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<u>Israel Demands a King</u>	
8:1 When Samuel was old, he made his sons judges over Israel. 8:2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah. They were judges in Beersheba. 8:3 His sons didn't walk in his ways, but turned away after dishonest gain, took bribes, and perverted justice. 8:4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together and came to Samuel to Ramah. 8:5 They said to him, "Behold, you are old, and your sons don't walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations." 8:6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." Samuel prayed to Yahweh. 8:7 Yahweh said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they tell you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me as the king over them. 8:8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, in that they have forsaken me and served other gods, so they also do to you. 8:9 Now therefore, listen to their voice. However, you shall protest solemnly to them, and shall show them the way of the king who will reign over them." 8:10 Samuel told all Yahweh's words to the people who asked him for a king. 8:11 He said, "This will be the way of the king who shall reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them as his servants, for his chariots and to be his horsemen; and they will run before his chariots. 8:12 He will appoint them to him for captains of thousands and captains of fifties; and he will assign some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest; and to make his instruments of war and the instruments of his chariots. 8:13 He will take your daughters to be perfumers, to be cooks, and to be bakers. 8:14 He will take your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, even your best, and give them to his servants. 8:15 He will take one tenth of your seed and of your vineyards, and give it to his officers and to his servants. 8:16 He will take your male servants, your female servants, your best young men, and your donkeys, and assign them to his own work. 8:17 He will take one tenth of your flocks; and you	

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will be his servants. 8:18 You will cry out in that day because of your king whom you will have chosen for yourselves; and Yahweh will not answer you in that day.” 8:19 But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; and they said, “No, but we will have a king over us, 8:20 that we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.” 8:21 Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of Yahweh. 8:22 Yahweh said to Samuel, “Listen to their voice, and make them a king.” Samuel said to the men of Israel, “Everyone go to your own city.”	

Saul Chosen as King

9:1 Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Becorath, the son of Aphiah, the son of a Benjamite, a mighty man of valor.

9:2 He had a son whose name was Saul, an impressive young man; and there was not among the children of Israel a more handsome person than he. From his shoulders and upward he was taller than any of the people.

9:3 The donkeys of Kish, Saul’s father, were lost. Kish said to Saul his son, “Now take one of the servants with you, and arise, go look for the donkeys.”

9:4 He passed through the hill country of Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalishah, but they didn’t find them. Then they passed through the land of Shaalim, and they weren’t there. Then he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they didn’t find them.

9:5 When they had come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant who was with him, “Come! Let’s return, lest my father stop caring about the donkeys and be anxious for us.”

9:6 The servant said to him, “Behold now, there is a man of God in this city, and he is a man who is held in honor. All that he says surely happens. Now let’s go there. Perhaps he can tell us which way to go.”

9:7 Then Saul said to his servant, “But behold, if we go, what should we bring the man? For the bread is spent in our sacks, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God. What do we have?”

9:8 The servant answered Saul again and said, “Behold, I have in my hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver. I will give that to the man of God, to tell us our way.”

9:9 (In earlier times in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he said, “Come! Let’s go to the

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seer;" for he who is now called a prophet was before called a seer.) 9:10 Then Saul said to his servant, "Well said. Come! Let's go." So they went to the city where the man of God was. 9:11 As they went up the ascent to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said to them, "Is the seer here?" 9:12 They answered them and said, "He is. Behold, he is before you. Hurry now, for he has come today into the city; for the people have a sacrifice today in the high place. 9:13 As soon as you have come into the city, you will immediately find him before he goes up to the high place to eat; for the people will not eat until he comes, because he blesses the sacrifice. Afterwards those who are invited eat. Now therefore go up; for at this time you will find him." 9:14 They went up to the city. As they came within the city, behold, Samuel came out toward them to go up to the high place. 9:15 Now Yahweh had revealed to Samuel a day before Saul came, saying, 9:16 "Tomorrow about this time I will send you a man out of the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over my people Israel. He will save my people out of the hand of the Philistines; for I have looked upon my people, because their cry has come to me." 9:17 When Samuel saw Saul, Yahweh said to him, "Behold, the man of whom I spoke to you! He will have authority over my people." 9:18 Then Saul approached Samuel in the gateway, and said, "Please tell me where the seer's house is." 9:19 Samuel answered Saul and said, "I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for you are to eat with me today. In the morning I will let you go and will tell you all that is in your heart. 9:20 As for your donkeys who were lost three days ago, don't set your mind on them, for they have been found. For whom does all Israel desire? Is it not you and all your father's house?" 9:21 Saul answered, "Am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? And my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then do you speak to me like this?" 9:22 Samuel took Saul and his servant and brought them into the guest room, and made them sit in the best place among those who were invited, who were about thirty persons. 9:23 Samuel said to the cook, "Bring the portion which I gave you, of which I said to you, 'Set it aside.'" 9:24 The cook took up the thigh, and that which was	

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on it, and set it before Saul. Samuel said, "Behold, that which has been reserved! Set it before yourself and eat; because it has been kept for you for the appointed time, for I said, 'I have invited the people.'" So Saul ate with Samuel that day. 9:25 When they had come down from the high place into the city, he talked with Saul on the housetop. 9:26 They arose early; and about daybreak, Samuel called to Saul on the housetop, saying, "Get up, that I may send you away." Saul arose, and they both went outside, he and Samuel, together. 9:27 As they were going down at the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, "Tell the servant to go on ahead of us." He went ahead, then Samuel said, "But stand still first, that I may cause you to hear God's message." 10:1 Then Samuel took the vial of oil and poured it on his head, then kissed him and said, "Hasn't Yahweh anointed you to be prince over his inheritance?" 10:2 When you have departed from me today, then you will find two men by Rachel's tomb, on the border of Benjamin at Zelzah. They will tell you, 'The donkeys which you went to look for have been found; and behold, your father has stopped caring about the donkeys and is anxious for you, saying, "What shall I do for my son?"' 10:3 "Then you will go on forward from there, and you will come to the oak of Tabor. Three men will meet you there going up to God to Bethel: one carrying three young goats, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a container of wine. 10:4 They will greet you and give you two loaves of bread, which you shall receive from their hand. 10:5 "After that you will come to the hill of God, where the garrison of the Philistines is; and it will happen, when you have come there to the city, that you will meet a band of prophets coming down from the high place with a lute, a tambourine, a pipe, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying. 10:6 Then Yahweh's Spirit will come mightily on you, then you will prophesy with them and will be turned into another man. 10:7 Let it be, when these signs have come to you, that you do what is appropriate for the occasion; for God is with you. 10:8 "Go down ahead of me to Gilgal; and behold, I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings. Wait seven days, until I come to you and show you what you are to do." 10:9 It was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart; and all	

