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature call out, Come!
Rev 6:4 And another horse came out, flaming red. And its rider was empowered to take the peace from the earth, so that men slaughtered one another; and he was given a huge sword.
Rev 6:5 When He broke open the third seal, I heard the third living creature call out, Come {and look} ! And I saw, and behold, a black horse, and in his hand the rider had a pair of scales (a balance).
Rev 6:6 And I heard what seemed to be a voice from the midst of the four living creatures, saying, A quart of wheat for a denarius [a whole day's wages], and three quarts of barley for a denarius; but do not harm the oil and the wine! [II Kings 6:25.]
Rev 6:7 When the Lamb broke open the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living creature call out, Come!
Rev 6:8 So I looked, and behold, an ashy pale horse [black and blue as if made so by bruising], and its rider's name was Death, and Hades (the realm of the dead) followed him closely. And they were given authority {and} power over a fourth part of the earth to kill with the sword and with famine and with plague (pestilence, disease) and with wild beasts of the earth.

Rev 6:9 When the Lamb broke open the fifth seal, I saw at the foot of the altar the souls of those whose lives had been sacrificed for [adhering to] the Word of God and for the testimony they had borne.
Rev 6:10 They cried in a loud voice, O [Sovereign] Lord, holy and true, how long now before You will sit in judgment and avenge our blood upon those who dwell on the earth?
Rev 6:11 Then they were each given a long {and} flowing {and} festive white robe and told to rest {and} wait patiently a little while longer, until the number should be complete of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed as they themselves had been.
Rev 6:12 When He [the Lamb] broke open the sixth seal, I looked, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun grew black as sackcloth of hair, [the full disc of] the moon became like blood.
Rev 6:13 And the stars of the sky dropped to the earth like a fig tree shedding its unripe fruit out of season when shaken by a strong wind.
Rev 6:14 And the sky rolled up like a scroll {and} vanished, and every mountain and island was dislodged from its place.
Rev 6:15 Then the kings of the earth and their noblemen and their magnates and their military chiefs and the wealthy and the strong and [everyone, whether] slave or free hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains,
Rev 6:16 And they called to the mountains and the rocks, Fall on (before) us and hide us from the face of Him Who sits on the throne and from the deep-seated indignation {and} wrath of the Lamb.
Rev 6:17 For the great day of His wrath (vengeance, retribution, indignation) has come, and who is able to stand before it?
Rev 7:1 AFTER THIS I saw four angels stationed at the four corners of the earth, firmly holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind should blow on the earth or sea or upon any tree.
Rev 7:2 Then I saw a second angel coming up from the east (the rising of the sun) and carrying the seal of the living God. And with a loud voice he called out to the four angels who had been given authority {and} power to injure earth and sea,
Rev 7:3 Saying, Harm neither the earth nor the sea nor the trees, until we have sealed the bond servants of our God upon their foreheads.
Rev 7:4 And [then] I heard how many were sealed (marked) out of every tribe of the sons of Israel: there were 144,000.
Rev 7:5 Twelve thousand were sealed (marked) out of the tribe of Judah, 12,000 of the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 of the tribe of Gad,
Rev 7:6 Twelve thousand of the tribe of Asher, 12,000 of the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 of the tribe of Manasseh,
Rev 7:7 Twelve thousand of the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 of the tribe of Levi, 12,000 of the tribe of Issachar,
Rev 7:8 Twelve thousand of the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 of the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 of the tribe of Benjamin.
Rev 7:9 After this I looked and a vast host appeared which no one could count, [gathered out] of every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. These stood before the throne and before the Lamb; they were attired in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.
Rev 7:10 In loud voice they cried, saying, [Our] salvation is due to our God, Who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb [to Them we owe our deliverance]!
Rev 7:11 And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] and the four living creatures, and they fell prostrate before the throne and worshiped God.
Rev 7:12 Amen! (So be it!) they cried. Blessing and glory {and} majesty {and} splendor and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might [be ascribed] to our God to the ages and ages (forever and ever, throughout the eternities of the eternities)! Amen! (So be it!)
Rev 7:13 Then, addressing me, one of the elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] said, Who are these [people] clothed in the long white robes? And from where have they come?
Rev 7:14 I replied, Sir, you know. And he said to me, These are they who have come out of the great tribulation (persecution), and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
Rev 7:15 For this reason they are [now] before the [very] throne of God and serve Him day and night in His sanctuary (temple); and He Who is sitting upon the throne will protect {and} spread His tabernacle over {and} shelter them with His presence.
Rev 7:16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun smite them, nor any scorching heat.
Rev 7:17 For the Lamb Who is in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd, and He will guide them to the springs of the waters of life; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Rev 8:1 WHEN HE [the Lamb] broke open the seventh seal, there was silence for about half an hour in heaven.
Rev 8:2 Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.
Rev 8:3 And another angel came and stood over the altar. He had a golden censer, and he was given very much incense (fragrant spices and gums which exhale perfume when burned), that he might mingle it with the prayers of all the people of God (the saints) upon the golden altar before the throne.
Rev 8:4 And the smoke of the incense (the perfume) arose in the presence of God, with the prayers of the people of God (the saints), from the hand of the angel.
Rev 8:5 So the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and cast it upon the earth. Then there followed peals of thunder {and} loud rumblings and blasts {and} noises, and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.
Rev 8:6 Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them.
Rev 8:7 The first angel blew [his] trumpet, and there was a storm of hail and fire mingled with blood cast upon the earth. And a third part of the earth was burned up and a third of the trees was burned up and all the green grass was burned up.
Rev 8:8 The second angel blew [his] trumpet, and something resembling a great mountain, blazing with fire, was hurled into the sea.
Rev 8:9 And a third of the sea was turned to blood, a third of the living creatures in the sea perished, and a third of the ships were destroyed.
Rev 8:10 The third angel blew [his] trumpet, and a huge star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it dropped on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water--
Rev 8:11 And the name of the star is Wormwood. A third part of the waters was changed into wormwood, and many people died from using the water, because it had become bitter.
Rev 8:12 Then the fourth angel blew [his] trumpet, and a third of the sun was smitten, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that [the light of] a third of them was darkened, and a third of the daylight [itself] was withdrawn, and likewise a third [of the light] of the night was kept from shining.
Rev 8:13 Then I [looked and I] saw a solitary eagle flying in midheaven, and as it flew I heard it crying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the rest of the trumpet blasts which the three angels are about to sound!