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those signs happened that day. 10:10 When they came there to the hill, behold, a band of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came mightily on him, and he prophesied among them. 10:11 When all who knew him before saw that, behold, he prophesied with the prophets, then the people said to one another, "What is this that has come to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?" 10:12 One from the same place answered, "Who is their father?" Therefore it became a proverb, "Is Saul also among the prophets?" 10:13 When he had finished prophesying, he came to the high place. 10:14 Saul's uncle said to him and to his servant, "Where did you go?" He said, "To seek the donkeys. When we saw that they were not found, we came to Samuel." 10:15 Saul's uncle said, "Please tell me what Samuel said to you." 10:16 Saul said to his uncle, "He told us plainly that the donkeys were found." But concerning the matter of the kingdom, of which Samuel spoke, he didn't tell him.	
<u>Saul Publicly Announced as King</u> 10:17 Samuel called the people together to Yahweh to Mizpah; 10:18 and he said to the children of Israel, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, says 'I brought Israel up out of Egypt and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all the kingdoms that oppressed you.' 10:19 But you have today rejected your God, who himself saves you out of all your calamities and your distresses; and you have said to him, 'No! Set a king over us!' Now therefore present yourselves before Yahweh by your tribes and by your thousands." 10:20 So Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was chosen. 10:21 He brought the tribe of Benjamin near by their families and the family of the Matrites was chosen. Then Saul the son of Kish was chosen; but when they looked for him, he could not be found. 10:22 Therefore they asked of Yahweh further, "Is there yet a man to come here?" Yahweh answered, "Behold, he has hidden himself among the baggage." 10:23 They ran and got him there. When he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward. 10:24 Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see him whom Yahweh has chosen, that there is no one like him among all the people?" All the people shouted	

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and said, "Long live the king!" 10:25 Then Samuel told the people the regulations of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book and laid it up before Yahweh. Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house. 10:26 Saul also went to his house in Gibeah; and the army went with him, whose hearts God had touched. 10:27 But certain worthless fellows said, "How could this man save us?" They despised him, and brought him no tribute. But he held his peace.	
<u>The Rescue of Jabesh</u>	
11:1 Then Nahash the Ammonite came up and encamped against Jabesh Gilead; and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, "Make a covenant with us, and we will serve you." 11:2 Nahash the Ammonite said to them, "On this condition I will make it with you, that all your right eyes be gouged out. I will make this dishonor all Israel." 11:3 The elders of Jabesh said to him, "Give us seven days, that we may send messengers to all the borders of Israel; and then, if there is no one to save us, we will come out to you." 11:4 Then the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul, and spoke these words in the ears of the people, then all the people lifted up their voice and wept. 11:5 Behold, Saul came following the oxen out of the field; and Saul said, "What ails the people that they weep?" They told him the words of the men of Jabesh. 11:6 God's Spirit came mightily on Saul when he heard those words, and his anger burned hot. 11:7 He took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces, then sent them throughout all the borders of Israel by the hand of messengers, saying, "Whoever doesn't come out after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen." The dread of Yahweh fell on the people, and they came out as one man. 11:8 He counted them in Bezek; and the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand. 11:9 They said to the messengers who came, "Tell the men of Jabesh Gilead, 'Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you will be rescued.'" The messengers came and told the men of Jabesh; and they were glad. 11:10 Therefore the men of Jabesh said, "Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you shall do with us all that seems good to you." 11:11 On the next day, Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the middle of the camp in the morning watch, and struck the Ammonites until the heat of the day. Those who	

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remained were scattered, so that no two of them were left together. 11:12 The people said to Samuel, “Who is he who said, ‘Shall Saul reign over us?’ Bring those men, that we may put them to death!” 11:13 Saul said, “No man shall be put to death today; for today Yahweh has rescued Israel.”	
<u>Saul King of Israel</u>	
11:14 Then Samuel said to the people, “Come! Let’s go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there.” 11:15 All the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before Yahweh in Gilgal. There they offered sacrifices of peace offerings before Yahweh; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly. 12:1 Samuel said to all Israel, “Behold, I have listened to your voice in all that you said to me, and have made a king over you. 12:2 Now, behold, the king walks before you. I am old and gray-headed. Behold, my sons are with you. I have walked before you from my youth to this day. 12:3 Here I am. Witness against me before Yahweh and before his anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Whose donkey have I taken? Whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? Of whose hand have I taken a bribe to make me blind my eyes? I will restore it to you.” 12:4 They said, “You have not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither have you taken anything from anyone’s hand.” 12:5 He said to them, “Yahweh is witness against you, and his anointed is witness today, that you have not found anything in my hand.” They said, “He is witness.” 12:6 Samuel said to the people, “It is Yahweh who appointed Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. 12:7 Now therefore stand still, that I may plead with you before Yahweh concerning all the righteous acts of Yahweh, which he did to you and to your fathers. 12:8 “When Jacob had come into Egypt, and your fathers cried to Yahweh, then Yahweh sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your fathers out of Egypt, and made them to dwell in this place. 12:9 But they forgot Yahweh their God; and he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the army of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab; and they fought against them. 12:10 They cried to Yahweh, and said, ‘We have sinned, because we have forsaken Yahweh and have served the Baals and the Ashtaroth; but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve	

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you.' 12:11 Yahweh sent Jerubbaal, Bedan, Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side; and you lived in safety. 12:12 "When you saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, you said to me, 'No, but a king shall reign over us,' when Yahweh your God was your king. 12:13 Now therefore see the king whom you have chosen and whom you have asked for. Behold, Yahweh has set a king over you. 12:14 If you will fear Yahweh, and serve him, and listen to his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of Yahweh, then both you and also the king who reigns over you are followers of Yahweh your God. 12:15 But if you will not listen to Yahweh's voice, but rebel against the commandment of Yahweh, then Yahweh's hand will be against you, as it was against your fathers. 12:16 "Now therefore stand still and see this great thing, which Yahweh will do before your eyes. 12:17 Isn't it wheat harvest today? I will call to Yahweh, that he may send thunder and rain; and you will know and see that your wickedness is great, which you have done in Yahweh's sight, in asking for a king." 12:18 So Samuel called to Yahweh, and Yahweh sent thunder and rain that day. Then all the people greatly feared Yahweh and Samuel. 12:19 All the people said to Samuel, "Pray for your servants to Yahweh your God, that we not die; for we have added to all our sins this evil, to ask for a king." 12:20 Samuel said to the people, "Don't be afraid. You have indeed done all this evil; yet don't turn away from following Yahweh, but serve Yahweh with all your heart. 12:21 Don't turn away to go after vain things which can't profit or deliver, for they are vain. 12:22 For Yahweh will not forsake his people for his great name's sake, because it has pleased Yahweh to make you a people for himself. 12:23 Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against Yahweh in ceasing to pray for you; but I will instruct you in the good and the right way. 12:24 Only fear Yahweh, and serve him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things he has done for you. 12:25 But if you keep doing evil, you will be consumed, both you and your king." 13:1 Saul was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned over Israel forty-two years. 13:2 Saul chose for himself three thousand men of	