Rev 9:1 THEN THE fifth angel blew [his] trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth; and to the angel was given the key of the shaft of the Abyss (the bottomless pit).
Rev 9:2 He opened the long shaft of the Abyss (the bottomless pit), and smoke like the smoke of a huge furnace puffed out of the long shaft, so that the sun and the atmosphere were darkened by the smoke from the long shaft.
Rev 9:3 Then out of the smoke locusts came forth on the earth, and such power was granted them as the power the earth's scorpions have.
Rev 9:4 They were told not to injure the herbage of the earth nor any green thing nor any tree, but only [to attack] such human beings as do not have the seal (mark) of God on their foreheads.
Rev 9:5 They were not permitted to kill them, but to torment (distress, vex) them for five months; and the pain caused them was like the torture of a scorpion when it stings a person.
Rev 9:6 And in those days people will seek death and will not find it; and they will yearn to die, but death evades {and} flees from them.
Rev 9:7 The locusts resembled horses equipped for battle. On their heads was something like golden crowns. Their faces resembled the faces of people.
Rev 9:8 They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like lions' teeth.
Rev 9:9 Their breastplates (scales) resembled breastplates made of iron, and the [whirring] noise made by their wings was like the roar of a vast number of horse-drawn chariots going at full speed into battle.
Rev 9:10 They have tails like scorpions, and they have stings, and in their tails lies their ability to hurt men for [the] five months.
Rev 9:11 Over them as king they have the angel of the Abyss (of the bottomless pit). In Hebrew his name is Abaddon [destruction], but in Greek he is called Apollyon [destroyer].
Rev 9:12 The first woe (calamity) has passed; behold, two others are yet to follow.
Rev 9:13 Then the sixth angel blew [his] trumpet, and from the four horns of the golden altar which stands before God I heard a solitary voice,
Rev 9:14 Saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, Liberate the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.
Rev 9:15 So the four angels who had been in readiness for that hour in the appointed day, month, and year were

liberated to destroy a third of mankind.
Rev 9:16 The number of their troops of cavalry was twice ten thousand times ten thousand (200,000,000); I heard what their number was.
Rev 9:17 And in [my] vision the horses and their riders appeared to me like this: the riders wore breastplates the color of fiery red and sapphire blue and sulphur (brimstone) yellow. The heads of the horses looked like lions' heads, and from their mouths there poured fire and smoke and sulphur (brimstone).
Rev 9:18 A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues--by the fire and the smoke and the sulphur (brimstone) that poured from the mouths of the horses.
Rev 9:19 For the power of the horses to do harm is in their mouths and also in their tails. Their tails are like serpents, for they have heads, and it is by means of them that they wound people.
Rev 9:20 And the rest of humanity who were not killed by these plagues even then did not repent of [the worship of] the works of their [own] hands, so as to cease paying homage to the demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor move.
Rev 9:21 And they did not repent of their murders or their practice of magic (sorceries) or their sexual vice or their thefts.
Rev 10:1 THEN I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, robed in a cloud, with a [halo like a] rainbow over his head; his face was like the sun, and his feet (legs) were like columns of fire.
Rev 10:2 He had a little book (scroll) open in his hand. He set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land,
Rev 10:3 And he shouted with a loud voice like the roaring of a lion; and when he had shouted, the seven thunders gave voice {and} uttered their message in distinct words.
Rev 10:4 And when the seven thunders had spoken (sounded), I was going to write [it down], but I heard a voice from heaven saying, Seal up what the seven thunders have said! Do not write it down!
Rev 10:5 Then the [mighty] angel whom I had seen stationed on sea and land raised his right hand to heaven (the sky),
Rev 10:6 And swore in the name of (by) Him Who lives forever and ever, Who created the heavens (sky) and all they contain, and the earth and all that it contains, and the sea and all that it contains. [He swore] that no more time should intervene {and} there should be no more waiting {or} delay,
Rev 10:7 But that when the days come when the trumpet call of the seventh angel is about to be sounded, then God's mystery (His secret design, His hidden purpose), as He had announced the glad tidings to His servants the prophets, should be fulfilled (accomplished, completed).
Rev 10:8 Then the voice that I heard from heaven spoke again to me, saying, Go and take the little book (scroll) which is open on the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.
Rev 10:9 So I went up to the angel and asked him to give me the little book. And he said to me, Take it and eat it. It will embitter your stomach, though in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.
Rev 10:10 So I took the little book from the angel's hand and ate {and} swallowed it; it was as sweet as honey in my mouth, but once I had swallowed it, my stomach was embittered.
Rev 10:11 Then they said to me, You are to make a fresh prophecy concerning many peoples {and} races and nations and languages and kings.
Rev 11:1 A REED [as a measuring rod] was then given to me, [shaped] like a staff, and I was told: Rise up and measure the sanctuary of God and the altar [of incense], and [number] those who worship there.
Rev 11:2 But leave out of your measuring the court outside the sanctuary of God; omit that, for it is given over to the Gentiles (the nations), and they will trample the holy city underfoot for 42 months (three and one-half years).
Rev 11:3 And I will grant the power of prophecy to My two witnesses for 1,260 (42 months; three and one-half years), dressed in sackcloth.
Rev 11:4 These [witnesses] are the two olive trees and the two lampstands which stand before the Lord of the earth.
Rev 11:5 And if anyone attempts to injure them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their enemies; if anyone should attempt to harm them, thus he is doomed to be slain. [II Kings 1:10; Jer. 5:14.]
Rev 11:6 These [two witnesses] have power to shut up the sky, so that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying (their prediction of events relating to Christ's kingdom and its speedy triumph); and they also have power to turn the waters into blood and to smite {and} scourge the earth with all manner of plagues as often as they choose.
Rev 11:7 But when they have finished their testimony {and} their evidence is all in, the beast (monster) that comes up out of the Abyss (bottomless pit) will wage war on them, and conquer them and kill them.
Rev 11:8 And their dead bodies [will lie exposed] in the open street (a public square) of the great city which is in a spiritual sense called [by the mystical and allegorical names of] Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.

Rev 11:9 For three and a half days men from the races and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and will not allow them to be put in a tomb.
Rev 11:10 And those who dwell on the earth will gloat {and} exult over them {and} rejoice exceedingly, taking their ease and sending presents [in congratulation] to one another, because these two prophets had been such a vexation {and} trouble {and} torment to all the dwellers on the earth.
Rev 11:11 But after three and a half days, by God's gift the breath of life again entered into them, and they rose up on their feet, and great dread and terror fell on those who watched them.