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Israel, of which two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in the Mount of Bethel, and one thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. He sent the rest of the people to their own tents.	
<u>Saul's First Disobedience</u> 13:3 Jonathan struck the garrison of the Philistines that was in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, "Let the Hebrews hear!" 13:4 All Israel heard that Saul had struck the garrison of the Philistines, and also that Israel was considered an abomination to the Philistines. The people were gathered together after Saul to Gilgal. 13:5 The Philistines assembled themselves together to fight with Israel: thirty thousand chariots, six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the seashore in multitude. They came up and encamped in Michmash, eastward of Beth Aven. 13:6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in trouble (for the people were distressed), then the people hid themselves in caves, in thickets, in rocks, in tombs, and in pits. 13:7 Now some of the Hebrews had gone over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead; but as for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling. 13:8 He stayed seven days, according to the time set by Samuel; but Samuel didn't come to Gilgal, and the people were scattering from him. 13:9 Saul said, "Bring the burnt offering to me here, and the peace offerings." He offered the burnt offering. 13:10 It came to pass that as soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him. 13:11 Samuel said, "What have you done?" Saul said, "Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you didn't come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines assembled themselves together at Michmash, 13:12 therefore I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down on me to Gilgal, and I haven't entreated the favor of Yahweh.' I forced myself therefore, and offered the burnt offering." 13:13 Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of Yahweh your God, which he commanded you; for now Yahweh would have established your kingdom on Israel forever. 13:14 But now your kingdom will not continue. Yahweh has sought for himself a man after his own	

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heart, and Yahweh has appointed him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept that which Yahweh commanded you.” 13:15 Samuel arose, and went from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. Saul counted the people who were present with him, about six hundred men. 13:16 Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people who were present with them, stayed in Geba of Benjamin; but the Philistines encamped in Michmash. 13:17 The raiders came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned to the way that leads to Ophrah, to the land of Shual; 13:18 another company turned the way to Beth Horon; and another company turned the way of the border that looks down on the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness. 13:19 Now there was no blacksmith found throughout all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, “Lest the Hebrews make themselves swords or spears”; 13:20 but all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, each man to sharpen his own plowshare, mattock, ax, and sickle. 13:21 The price was one payim each to sharpen mattocks, plowshares, pitchforks, axes, and goads. 13:22 So it came to pass in the day of battle that neither sword nor spear was found in the hand of any of the people who were with Saul and Jonathan; but Saul and Jonathan his son had them. 13:23 The garrison of the Philistines went out to the pass of Michmash.	
<u>Jonathan’s Attack on a Philistine Garrison</u> 14:1 Now it happened on a day that Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who bore his armor, “Come! Let’s go over to the Philistines’ garrison that is on the other side.” But he didn’t tell his father. 14:2 Saul stayed in the uttermost part of Gibeah under the pomegranate tree which is in Migron; and the people who were with him were about six hundred men, 14:3 including Ahijah the son of Ahitub, Ichabod’s brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli the priest of Yahweh in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. The people didn’t know that Jonathan was gone. 14:4 Between the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistines’ garrison, there was a rocky crag on the one side and a rocky crag on the other side; and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. 14:5 The one crag rose up on the north in front of Michmash, and the other on the south in front of	

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Geba. 14:6 Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come! Let's go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that Yahweh will work for us, for there is no restraint on Yahweh to save by many or by few." 14:7 His armor bearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Go, and behold, I am with you according to your heart." 14:8 Then Jonathan said, "Behold, we will pass over to the men, and we will reveal ourselves to them. 14:9 If they say this to us, 'Wait until we come to you!' then we will stand still in our place and will not go up to them. 14:10 But if they say this, 'Come up to us!' then we will go up, for Yahweh has delivered them into our hand. This shall be the sign to us." 14:11 Both of them revealed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines; and the Philistines said, "Behold, the Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they had hidden themselves!" 14:12 The men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armor bearer, and said, "Come up to us, and we will show you something!" Jonathan said to his armor bearer, "Come up after me, for Yahweh has delivered them into the hand of Israel." 14:13 Jonathan climbed up on his hands and on his feet, and his armor bearer after him, and they fell before Jonathan; and his armor bearer killed them after him. 14:14 That first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armor bearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were half a furrow's length in an acre of land. 14:15 There was a trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people; the garrison and the raiders also trembled; and the earth quaked, so there was an exceedingly great trembling. 14:16 The watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and behold, the multitude melted away and scattered. 14:17 Then Saul said to the people who were with him, "Count now, and see who is missing from us." When they had counted, behold, Jonathan and his armor bearer were not there. 14:18 Saul said to Ahijah, "Bring God's ark here." For God's ark was with the children of Israel at that time. 14:19 While Saul talked to the priest, the tumult that was in the camp of the Philistines went on and increased; and Saul said to the priest, "Withdraw your hand!" 14:20 Saul and all the people who were with him were gathered together, and came to the battle; and behold, they were all striking each other with their	