Rev 11:12 Then [the two witnesses] heard a strong voice from heaven calling to them, Come up here! And before the very eyes of their enemies they ascended into heaven in a cloud. [II Kings 2:11.]
Rev 11:13 And at that [very] hour there was a tremendous earthquake and one tenth of the city was destroyed (fell); seven thousand people perished in the earthquake, and those who remained were filled with dread {and} terror {and} were awe-struck, and they glorified the God of heaven.
Rev 11:14 The second woe (calamity) has passed; now the third woe is speedily to come.
Rev 11:15 The seventh angel then blew [his] trumpet, and there were mighty voices in heaven, shouting, The dominion (kingdom, sovereignty, rule) of the world has now come into the possession and become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ (the Messiah), and He shall reign forever and ever (for the eternities of the eternities)!
Rev 11:16 Then the twenty-four elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin], who sit on their thrones before God, prostrated themselves before Him and worshiped,
Rev 11:17 Exclaiming, To You we give thanks, Lord God Omnipotent, [the One] Who is and [ever] was, for assuming the high sovereignty {and} the great power that are Yours and for beginning to reign.
Rev 11:18 And the heathen (the nations) raged, but Your wrath (retribution, indignation) came, the time when the dead will be judged and Your servants the prophets and saints rewarded--and those who revere (fear) Your name, both low and high {and} small and great--and [the time] for destroying the corrupters of the earth.
Rev 11:19 Then the sanctuary of God in heaven was thrown open, and the ark of His covenant was seen standing inside in His sanctuary; and there were flashes of lightning, loud rumblings (blasts, mutterings), peals of thunder, an earthquake, and a terrific hailstorm. [I Kings 8:1-6.]
Rev 12:1 AND A great sign (wonder)--[warning of future events of ominous significance] appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and with a crownlike garland (tiara) of twelve stars on her head.
Rev 12:2 She was pregnant and she cried out in her birth pangs, in the anguish of her delivery.
Rev 12:3 Then another ominous sign (wonder) was seen in heaven: Behold, a huge, fiery-red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven kingly crowns (diadems) upon his heads.
Rev 12:4 His tail swept [across the sky] {and} dragged down a third of the stars and flung them to the earth. And the dragon stationed himself in front of the woman who was about to be delivered, so that he might devour her child as soon as she brought it forth.
Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a male Child, One Who is destined to shepherd (rule) all the nations with an iron staff (scepter), and her Child was caught up to God and to His throne.
Rev 12:6 And the woman [herself] fled into the desert (wilderness), where she has a retreat prepared [for her] by God, in which she is to be fed {and} kept safe for 1,260 days (42 months; three and one-half years).
Rev 12:7 Then war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels went forth to battle with the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought.
Rev 12:8 But they were defeated, and there was no room found for them in heaven any longer.
Rev 12:9 And the huge dragon was cast down {and} out--that age-old serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, he who is the seducer (deceiver) of all humanity the world over; he was forced out {and} down to the earth, and his angels were flung out along with him.
Rev 12:10 Then I heard a strong (loud) voice in heaven, saying, Now it has come--the salvation and the power and the kingdom (the dominion, the reign) of our God, and the power (the sovereignty, the authority) of His Christ (the Messiah); for the accuser of our brethren, he who keeps bringing before our God charges against them day and night, has been cast out!
Rev 12:11 And they have overcome (conquered) him by means of the blood of the Lamb and by the utterance of their testimony, for they did not love {and} cling to life even when faced with death [holding their lives cheap till they had to die for their witnessing].
Rev 12:12 Therefore be glad (exult), O heavens and you that dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in fierce anger (fury), because he knows that he has [only] a short time [left]!

Rev 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast down to the earth, he went in pursuit of the woman who had given birth to the male Child.
Rev 12:14 But the woman was supplied with the two wings of a giant eagle, so that she might fly from the presence of the serpent into the desert (wilderness), to the retreat where she is to be kept safe {and} fed for a time, and times, and half a time (three and one-half years, or 1,260 days).
Rev 12:15 Then out of his mouth the serpent spouted forth water like a flood after the woman, that she might be carried off with the torrent.
Rev 12:16 But the earth came to the rescue of the woman, and the ground opened its mouth and swallowed up the stream of water which the dragon had spouted from his mouth.
Rev 12:17 So then the dragon was furious (enraged) at the woman, and he went away to wage war on the remainder of her descendants--[on those] who obey God's commandments and who have the testimony of Jesus {Christ} [and adhere to it and bear witness to Him].
Rev 13:1 [AS] I stood on the sandy beach, I saw a beast coming up out of the sea with ten horns and seven heads. On his horns he had ten royal crowns (diadems) and blasphemous titles (names) on his heads.
Rev 13:2 And the beast that I saw resembled a leopard, but his feet were like those of a bear and his mouth was like that of a lion. And to him the dragon gave his [own] might {and} power and his [own] throne and great dominion.
Rev 13:3 And one of his heads seemed to have a deadly wound. But his death stroke was healed; and the whole earth went after the beast in amazement {and} admiration.
Rev 13:4 They fell down {and} paid homage to the dragon, because he had bestowed on the beast all his dominion {and} authority; they also praised {and} worshiped the beast, exclaiming, Who is a match for the beast, and, Who can make war against him?
Rev 13:5 And the beast was given the power of speech, uttering boastful and blasphemous words, and he was given freedom to exert his authority {and} to exercise his will during forty-two months (three and a half years).
Rev 13:6 And he opened his mouth to speak slanders against God, blaspheming His name and His abode, [even vilifying] those who live in heaven.
Rev 13:7 He was further permitted to wage war on God's holy people (the saints) and to overcome them. And power was given him to extend his authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation,
Rev 13:8 And all the inhabitants of the earth will fall down in adoration {and} pay him homage, everyone whose name has not been recorded in the Book of Life of the Lamb that was slain [in sacrifice] from the foundation of the world.
Rev 13:9 If anyone is able to hear, let him listen:
Rev 13:10 Whoever leads into captivity will himself go into captivity; if anyone slays with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Herein is [the call for] the patience and the faith {and} fidelity of the saints (God's people).
Rev 13:11 Then I saw another beast rising up out of the land [itself]; he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke (roared) like a dragon.
Rev 13:12 He exerts all the power {and} right of control of the former beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell upon it to exalt {and} deify the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed, {and} to worship him.
Rev 13:13 He performs great signs (startling miracles), even making fire fall from the sky to the earth in men's sight.