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swords in very great confusion. 14:21 Now the Hebrews who were with the Philistines before and who went up with them into the camp from all around, even they also turned to be with the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan. 14:22 Likewise all the men of Israel who had hidden themselves in the hill country of Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle. 14:23 So Yahweh saved Israel that day; and the battle passed over by Beth Aven.	
<u>Saul's Foolish Oath</u> 14:24 The men of Israel were distressed that day; for Saul had adjured the people, saying, "Cursed is the man who eats any food until it is evening, and I am avenged of my enemies." So none of the people tasted food. 14:25 All the people came into the forest; and there was honey on the ground. 14:26 When the people had come to the forest, behold, honey was dripping, but no one put his hand to his mouth, for the people feared the oath. 14:27 But Jonathan didn't hear when his father commanded the people with the oath. Therefore he put out the end of the rod that was in his hand and dipped it in the honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes brightened. 14:28 Then one of the people answered, and said, "Your father directly commanded the people with an oath, saying, 'Cursed is the man who eats food today.'" So the people were faint. 14:29 Then Jonathan said, "My father has troubled the land. Please look how my eyes have brightened because I tasted a little of this honey. 14:30 How much more, if perhaps the people had eaten freely today of the plunder of their enemies which they found? For now there has been no great slaughter among the Philistines." 14:31 They struck the Philistines that day from Michmash to Ajalon. The people were very faint; 14:32 and the people pounced on the plunder, and took sheep, cattle, and calves, and killed them on the ground; and the people ate them with the blood. 14:33 Then they told Saul, saying, "Behold, the people are sinning against Yahweh, in that they eat meat with the blood." He said, "You have dealt treacherously. Roll a large stone to me today!" 14:34 Saul said, "Disperse yourselves among the people, and tell them, 'Every man bring me here his ox, and every man his sheep, and kill them here, and eat; and don't sin against Yahweh in eating meat with the blood.'" All the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and killed them there.	

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14:35 Saul built an altar to Yahweh. This was the first altar that he built to Yahweh. 14:36 Saul said, "Let's go down after the Philistines by night, and take plunder among them until the morning light. Let's not leave a man of them." They said, "Do whatever seems good to you." Then the priest said, "Let's draw near here to God." 14:37 Saul asked counsel of God: "Shall I go down after the Philistines? Will you deliver them into the hand of Israel?" But he didn't answer him that day. 14:38 Saul said, "Draw near here, all you chiefs of the people, and know and see in whom this sin has been today. 14:39 For as Yahweh lives, who saves Israel, though it is in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die." But there was not a man among all the people who answered him. 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." 14:41 Therefore Saul said to Yahweh, the God of Israel, "Show the right." Jonathan and Saul were chosen, but the people escaped. 14:42 Saul said, "Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son." Jonathan was selected. 14:43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me what you have done!" Jonathan told him, and said, "I certainly did taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand; and behold, I must die." 14:44 Saul said, "God do so and more also; for you shall surely die, Jonathan." 14:45 The people said to Saul, "Shall Jonathan die, who has worked this great salvation in Israel? Far from it! As Yahweh lives, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground, for he has worked with God today!" So the people rescued Jonathan, so he didn't die.	
<u>Saul's Victories</u>	
14:46 Then Saul went up from following the Philistines; and the Philistines went to their own place. 14:47 Now when Saul had taken the kingdom over Israel, he fought against all his enemies on every side: against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines. Wherever he turned himself, he defeated them. 14:48 He did valiantly and struck the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of those who plundered them. 14:49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, Ishvi,	

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and Malchishua; and the names of his two daughters were these: the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the younger Michal. 14:50 The name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz. The name of the captain of his army was Abner the son of Ner, Saul's uncle. 14:51 Kish was the father of Saul, and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel. 14:52 There was severe war against the Philistines all the days of Saul; and when Saul saw any mighty man or any valiant man, he took him into his service.	
<u>Saul Disobedience in the War on Amalek</u> 15:1 Samuel said to Saul, "Yahweh sent me to anoint you to be king over his people, over Israel. Now therefore listen to the voice of Yahweh's words. 15:2 Yahweh of Armies says, 'I remember what Amalek did to Israel, how he set himself against him on the way when he came up out of Egypt. 15:3 Now go and strike Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and don't spare them; but kill both man and woman, infant and nursing baby, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'" 15:4 Saul summoned the people, and counted them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen and ten thousand men of Judah. 15:5 Saul came to the city of Amalek, and set an ambush in the valley. 15:6 Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart, go down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them; for you showed kindness to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. 15:7 Saul struck the Amalekites, from Havilah as you go to Shur, which is before Egypt. 15:8 He took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. 15:9 But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, of the cattle, of the fat calves, of the lambs, and all that was good, and were not willing to utterly destroy them; but everything that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly. 15:10 Then Yahweh's word came to Samuel, saying, 15:11 "It grieves me that I have set up Saul to be king, for he has turned back from following me, and has not performed my commandments." Samuel was angry; and he cried to Yahweh all night. 15:12 Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning; and Samuel was told, saying, "Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself, turned, passed on, and went down to Gilgal." 15:13 Samuel came to Saul; and Saul said to him, "You are blessed by Yahweh! I have performed the	

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commandment of Yahweh.” 15:14 Samuel said, “Then what does this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the cattle which I hear mean?” 15:15 Saul said, “They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the cattle, to sacrifice to Yahweh your God. We have utterly destroyed the rest.” 15:16 Then Samuel said to Saul, “Stay, and I will tell you what Yahweh said to me last night.” He said to him, “Say on.” 15:17 Samuel said, “Though you were little in your own sight, weren’t you made the head of the tribes of Israel? Yahweh anointed you king over Israel; 15:18 and Yahweh sent you on a journey, and said, ‘Go, and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.’ 15:19 Why then didn’t you obey Yahweh’s voice, but took the plunder, and did that which was evil in Yahweh’s sight?” 15:20 Saul said to Samuel, “But I have obeyed Yahweh’s voice, and have gone the way which Yahweh sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. 15:21 But the people took of the plunder, sheep and cattle, the best of the devoted things, to sacrifice to Yahweh your God in Gilgal.” 15:22 Samuel said, “Has Yahweh as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying Yahweh’s voice? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idolatry and teraphim. Because you have rejected Yahweh’s word, he has also rejected you from being king.” 15:24 Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned; for I have transgressed the commandment of Yahweh and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. 15:25 Now therefore, please pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship Yahweh.” 15:26 Samuel said to Saul, “I will not return with you; for you have rejected Yahweh’s word, and Yahweh has rejected you from being king over Israel.” 15:27 As Samuel turned around to go away, Saul grabbed the skirt of his robe, and it tore. 15:28 Samuel said to him, “Yahweh has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to a neighbor of yours who is better than you. 15:29 Also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent; for he is not a man, that he should repent.” 15:30 Then he said, “I have sinned; yet please honor me now before the elders of my people and before	

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Israel, and come back with me, that I may worship Yahweh your God.” 15:31 So Samuel went back with Saul; and Saul worshiped Yahweh. 15:32 Then Samuel said, “Bring Agag the king of the Amalekites here to me!” Agag came to him cheerfully. Agag said, “Surely the bitterness of death is past.” 15:33 Samuel said, “As your sword has made women childless, so your mother will be childless among women!” Then Samuel cut Agag in pieces before Yahweh in Gilgal. 15:34 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul. 15:35 Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death, but Samuel mourned for Saul. Yahweh grieved that he had made Saul king over Israel.	
<u>David Chosen as Future King</u>	
16:1 Yahweh said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided a king for myself among his sons.” 16:2 Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” Yahweh said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to Yahweh.’” 16:3 Call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. You shall anoint to me him whom I name to you.” 16:4 Samuel did that which Yahweh spoke, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” 16:5 He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to Yahweh. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” He sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. 16:6 When they had come, he looked at Eliab, and said, “Surely Yahweh’s anointed is before him.” 16:7 But Yahweh said to Samuel, “Don’t look on his face, or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for I don’t see as man sees. For man looks at the outward appearance, but Yahweh looks at the heart.” 16:8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Yahweh has not chosen this one, either.” 16:9 Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. He said, “Yahweh has not chosen this one, either.” 16:10 Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. Samuel said to Jesse, “Yahweh has not chosen these.” 16:11 Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your children here?” He said, “There remains yet the youngest.	

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Behold, he is keeping the sheep.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” 16:12 He sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with a handsome face and good appearance. Yahweh said, “Arise! Anoint him, for this is he.” 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the middle of his brothers. Then Yahweh’s Spirit came mightily on David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.	
<u>David as Saul’s Musician</u>	
16:14 Now Yahweh’s Spirit departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from Yahweh troubled him. 16:15 Saul’s servants said to him, “See now, an evil spirit from God troubles you. 16:16 Let our lord now command your servants who are in front of you to seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp. Then when the evil spirit from God is on you, he will play with his hand, and you will be well.” 16:17 Saul said to his servants, “Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me.” 16:18 Then one of the young men answered and said, “Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and Yahweh is with him.” 16:19 Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, “Send me David your son, who is with the sheep.” 16:20 Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a container of wine, and a young goat, and sent them by David his son to Saul. 16:21 David came to Saul and stood before him. He loved him greatly; and he became his armor bearer. 16:22 Saul sent to Jesse, saying, “Please let David stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight.” 16:23 When the spirit from God was on Saul, David took the harp and played with his hand; so Saul was refreshed and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.	
<u>David Slays Goliath</u>	
17:1 Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle; and they were gathered together at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah in Ephesdammim. 17:2 Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and encamped in the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. 17:3 The Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them.	

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17:4 A champion out of the camp of the Philistines named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span went out. 17:5 He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he wore a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. 17:6 He had bronze shin armor on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders. 17:7 The staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron. His shield bearer went before him. 17:8 He stood and cried to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come out to set your battle in array? Am I not a Philistine, and you servants to Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. 17:9 If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then will we be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you will be our servants and serve us." 17:10 The Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel today! Give me a man, that we may fight together!" 17:11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid. 17:12 Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehem Judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons. The man was an elderly old man in the days of Saul. 17:13 The three oldest sons of Jesse had gone after Saul to the battle; and the names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. 17:14 David was the youngest; and the three oldest followed Saul. 17:15 Now David went back and forth from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem. 17:16 The Philistine came near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days. 17:17 Jesse said to David his son, "Now take for your brothers an ephah of this parched grain and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers; 17:18 and bring these ten cheeses to the captain of their thousand; and see how your brothers are doing, and bring back news." 17:19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. 17:20 David rose up early in the morning and left the sheep with a keeper, and took the provisions and went, as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the place of the wagons as the army which was going out to the fight shouted for the battle. 17:21 Israel and the Philistines put the battle in array,	

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army against army. 17:22 David left his baggage in the hand of the keeper of the baggage and ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers. 17:23 As he talked with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and said the same words; and David heard them. 17:24 All the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were terrified. 17:25 The men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? He has surely come up to defy Israel. The king will give great riches to the man who kills him, and will give him his daughter, and will make his father's house tax-free in Israel." 17:26 David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done to 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?" 17:27 The people answered him in this way, saying, "So shall it be done to the man who kills him." 17:28 Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger burned against David, and he said, "Why have you come down? With whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the evil of your heart; for you have come down that you might see the battle." 17:29 David said, "What have I now done? Is there not a cause?" 17:30 He turned away from him toward another, and spoke like that again; and the people answered him again the same way. 17:31 When the words were heard which David spoke, they rehearsed them before Saul; and he sent for him. 17:32 David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." 17:33 Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth." 17:34 David said to Saul, "Your servant was keeping his father's sheep; and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, 17:35 I went out after him, struck him, and rescued it out of his mouth. When he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, struck him, and killed him. 17:36 Your servant struck both the lion and the bear. This uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." 17:37 David said, "Yahweh, who delivered me out of	

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the paw of the lion and out of the paw of the bear, will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.” Saul said to David, “Go! Yahweh will be with you.” 17:38 Saul dressed David with his clothing. He put a helmet of bronze on his head, and he clad him with a coat of mail. 17:39 David strapped his sword on his clothing and he tried to move, for he had not tested it. David said to Saul, “I can’t go with these, for I have not tested them.” Then David took them off. 17:40 He took his staff in his hand, and chose for himself five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag which he had. His sling was in his hand; and he came near to the Philistine. 17:41 The Philistine walked and came near to David; and the man who bore the shield went before him. 17:42 When the Philistine looked around and saw David, he disdained him; for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and had a good looking face. 17:43 The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” The Philistine cursed David by his gods. 17:44 The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the sky and to the animals of the field.” 17:45 Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin; but I come to you in the name of Yahweh of Armies, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 17:46 Today, Yahweh will deliver you into my hand. I will strike you and take your head from off you. I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines today to the birds of the sky and to the wild animals of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, 17:47 and that all this assembly may know that Yahweh doesn’t save with sword and spear; for the battle is Yahweh’s, and he will give you into our hand.” 17:48 When the Philistine arose, and walked and came near to meet David, David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. 17:49 David put his hand in his bag, took a stone and slung it, and struck the Philistine in his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. 17:50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him; but there was no sword in David’s hand. 17:51 Then David ran, stood over the Philistine, took his sword, drew it out of its sheath, killed him, and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that	

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their champion was dead, they fled. 17:52 The men of Israel and of Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines as far as Gai and to the gates of Ekron. The wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even to Gath and to Ekron. 17:53 The children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they plundered their camp. 17:54 David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent. 17:55 When Saul saw David go out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the captain of the army, "Abner, whose son is this youth?" Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, I can't tell." 17:56 The king said, "Inquire whose son the young man is!" 17:57 As David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. 17:58 Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, you young man?" David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite." 18:1 When he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 18:2 Saul took him that day, and wouldn't let him go home to his father's house any more. 18:3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. 18:4 Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David with his clothing, even including his sword, his bow, and his sash. 18:5 David went out wherever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely; and Saul set him over the men of war. It was good in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.	
<u>Saul Jealous of David's Success</u> 18:6 As they came, when David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul with tambourines, with joy, and with instruments of music. 18:7 The women sang to one another as they played, and said, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands." 18:8 Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He said, "They have credited David with ten thousands, and they have only credited me with thousands. What can he have more but the kingdom?" 18:9 Saul watched David from that day and forward.	