Rev 13:14 And because of the signs (miracles) which he is allowed to perform in the presence of the [first] beast, he deceives those who inhabit the earth, commanding them to erect a statue (an image) in the likeness of the beast who was wounded by the [small] sword and still lived.
Rev 13:15 And he is permitted [also] to impart the breath of life into the beast's image, so that the statue of the beast could actually talk and cause to be put to death those who would not bow down {and} worship the image of the beast.
Rev 13:16 Also he compels all [alike], both small and great, both the rich and the poor, both free and slave, to be marked with an inscription [stamped] on their right hands or on their foreheads,
Rev 13:17 So that no one will have power to buy or sell unless he bears the stamp (mark, inscription), [that is] the name of the beast or the number of his name.
Rev 13:18 Here is [room for] discernment [a call for the wisdom of interpretation]. Let anyone who has intelligence (penetration and insight enough) calculate the number of the beast, for it is a human number [the number of a certain man]; his number is 666.
Rev 14:1 THEN I looked, and behold, the Lamb stood on Mount Zion, and with Him 144,000 [men] who had His name and His Father's name inscribed on their foreheads.
Rev 14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of great waters and like the rumbling of mighty thunder; the voice I heard [seemed like the music] of harpists accompanying themselves on their harps.
Rev 14:3 And they sang a new song before the throne [of God] and before the four living creatures and before the

elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin]. No one could learn [to sing] that song except the 144,000 who had been ransomed (purchased, redeemed) from the earth.
Rev 14:4 These are they who have not defiled themselves by relations with women, for they are [pure as] virgins. These are they who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These are they who have been ransomed (purchased, redeemed) from among men as the firstfruits for God and the Lamb.
Rev 14:5 No lie was found to be upon their lips, for they are blameless (spotless, untainted, without blemish) {before the throne of God.}
Rev 14:6 Then I saw another angel flying in midair, with an eternal Gospel (good news) to tell to the inhabitants of the earth, to every race and tribe and language and people.
Rev 14:7 And he cried with a mighty voice, Revere God and give Him glory (honor and praise in worship), for the hour of His judgment has arrived. Fall down before Him; pay Him homage {and} adoration {and} worship Him Who created heaven and earth, the sea and the springs (fountains) of water.
Rev 14:8 Then another angel, a second, followed, declaring, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She who made all nations drink of the [maddening] wine of her passionate unchastity [idolatry].
Rev 14:9 Then another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a mighty voice, Whoever pays homage to the beast and his statue and permits the [beast's] stamp (mark, inscription) to be put on his forehead or on his hand,
Rev 14:10 He too shall [have to] drink of the wine of God's indignation {and} wrath, poured undiluted into the cup of His anger; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.
Rev 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no respite (no pause, no intermission, no rest, no peace) day or night--these who pay homage to the beast and to his image and whoever receives the stamp of his name upon him.
Rev 14:12 Here [comes in a call for] the steadfastness of the saints [the patience, the endurance of the people of God], those who [habitually] keep God's commandments and [their] faith in Jesus.
Rev 14:13 Then I heard further [perceiving the distinct words of] a voice from heaven, saying, Write this: Blessed (happy, to be envied) are the dead from now on who die in the Lord! Yes, blessed (happy, to be envied indeed), says the Spirit, [in] that they may rest from their labors, for their works (deeds) do follow (attend, accompany) them!
Rev 14:14 Again I looked, and behold, [I saw] a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud One resembling a Son of Man, with a crown of gold on His head and a sharp scythe (sickle) in His hand.
Rev 14:15 And another angel came out of the temple sanctuary, calling with a mighty voice to Him Who was sitting upon the cloud, Put in Your scythe and reap, for the hour has arrived to gather the harvest, for the earth's crop is fully ripened.
Rev 14:16 So He Who was sitting upon the cloud swung His scythe (sickle) on the earth, and the earth's crop was harvested.
Rev 14:17 Then another angel came out of the temple [sanctuary] in heaven, and he also carried a sharp scythe (sickle).
Rev 14:18 And another angel came forth from the altar, [the angel] who has authority {and} power over fire, and he called with a loud cry to him who had the sharp scythe (sickle), Put forth your scythe and reap the fruitage of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are entirely ripe.
Rev 14:19 So the angel swung his scythe on the earth and stripped the grapes {and} gathered the vintage from the vines of the earth and cast it into the huge winepress of God's indignation {and} wrath.
Rev 14:20 And [the grapes in] the winepress were trodden outside the city, and blood poured from the winepress, [reaching] as high as horses' bridles, for a distance of 1,600 stadia (about 200 miles).
Rev 15:1 THEN I saw another wonder (sign, token, symbol) in heaven, great and marvelous [warning of events of ominous significance]: There were seven angels bringing seven plagues (afflictions, calamities), which are the last, for with them God's wrath (indignation) is completely expressed [reaches its climax and is ended].
Rev 15:2 Then I saw what seemed to be a glassy sea blended with fire, and those who had come off victorious from the beast and from his statue and from the number corresponding to his name were standing beside the glassy sea, with harps of God in their hands.
Rev 15:3 And they sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb, saying, Mighty and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God the Omnipotent! Righteous (just) and true are Your ways, O Sovereign of the ages (King of the {nations})!
Rev 15:4 Who shall not reverence and glorify Your name, O Lord [giving You honor and praise in worship]? For You only are holy. All the nations shall come and pay homage {and} adoration to You, for Your just judgments (Your

righteous sentences and deeds) have been made known {and} displayed.
Rev 15:5 After this I looked and the sanctuary of the tent of the testimony in heaven was thrown open,
Rev 15:6 And there came out of the temple sanctuary the seven angels bringing the seven plagues (afflictions, calamities). They were arrayed in pure gleaming linen, and around their breasts they wore golden girdles.
Rev 15:7 And one of the four living creatures [then] gave the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath {and} indignation of God, Who lives forever and ever (in the eternities of the eternities).
Rev 15:8 And the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory (the radiance, the splendor) of God and from His might {and} power, and no one was able to go into the sanctuary until the seven plagues (afflictions, calamities) of the seven angels were ended. [I Kings 8:10; Isa. 6:4; Ezek. 44:4.]
Rev 16:1 THEN I heard a mighty voice from the temple sanctuary saying to the seven angels, Go and empty out on the earth the seven bowls of God's wrath {and} indignation.