Saul Tries to Kill David

18:10 On the next day, an evil spirit from God came mightily on Saul, and he prophesied in the middle of the house. David played with his hand, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand;

18:11 and Saul threw the spear, for he said, "I will pin David to the wall!" David escaped from his presence twice.

18:12 Saul was afraid of David, because Yahweh was with him, and had departed from Saul.

18:13 Therefore Saul removed him from his presence, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

18:14 David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and Yahweh was with him.

18:15 When Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he stood in awe of him.

18:16 But all Israel and Judah loved David; for he went out and came in before them.

18:17 Saul said to David, "Behold, my elder daughter Merab. I will give her to you as wife. Only be valiant for me, and fight Yahweh's battles." For Saul said, "Don't let my hand be on him, but let the hand of the Philistines be on him."

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 son-in-law to the king?"

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.

David Saul's Son-in-Law

18:20 Michal, Saul's daughter, loved David; and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

18:21 Saul said, 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. Therefore Saul said to David a second time, "You shall today be my son-in-law."

18:22 Saul commanded his servants, "Talk with David secretly, and say, 'Behold, the king has delight in you, and all his servants love you. Now therefore be the king's son-in-law.'"

18:23 Saul's servants spoke those words in the ears of David. David said, "Does it seem to you a light thing to be the king's son-in-law, since I am a poor man and little known?"

18:24 The servants of Saul told him, saying, "David spoke like this."

18:25 Saul said, "Tell David, 'The king desires no dowry except one hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies.'"

Now Saul thought he would make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

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18:26 When his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son-in-law. Before the deadline, 18:27 David arose and went, he and his men, and killed two hundred men of the Philistines. Then David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full number to the king, that he might be the king's son-in-law. Then Saul gave him Michal his daughter as wife. 18:28 Saul saw and knew that Yahweh was with David; and Michal, Saul's daughter, loved him. 18:29 Saul was even more afraid of David; and Saul was David's enemy continually. 18:30 Then the princes of the Philistines went out; and as often as they went out, David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul, so that his name was highly esteemed. 19:1 Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David. But Jonathan, Saul's son, greatly delighted in David. 19:2 Jonathan told David, saying, "Saul my father seeks to kill you. Now therefore, please take care of yourself in the morning, live in a secret place, and hide yourself. 19:3 I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will talk with my father about you; and if I see anything, I will tell you." 19:4 Jonathan spoke good of David to Saul his father, and said to him, "Don't let the king sin against his servant, against David; because he has not sinned against you, and because his works have been very good toward you; 19:5 for he put his life in his hand and struck the Philistine, and Yahweh worked a great victory for all Israel. You saw it and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood, to kill David without a cause?" 19:6 Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan; and Saul swore, "As Yahweh lives, he shall not be put to death." 19:7 Jonathan called David, and Jonathan showed him all those things. Then Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as before.	
<u>Saul Again Tries to Kill David</u> 19:8 There was war again. David went out and fought with the Philistines, and killed them with a great slaughter; and they fled before him. 19:9 An evil spirit from Yahweh was on Saul as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand; and David was playing music with his hand. 19:10 Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away out of Saul's presence;	

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and he stuck the spear into the wall. David fled and escaped that night. 19:11 Saul sent messengers to David's house to watch him and to kill him in the morning. Michal, David's wife, told him, saying, "If you don't save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be killed." 19:12 So Michal let David down through the window. He went away, fled, and escaped. 19:13 Michal took the teraphim and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair at its head and covered it with clothes. 19:14 When Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "He is sick." 19:15 Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him." 19:16 When the messengers came in, behold, the teraphim was in the bed, with the pillow of goats' hair at its head. 19:17 Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me like this and let my enemy go, so that he has escaped?" Michal answered Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go! Why should I kill you?'"	
<u>David Visits Samuel</u>	
<u>David Flees from Saul</u>	
19:18 Now David fled and escaped, and came to Samuel at Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. He and Samuel went and lived in Naioth.	
19:19 Saul was told, saying, "Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah."	
19:20 Saul sent messengers to seize David; and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them, God's Spirit came on Saul's messengers, and they also prophesied.	
19:21 When Saul was told, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied.	
19:22 Then he also went to Ramah, and came to the great well that is in Secu: and he asked, "Where are Samuel and David?" One said, "Behold, they are at Naioth in Ramah."	
19:23 He went there to Naioth in Ramah. Then God's Spirit came on him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.	
19:24 He also stripped off his clothes. He also prophesied before Samuel and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"	
20:1 David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said to Jonathan, "What have I done? What is	

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my iniquity? What is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life?" 20:2 He said to him, "Far from it; you will not die. Behold, my father does nothing either great or small, but that he discloses it to me. Why would my father hide this thing from me? It is not so." 20:3 David swore moreover, and said, "Your father knows well that I have found favor in your eyes; and he says, 'Don't let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved;' but truly as Yahweh lives, and as your soul lives, there is but a step between me and death." 20:4 Then Jonathan said to David, "Whatever your soul desires, I will even do it for you." 20:5 David said to Jonathan, "Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to dine with the king; but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field to the third day at evening." 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 it is the yearly sacrifice there for all the family.' 20:7 If he says, 'It is well,' your servant shall have peace; but if he is angry, then know that evil is determined by him." 20:8 Therefore deal kindly with your servant, for you have brought your servant into a covenant of Yahweh with you; but if there is iniquity in me, kill me yourself, for why should you bring me to your father?" 20:9 Jonathan said, "Far be it from you; for if I should at all know that evil were determined by my father to come on you, then wouldn't I tell you that?" 20:10 Then David said to Jonathan, "Who will tell me if your father answers you roughly?" 20:11 Jonathan said to David, "Come! Let's go out into the field." They both went out into the field. 20:12 Jonathan said to David, "By Yahweh, the God of Israel, when I have sounded out my father about this time tomorrow, or the third day, behold, if there is good toward David, won't I then send to you and disclose it to you?" 20:13 Yahweh do so to Jonathan and more also, should it please my father to do you evil, if I don't disclose it to you and send you away, that you may go in peace. May Yahweh be with you as he has been with my father." 20:14 You shall not only show me the loving kindness of Yahweh while I still live, that I not die; 20:15 but you shall also not cut off your kindness from my house forever, no, not when Yahweh has cut off every one of the enemies of David from the surface of the earth." 20:16 So Jonathan made a covenant with David's house, saying, "Yahweh will require it at the hand of	

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David's enemies." 20:17 Jonathan caused David to swear again, for the love that he had to him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul. 20:18 Then Jonathan said to him, "Tomorrow is the new moon, and you will be missed, because your seat will be empty. 20:19 When you have stayed three days, go down quickly and come to the place where you hid yourself when this started, and remain by the stone Ezel. 20:20 I will shoot three arrows on its side, as though I shot at a mark. 20:21 Behold, I will send the boy, saying, 'Go, find the arrows!' If I tell the boy, 'Behold, the arrows are on this side of you. Take them;' then come, for there is peace to you and no danger, as Yahweh lives. 20:22 But if I say this to the boy, 'Behold, the arrows are beyond you,' then go your way, for Yahweh has sent you away. 20:23 Concerning the matter which you and I have spoken of, behold, Yahweh is between you and me forever." 20:24 So David hid himself in the field. When the new moon had come, the king sat himself down to eat food. 20:25 The king sat on his seat, as at other times, even on the seat by the wall; and Jonathan stood up, and Abner sat by Saul's side, but David's place was empty. 20:26 Nevertheless Saul didn't say anything that day, for he thought, "Something has happened to him. He is not clean. Surely he is not clean." 20:27 On the next day after the new moon, the second day, David's place was empty. Saul said to Jonathan his son, "Why didn't the son of Jesse come to eat, either yesterday, or today?" 20:28 Jonathan answered Saul, "David earnestly asked permission of me to go to Bethlehem. 20:29 He said, 'Please let me go, for our family has a sacrifice in the city. My brother has commanded me to be there. Now, if I have found favor in your eyes, please let me go away and see my brothers.' Therefore he has not come to the king's table." 20:30 Then Saul's anger burned against Jonathan, and he said to him, "You son of a perverse rebellious woman, don't I know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame, and to the shame of your mother's nakedness? 20:31 For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, you will not be established, nor will your kingdom. Therefore now send and bring him to me, for he shall surely die!" 20:32 Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said to	

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him, "Why should he be put to death? What has he done?" 20:33 Saul cast his spear at him to strike him. By this Jonathan knew that his father was determined to put David to death. 20:34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and ate no food the second day of the month; for he was grieved for David, because his father had treated him shamefully. 20:35 In the morning, Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little boy with him. 20:36 He said to his boy, "Run, find now the arrows which I shoot." As the boy ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. 20:37 When the boy had come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the boy, and said, "Isn't the arrow beyond you?" 20:38 Jonathan cried after the boy, "Go fast! Hurry! Don't delay!" Jonathan's boy gathered up the arrows, and came to his master. 20:39 But the boy didn't know anything. Only Jonathan and David knew the matter. 20:40 Jonathan gave his weapons to his boy, and said to him, "Go, carry them to the city." 20:41 As soon as the boy was gone, David arose out of the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times. They kissed one another and wept with one another, and David wept the most. 20:42 Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, because we have both sworn in Yahweh's name, saying, 'Yahweh is between me and you, and between my offspring and your offspring, forever.'" He arose and departed; and Jonathan went into the city.	
<u>Saul Slays the Priests at Nob</u> 21:1 Then David came to Nob to Ahimelech the priest. Ahimelech came to meet David trembling, and said to him, "Why are you alone, and no man with you?" 21:2 David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has commanded me to do something, and has said to me, 'Let no one know anything about the business about which I send you, and what I have commanded you. I have sent the young men to a certain place.'" 21:3 Now therefore what is under your hand? Please give me five loaves of bread in my hand, or whatever is available." 21:4 The priest answered David, and said, "I have no common bread, but there is holy bread; if only the young men have kept themselves from women." 21:5 David answered the priest, and said to him, "Truly, women have been kept from us as usual these three days. When I came out, the vessels of the	

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young men were holy, though it was only a common journey. How much more then today shall their vessels be holy?" 21:6 So the priest gave him holy bread; for there was no bread there but the show bread that was taken from before Yahweh, to be replaced with hot bread in the day when it was taken away. 21:7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before Yahweh; and his name was Doeg the Edomite, the best of the herdsmen who belonged to Saul. 21:8 David said to Ahimelech, "Isn't there here under your hand spear or sword? For I haven't brought my sword or my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste." 21:9 The priest said, "Behold, the sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the valley of Elah, is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you would like to take that, take it, for there is no other except that here." David said, "There is none like that. Give it to me." 21:10 David arose and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath. 21:11 The servants of Achish said to him, "Isn't this David the king of the land? Didn't they sing to one another about him in dances, saying, 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands'?" 21:12 David laid up these words in his heart, and was very afraid of Achish the king of Gath. 21:13 He changed his behavior before them and pretended to be insane in their hands, and scribbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down on his beard. 21:14 Then Achish said to his servants, "Look, you see the man is insane. Why then have you brought him to me?" 21:15 Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to play the madman in my presence? Should this fellow come into my house?" 22:1 David therefore departed from there and escaped to Adullam's cave. When his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him. 22:2 Everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered themselves to him; and he became captain over them. There were with him about four hundred men. 22:3 David went from there to Mizpeh of Moab; and he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and my mother come out to you, until I know what God will do for me." 22:4 He brought them before the king of Moab; and	