Rev 16:2 So the first [angel] went and emptied his bowl on the earth, and foul and painful ulcers (sores) came on the people who were marked with the stamp of the beast and who did homage to his image.
Rev 16:3 The second [angel] emptied his bowl into the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a corpse [thick, corrupt, ill-smelling, and disgusting], and every living thing that was in the sea perished.
Rev 16:4 Then the third [angel] emptied out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they turned into (became) blood.
Rev 16:5 And I also heard the angel of the waters say, Righteous (just) are You in these Your decisions {and} judgments, You Who are and were, O Holy One!
Rev 16:6 Because they have poured out the blood of Your people (the saints) and the prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. Such is their due [they deserve it]!
Rev 16:7 And [from] the altar I heard [the] cry, Yes, Lord God the Omnipotent, Your judgments (sentences, decisions) are true and just {and} righteous!
Rev 16:8 Then the fourth [angel] emptied out his bowl upon the sun, and it was permitted to burn (scorch) humanity with [fierce, glowing] heat (fire).
Rev 16:9 People were severely burned (scorched) by the fiery heat, and they reviled {and} blasphemed the name of God, Who has control of these plagues, and they did not repent of their sins [felt no regret, contrition, and compunction for their waywardness, refusing to amend their ways] to give Him glory.
Rev 16:10 Then the fifth [angel] emptied his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was [plunged] in darkness; and people gnawed their tongues for the torment [of their excruciating distress and severe pain]
Rev 16:11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their anguish and their ulcers (sores), and they did not deplore their wicked deeds {or} repent [for what they had done].
Rev 16:12 Then the sixth [angel] emptied his bowl on the mighty river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to make ready a road for [the coming of] the kings of the east (from the rising sun).
Rev 16:13 And I saw three loathsome spirits like frogs, [leaping] from the mouth of the dragon and from the mouth of the beast and from the mouth of the false prophet.
Rev 16:14 For really they are the spirits of demons that perform signs (wonders, miracles). And they go forth to the rulers {and} leaders all over the world, to gather them together for war on the great day of God the Almighty.
Rev 16:15 Behold, I am going to come like a thief! Blessed (happy, to be envied) is he who stays awake (alert) and who guards his clothes, so that he may not be naked and [have the shame of being] seen exposed!
Rev 16:16 And they gathered them together at the place which in Hebrew is called Armageddon. [II Kings 9:27.]
Rev 16:17 Then the seventh [angel] emptied out his bowl into the air, and a mighty voice came out of the sanctuary {of heaven} from the throne [of God], saying, It is done! [It is all over, it is all accomplished, it has come!]
Rev 16:18 And there followed lightning flashes, loud rumblings, peals of thunder, and a tremendous earthquake; nothing like it has ever occurred since men dwelt on the earth, so severe {and} far-reaching was that earthquake.
Rev 16:19 The mighty city was broken into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And God kept in mind mighty Babylon, to make her drain the cup of His furious wrath {and} indignation.
Rev 16:20 And every island fled and no mountains could be found.
Rev 16:21 And great (excessively oppressive) hailstones, as heavy as a talent [between fifty and sixty pounds], of immense size, fell from the sky on the people; and men blasphemed God for the plague of the hail, so very great was [the torture] of that plague.
Rev 17:1 ONE OF the seven angels who had the seven bowls then came and spoke to me, saying, Come with me! I will show you the doom (sentence, judgment) of the great harlot (idolatress) who is seated on many waters,
Rev 17:2 [She] with whom the rulers of the earth have joined in prostitution (idolatry) and with the wine of whose

immorality (idolatry) the inhabitants of the earth have become intoxicated.
Rev 17:3 And [the angel] bore me away [rapt] in the Spirit into a desert (wilderness), and I saw a woman seated on a scarlet beast that was all covered with blasphemous titles (names), and he had seven heads and ten horns.
Rev 17:4 The woman was robed in purple and scarlet and bedecked with gold, precious stones, and pearls, [and she was] holding in her hand a golden cup full of the accursed offenses and the filth of her lewdness {and} vice.
Rev 17:5 And on her forehead there was inscribed a name of mystery [with a secret symbolic meaning]: Babylon the great, the mother of prostitutes (idolatresses) and of the filth {and} atrocities {and} abominations of the earth.
Rev 17:6 I also saw that the woman was drunk, [drunk] with the blood of the saints (God's people) and the blood of the martyrs [who witnessed] for Jesus. And when I saw her, I was utterly amazed {and} wondered greatly.
Rev 17:7 But the angel said to me, Why do you wonder? I will explain to you the [secret symbolic meaning of the] mystery of the woman, as well as of the beast having the seven heads and ten horns that carries her.
Rev 17:8 The beast that you saw [once] was, but [now] is no more, and he is going to come up out of the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and proceed to go to perdition. And the inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been recorded in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world will be astonished when they look at the beast, because he [once] was, but [now] is no more, and he is [yet] to come.
Rev 17:9 This calls for a mind [to consider that is packed] with wisdom {and} intelligence [it is something for a particular mode of thinking and judging of thoughts, feelings, and purposes]. The seven heads are seven hills upon which the woman is sitting;
Rev 17:10 And they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one still exists [and is reigning]; the other [the seventh] has not yet appeared, and when he does arrive, he must stay [but] a brief time.
Rev 17:11 And as for the beast that [once] was, but now is no more, he [himself] is an eighth ruler (king, head), but he is of the seven {and} belongs to them, and he goes to perdition.
Rev 17:12 Also the ten horns that you observed are ten rulers (kings) who have as yet received no royal dominion, but together they are to receive power {and} authority as rulers for a single hour, along with the beast.
Rev 17:13 These have one common policy (opinion, purpose), and they deliver their power and authority to the beast.
Rev 17:14 They will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will triumph over them; for He is Lord of lords and King of kings--and those with Him {and} on His side are chosen and called [elected] and loyal {and} faithful followers.
Rev 17:15 And [the angel further] said to me, The waters that you observed, where the harlot is seated, are races and multitudes and nations and dialects (languages).
Rev 17:16 And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will [be the very ones to] hate the harlot (the idolatrous woman); they will make her cheerless (bereaved, desolate), and they will strip her and eat up her flesh and utterly consume her with fire.
Rev 17:17 For God has put it into their hearts to carry out His own purpose by acting in harmony in surrendering their royal power {and} authority to the beast, until the prophetic words (intentions and promises) of God shall be fulfilled.
Rev 17:18 And the woman that you saw is herself the great city which dominates {and} controls the rulers {and} the leaders of the earth.
Rev 18:1 THEN I saw another angel descending from heaven, possessing great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his radiance {and} splendor.
Rev 18:2 And he shouted with a mighty voice, She is fallen! Mighty Babylon is fallen! She has become a resort {and} dwelling place for demons, a dungeon haunted by every loathsome spirit, an abode for every filthy and detestable bird.
Rev 18:3 For all nations have drunk the wine of her passionate unchastity, and the rulers {and} leaders of the earth have joined with her in committing fornication (idolatry), and the businessmen of the earth have become rich with the wealth of her excessive luxury {and} wantonness.
Rev 18:4 I then heard another voice from heaven saying, Come out from her, my people, so that you may not share in her sins, neither participate in her plagues.
Rev 18:5 For her iniquities (her crimes and transgressions) are piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her wickedness {and} [her] crimes [and calls them up for settlement].
Rev 18:6 Repay to her what she herself has paid [to others] and double [her doom] in accordance with what she has done. Mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed [for others].
Rev 18:7 To the degree that she glorified herself and reveled in her wantonness [living deliciously and luxuriously], to that measure impose on her torment {and} anguish and tears {and} mourning. Since in her heart she boasts, I am not a widow; as a queen [on a throne] I sit, and I shall never see suffering {or} experience sorrow--
Rev 18:8 So shall her plagues (afflictions, calamities) come thick upon her in a single day, pestilence and anguish

{and} sorrow and famine; and she shall be utterly consumed (burned up with fire), for mighty is the Lord God Who judges her.
Rev 18:9 And the rulers {and} leaders of the earth who joined her in her immorality (idolatry) and luxuriated with her will weep {and} beat their breasts and lament over her when they see the smoke of her conflagration.
Rev 18:10 They will stand a long way off, in terror of her torment, and they will cry, Woe {and} alas, the great city, the mighty city, Babylon! In one single hour how your doom (judgment) has overtaken you!
Rev 18:11 And earth's businessmen will weep and grieve over her because no one buys their freight (cargo) any more.
Rev 18:12 Their merchandise is of gold, silver, precious stones, and pearls; of fine linen, purple, silk, and scarlet [stuffs]; all kinds of scented wood, all sorts of articles of ivory, all varieties of objects of costly woods, bronze, iron, and marble;
Rev 18:13 Of cinnamon, spices, incense, ointment {and} perfume, and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, fine flour and wheat; of cattle and sheep, horses and conveyances; and of slaves (the bodies) and souls of men!
Rev 18:14 The ripe fruits {and} delicacies for which your soul longed have gone from you, and all your luxuries {and} dainties, your elegance {and} splendor are lost to you, never again to be recovered {or} experienced!
Rev 18:15 The dealers who handled these articles, who grew wealthy through their business with her, will stand a long way off, in terror of her doom {and} torment, weeping and grieving aloud, and saying,
Rev 18:16 Alas, alas for the great city that was robed in fine linen, in purple and scarlet, bedecked {and} glittering with gold, with precious stones, and with pearls!
Rev 18:17 Because in one [single] hour all the vast wealth has been destroyed (wiped out). And all ship captains {and} pilots, navigators and all who live by seafaring, the crews and all who ply their trade on the sea, stood a long way off,
Rev 18:18 And exclaimed as they watched the smoke of her burning, What city could be compared to the great city!
Rev 18:19 And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and grieved, exclaiming, Woe {and} alas, for the great city, where all who had ships on the sea grew rich [through her extravagance] from her great wealth! In one single hour she has been destroyed {and} has become a desert!
Rev 18:20 Rejoice (celebrate) over her, O heaven! O saints (people of God) and apostles and prophets, because God has executed vengeance for you upon her!
Rev 18:21 Then a single powerful angel took up a boulder like a great millstone and flung it into the sea, crying, With such violence shall Babylon the great city be hurled down to destruction and shall never again be found.
Rev 18:22 And the sound of harpists and minstrels and flute players and trumpeters shall never again be heard in you, and no skilled artisan of any craft shall ever again be found in you, and the sound of the millstone shall never again be heard in you.
Rev 18:23 And never again shall the light of a lamp shine in you, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall never be heard in you again; for your businessmen were the great {and} prominent men of the earth, and by your magic spells {and} poisonous charm all nations were led astray (seduced and deluded).
Rev 18:24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all those who have been slain (slaughtered) on earth.
Rev 19:1 AFTER THIS I heard what sounded like a mighty shout of a great crowd in heaven, exclaiming, Hallelujah (praise the Lord)! Salvation and glory (splendor and majesty) and power (dominion and authority) [belong] to our God!
Rev 19:2 Because His judgments (His condemnation and punishment, His sentences of doom) are true {and} sound and just {and} upright. He has judged (convicted, pronounced sentence, and doomed) the great {and} notorious harlot (idolatress) who corrupted {and} demoralized {and} poisoned the earth with her lewdness {and} adultery (idolatry). And He has avenged (visited on her the penalty for) the blood of His servants at her hand.
Rev 19:3 And again they shouted, Hallelujah (praise the Lord)! The smoke of her [burning] shall continue to ascend forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities).
Rev 19:4 Then the twenty-four elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] and the four living creatures fell prostrate and worshiped [paying divine honors to] God, Who sits on the throne, saying, Amen! Hallelujah (praise the Lord)!
Rev 19:5 Then from the throne there came a voice, saying, Praise our God, all you servants of His, you who reverence Him, both small and great!
Rev 19:6 After that I heard what sounded like the shout of a vast throng, like the boom of many pounding waves, and like the roar of terrific {and} mighty peals of thunder, exclaiming, Hallelujah (praise the Lord)! For now the Lord our God the Omnipotent (the All-Ruler) reigns!
Rev 19:7 Let us rejoice and shout for joy [exulting and triumphant]! Let us celebrate {and} ascribe to Him glory {and} honor, for the marriage of the Lamb [at last] has come, and His bride has prepared herself.

Rev 19:8 She has been permitted to dress in fine (radiant) linen, dazzling and white--for the fine linen is (signifies, represents) the righteousness (the upright, just, and godly living, deeds, and conduct, and right standing with God) of the saints (God's holy people).
Rev 19:9 Then [the angel] said to me, Write this down: Blessed (happy, to be envied) are those who are summoned (invited, called) to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said to me [further], These are the true words (the genuine and exact declarations) of God.
Rev 19:10 Then I fell prostrate at his feet to worship (to pay divine honors) to him, but he [restrained me] and said, Refrain! [You must not do that!] I am [only] another servant with you and your brethren who have [accepted and hold] the testimony borne by Jesus. Worship God! For the substance (essence) of the truth revealed by Jesus is the spirit of all prophecy [the vital breath, the inspiration of all inspired preaching and interpretation of the divine will and purpose, including both mine and yours].
Rev 19:11 After that I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse [appeared]! The One Who was riding it is called Faithful (Trustworthy, Loyal, Incorruptible, Steady) and True, and He passes judgment and wages war in righteousness (holiness, justice, and uprightness).
Rev 19:12 His eyes [blaze] like a flame of fire, and on His head are many kingly crowns (diadems); and He has a title (name) inscribed which He alone knows {or} can understand.
Rev 19:13 He is dressed in a robe dyed by dipping in blood, and the title by which He is called is The Word of God.
Rev 19:14 And the troops of heaven, clothed in fine linen, dazzling and clean, followed Him on white horses.
Rev 19:15 From His mouth goes forth a sharp sword with which He can smite (afflict, strike) the nations; and He will shepherd {and} control them with a staff (scepter, rod) of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath {and} indignation of God the All-Ruler (the Almighty, the Omnipotent).
Rev 19:16 And on His garment (robe) and on His thigh He has a name (title) inscribed, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.
Rev 19:17 Then I saw a single angel stationed in the sun's light, and with a mighty voice he shouted to all the birds that fly across the sky, Come, gather yourselves together for the great supper of God,
Rev 19:18 That you may feast on the flesh of rulers, the flesh of generals {and} captains, the flesh of powerful {and} mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all humanity, both free and slave, both small and great!
Rev 19:19 Then I saw the beast and the rulers {and} leaders of the earth with their troops mustered to go into battle {and} make war against Him Who is mounted on the horse and against His troops.
Rev 19:20 And the beast was seized {and} overpowered, and with him the false prophet who in his presence had worked wonders {and} performed miracles by which he led astray those who had accepted {or} permitted to be placed upon them the stamp (mark) of the beast and those who paid homage {and} gave divine honors to his statue. Both of them were hurled alive into the fiery lake that burns {and} blazes with brimstone.
Rev 19:21 And the rest were killed with the sword that issues from the mouth of Him Who is mounted on the horse, and all the birds fed ravenously {and} glutted themselves with their flesh.
Rev 20:1 THEN I saw an angel descending from heaven; he was holding the key of the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and a great chain was in his hand.
Rev 20:2 And he gripped {and} overpowered the dragon, that old serpent [of primeval times], who is the devil and Satan, and [securely] bound him for a thousand years.
Rev 20:3 Then he hurled him into the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and closed it and sealed it above him, so that he should no longer lead astray {and} deceive {and} seduce the nations until the thousand years were at an end. After that he must be liberated for a short time.
Rev 20:4 Then I saw thrones, and sitting on them were those to whom authority to act as judges {and} to pass sentence was entrusted. Also I saw the souls of those who had been slain with axes [beheaded] for their witnessing to Jesus and [for preaching and testifying] for the Word of God, and who had refused to pay homage to the beast or his statue and had not accepted his mark {or} permitted it to be stamped on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived again and ruled with Christ (the Messiah) a thousand years.
Rev 20:5 The remainder of the dead were not restored to life again until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.
Rev 20:6 Blessed (happy, to be envied) and holy (spiritually whole, of unimpaired innocence and proved virtue) is the person who takes part (shares) in the first resurrection! Over them the second death exerts no power {or} authority, but they shall be ministers of God and of Christ (the Messiah), and they shall rule along with Him a thousand years.
Rev 20:7 And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his place of confinement,

Rev 20:8 And he will go forth to deceive {and} seduce {and} lead astray the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth--Gog and Magog--to muster them for war; their number is like the sand of the sea.
Rev 20:9 And they swarmed up over the broad plain of the earth and encircled the fortress (camp) of God's people (the saints) and the beloved city; but fire descended from heaven and consumed them. [II Kings 1:10-12; Ezek. 38:2, 22.]
Rev 20:10 Then the devil who had led them astray [deceiving and seducing them] was hurled into the fiery lake of burning brimstone, where the beast and false prophet were; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever (through the ages of the ages).
Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and the One Who was seated upon it, from Whose presence {and} from the sight of Whose face earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.
Rev 20:12 I [also] saw the dead, great and small; they stood before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is [the Book] of Life. And the dead were judged (sentenced) by what they had done [their whole way of feeling and acting, their aims and endeavors] in accordance with what was recorded in the books.
Rev 20:13 And the sea delivered up the dead who were in it, death and Hades (the state of death or disembodied existence) surrendered the dead in them, and all were tried {and} their cases determined by what they had done [according to their motives, aims, and works].
Rev 20:14 Then death and Hades (the state of death or disembodied existence) were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.
Rev 20:15 And if anyone's [name] was not found recorded in the Book of Life, he was hurled into the lake of fire.
Rev 21:1 THEN I saw a new sky (heaven) and a new earth, for the former sky and the former earth had passed away (vanished), and there no longer existed any sea.
Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, all arrayed like a bride beautified {and} adorned for her husband;
Rev 21:3 Then I heard a mighty voice from the throne {and} I perceived its distinct words, saying, See! The abode of God is with men, and He will live (encamp, tent) among them; and they shall be His people, and God shall personally be with them and be their God.
Rev 21:4 God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more, neither shall there be anguish (sorrow and mourning) nor grief nor pain any more, for the old conditions {and} the former order of things have passed away.
Rev 21:5 And He Who is seated on the throne said, See! I make all things new. Also He said, Record this, for these sayings are faithful (accurate, incorruptible, and trustworthy) and true (genuine).
Rev 21:6 And He [further] said to me, It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I [Myself] will give water without price from the fountain (springs) of the water of Life.
Rev 21:7 He who is victorious shall inherit all these things, and I will be God to him and he shall be My son.
Rev 21:8 But as for the cowards {and} the ignoble {and} the contemptible {and} the cravenly lacking in courage {and} the cowardly submissive, and as for the unbelieving and faithless, and as for the depraved and defiled with abominations, and as for murderers and the lewd {and} adulterous and the practicers of magic arts and the idolaters (those who give supreme devotion to anyone or anything other than God) and all liars (those who knowingly convey untruth by word or deed)--[all of these shall have] their part in the lake that blazes with fire and brimstone. This is the second death.
Rev 21:9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven final plagues (afflictions, calamities) came and spoke to me. He said, Come with me! I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife.
Rev 21:10 Then in the Spirit He conveyed me away to a vast and lofty mountain and exhibited to me the holy (hallowed, consecrated) city of Jerusalem descending out of heaven from God,
Rev 21:11 Clothed in God's glory [in all its splendor and radiance]. The luster of it resembled a rare {and} most precious jewel, like jasper, shining clear as crystal.
Rev 21:12 It had a massive and high wall with twelve [large] gates, and at the gates [there were stationed] twelve angels, and [on the gates] the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were written:
Rev 21:13 On the east side three gates, on the north side three gates, on the south side three gates, and on the west side three gates.
Rev 21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundation [stones], and on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
Rev 21:15 And he who spoke to me had a golden measuring reed (rod) to measure the city and its gates and its wall.
Rev 21:16 The city lies in a square, its length being the same as its width. And he measured the city with his reed--12,000 stadia (about 1,500 miles); its length and width and height are the same.

Rev 21:17 He measured its wall also--144 cubits (about 72 yards) by a man's measure [of a cubit from his elbow to his third fingertip], which is [the measure] of the angel.
Rev 21:18 The wall was built of jasper, while the city [itself was of] pure gold, clear and transparent like glass.
Rev 21:19 The foundation [stones] of the wall of the city were ornamented with all of the precious stones. The first foundation [stone] was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony (or white agate), the fourth emerald,
Rev 21:20 The fifth onyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.
Rev 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each separate gate being built of one solid pearl. And the main street (the broadway) of the city was of gold as pure {and} translucent as glass.
Rev 21:22 I saw no temple in the city, for the Lord God Omnipotent [Himself] and the Lamb [Himself] are its temple.
Rev 21:23 And the city has no need of the sun nor of the moon to give light to it, for the splendor {and} radiance (glory) of God illuminate it, and the Lamb is its lamp.
Rev 21:24 The nations shall walk by its light and the rulers {and} leaders of the earth shall bring into it their glory.
Rev 21:25 And its gates shall never be closed by day, and there shall be no night there.
Rev 21:26 They shall bring the glory (the splendor and majesty) and the honor of the nations into it.
Rev 21:27 But nothing that defiles {or} profanes {or} is unwashed shall ever enter it, nor anyone who commits abominations (unclean, detestable, morally repugnant things) or practices falsehood, but only those whose names are recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life.
Rev 22:1 THEN HE showed me the river whose waters give life, sparkling like crystal, flowing out from the throne of God and of the Lamb
Rev 22:2 Through the middle of the broadway of the city; also, on either side of the river was the tree of life with its twelve varieties of fruit, yielding each month its fresh crop; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing {and} the restoration of the nations.
Rev 22:3 There shall no longer exist there anything that is accursed (detestable, foul, offensive, impure, hateful, or horrible). But the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall worship Him [pay divine honors to Him and do Him holy service].
Rev 22:4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.
Rev 22:5 And there shall be no more night; they have no need for lamplight or sunlight, for the Lord God will illuminate them {and} be their light, and they shall reign [as kings] forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities).
Rev 22:6 And he [of the seven angels further] said to me, These statements are reliable (worthy of confidence) and genuine (true). And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent His messenger (angel) to make known {and} exhibit to His servants what must soon come to pass.
Rev 22:7 And behold, I am coming speedily. Blessed (happy and to be envied) is he who observes {and} lays to heart {and} keeps the truths of the prophecy (the predictions, consolations, and warnings) contained in this [little] book.
Rev 22:8 And I, John, am he who heard and witnessed these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell prostrate before the feet of the messenger (angel) who showed them to me, to worship him.
Rev 22:9 But he said to me, Refrain! [You must not do that!] I am [only] a fellow servant along with yourself and with your brethren the prophets and with those who are mindful of {and} practice [the truths contained in] the messages of this book. Worship God!
Rev 22:10 And he [further] told me, Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book {and} make no secret of them, for the time when things are brought to a crisis {and} the period of their fulfillment is near.
Rev 22:11 He who is unrighteous (unjust, wicked), let him be unrighteous still; and he who is filthy (vile, impure), let him be filthy still; and he who is righteous (just, upright, in right standing with God), let him do right still; and he who is holy, let him be holy still.
Rev 22:12 Behold, I am coming soon, and I shall bring My wages {and} rewards with Me, to repay {and} render to each one just what his own actions {and} his own work merit.
Rev 22:13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last (the Before all and the End of all).
Rev 22:14 Blessed (happy and to be envied) are those who cleanse their garments, that they may have the authority {and} right to [approach] the tree of life and to enter through the gates into the city.
Rev 22:15 [But] without are the dogs and those who practice sorceries (magic arts) and impurity [the lewd, adulterers] and the murderers and idolaters and everyone who loves and deals in falsehood (untruth, error, deception, cheating).
Rev 22:16 I, Jesus, have sent My messenger (angel) to you to witness {and} to give you assurance of these things for the churches (assemblies). I am the Root (the Source) and the Offspring of David, the radiant {and} brilliant Morning

Star.
Rev 22:17 The [Holy] Spirit and the bride (the church, the true Christians) say, Come! And let him who is listening say, Come! And let everyone come who is thirsty [who is painfully conscious of his need of those things by which the soul is refreshed, supported, and strengthened]; and whoever [earnestly] desires to do it, let him come, take, appropriate, {and} drink the water of Life without cost.
Rev 22:18 I [personally solemnly] warn everyone who listens to the statements of the prophecy [the predictions and the consolations and admonitions pertaining to them] in this book: If anyone shall add anything to them, God will add {and} lay upon him the plagues (the afflictions and the calamities) that are recorded {and} described in this book.
Rev 22:19 And if anyone cancels {or} takes away from the statements of the book of this prophecy [these predictions relating to Christ's kingdom and its speedy triumph, together with the consolations and admonitions or warnings pertaining to them], God will cancel {and} take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the city of holiness (purity and hallowedness), which are described {and} promised in this book.
Rev 22:20 He Who gives this warning {and} affirms {and} testifies to these things says, Yes (it is true). [Surely] I am coming quickly (swiftly, speedily). Amen (so let it be)! Yes, come, Lord Jesus!
Rev 22:21 The grace (blessing and favor) of the Lord Jesus {Christ (the Messiah)} be with all the saints (God's holy people, those set apart for God, to be, as it were, exclusively His). Amen (so let it be)! | Amplified Bible
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