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they lived with him all the time that David was in the stronghold. 22:5 The prophet Gad said to David, “Don’t stay in the stronghold. Depart, and go into the land of Judah.” Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hereth. 22:6 Saul heard that David was discovered, with the men who were with him. Now Saul was sitting in Gibeah, under the tamarisk tree in Ramah, with his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing around him. 22:7 Saul said to his servants who stood around him, “Hear now, you Benjamites! Will the son of Jesse give everyone of you fields and vineyards? Will he make you all captains of thousands and captains of hundreds?” 22:8 Is that why all of you have conspired against me, and there is no one who discloses to me when my son makes a treaty with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you who is sorry for me, or discloses to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as it is today?” 22:9 Then Doeg the Edomite, who stood by the servants of Saul, answered and said, “I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. 22:10 He inquired of Yahweh for him, gave him food, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.” 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 in Nob; and they all came to the king. 22:12 Saul said, “Hear now, you son of Ahitub.” He answered, “Here I am, my lord.” 22:13 Saul said to him, “Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, in that you have given him bread, and a sword, and have inquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as it is today?” 22:14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, “Who among all your servants is so faithful as David, who is the king’s son-in-law, captain of your body guard, and honored in your house?” 22:15 Have I today begun to inquire of God for him? Be it far from me! Don’t let the king impute anything to his servant, nor to all the house of my father; for your servant knew nothing of all this, less or more.” 22:16 The king said, “You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you and all your father’s house.” 22:17 The king said to the guard who stood about him, “Turn and kill the priests of Yahweh, because their hand also is with David, and because they knew	

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that he fled and didn't disclose it to me." But the servants of the king wouldn't put out their hand to fall on the priests of Yahweh. 22:18 The king said to Doeg, "Turn and attack the priests!" Doeg the Edomite turned, and he attacked the priests, and he killed on that day eighty-five people who wore a linen ephod. 22:19 He struck Nob, the city of the priests, with the edge of the sword—both men and women, children and nursing babies, and cattle, donkeys, and sheep, with the edge of the sword. 22:20 One of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped and fled after David. 22:21 Abiathar told David that Saul had slain Yahweh's priests. 22:22 David said to Abiathar, "I knew on that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I am responsible for the death of all the persons of your father's house. 22:23 Stay with me. Don't be afraid, for he who seeks my life seeks your life. You will be safe with me."	

David Rescues Keilah

23:1 David was told, "Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah, and are robbing the threshing floors." 23:2 Therefore David inquired of Yahweh, saying, "Shall I go and strike these Philistines?" Yahweh said to David, "Go strike the Philistines, and save Keilah." 23:3 David's men said to him, "Behold, we are afraid here in Judah. How much more then if we go to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?" 23:4 Then David inquired of Yahweh yet again. Yahweh answered him, and said, "Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into your hand." 23:5 David and his men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their livestock, and killed them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah. 23:6 When Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, he came down with an ephod in his hand. 23:7 Saul was told that David had come to Keilah. Saul said, "God has delivered him into my hand, for he is shut in by entering into a town that has gates and bars." 23:8 Saul summoned all the people to war, to go down to Keilah to besiege David and his men. 23:9 David knew that Saul was devising mischief	
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against him. He said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring the ephod here." 23:10 Then David said, "O Yahweh, the God of Israel, your servant has surely heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah to destroy the city for my sake. 23:11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? Will Saul come down, as your servant has heard? Yahweh, the God of Israel, I beg you, tell your servant." Yahweh said, "He will come down." 23:12 Then David said, "Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul?" Yahweh said, "They will deliver you up." 23:13 Then David and his men, who were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah and went wherever they could go. Saul was told that David had escaped from Keilah; and he gave up going there. 23:14 David stayed in the wilderness in the strongholds, and remained in the hill country in the wilderness of Ziph. Saul sought him every day, but God didn't deliver him into his hand. 23:15 David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life. David was in the wilderness of Ziph in the woods. 23:16 Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David into the woods, and strengthened his hand in God. 23:17 He said to him, "Don't be afraid, for the hand of Saul my father won't find you; and you will be king over Israel, and I will be next to you; and Saul my father knows that also." 23:18 They both made a covenant before Yahweh. Then David stayed in the woods and Jonathan went to his house. 23:19 Then the Ziphites came up to Saul to Gibeah, saying, "Doesn't David hide himself with us in the strongholds in the woods, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of the desert?" 23:20 Now therefore, O king, come down. According to all the desire of your soul to come down; and our part will be to deliver him up into the king's hand." 23:21 Saul said, "You are blessed by Yahweh, for you have had compassion on me. 23:22 Please go make yet more sure, and know and see his place where his haunt is, and who has seen him there; for I have been told that he is very cunning. 23:23 See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hides himself; and come again to me with certainty, and I will go with you. It shall happen, if he is in the land, that I will search him out among all the thousands of Judah." 23:24 They arose, and went to Ziph before Saul; but	

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David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the Arabah on the south of the desert. 23:25 Saul and his men went to seek him. When David was told, he went down to the rock, and stayed in the wilderness of Maon. When Saul heard that, he pursued David in the wilderness of Maon. 23:26 Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain; and David hurried to get away for fear of Saul, for Saul and his men surrounded David and his men to take them. 23:27 But a messenger came to Saul, saying, “Hurry and come, for the Philistines have made a raid on the land!” 23:28 So Saul returned from pursuing David, and went against the Philistines. Therefore they called that place Sela Hammahlekoth.	

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23:29 David went up from there and lived in the strongholds of En Gedi.

24:1 When Saul had returned from following the Philistines, he was told, “Behold, David is in the wilderness of En Gedi.”

24:2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men on the rocks of the wild goats.

24:3 He came to the sheep pens by the way, where there was a cave; and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were staying in the innermost parts of the cave.

24:4 David's men said to him, “Behold, the day of which Yahweh said to you, ‘Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.’” Then David arose and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe secretly.

24:5 Afterward, David's heart struck him because he had cut off Saul's skirt.

24:6 He said to his men, “Yahweh forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, Yahweh's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, since he is Yahweh's anointed.”

24:7 So David checked his men with these words, and didn't allow them to rise against Saul. Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on his way.

24:8 David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave and cried after Saul, saying, “My lord the king!” When Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the earth, and showed respect.

24:9 David said to Saul, “Why do you listen to men's words, saying, ‘Behold, David seeks to harm you’?”

24:10 Behold, today your eyes have seen how Yahweh had delivered you today into my hand in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you. I

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said, 'I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is Yahweh's anointed.' 24:11 Moreover, my father, behold, yes, see the skirt of your robe in my hand; for in that I cut off the skirt of your robe and didn't kill you, know and see that there is neither evil nor disobedience in my hand. I have not sinned against you, though you hunt for my life to take it. 24:12 May Yahweh judge between me and you, and may Yahweh avenge me of you; but my hand will not be on you. 24:13 As the proverb of the ancients says, 'Out of the wicked comes wickedness;' but my hand will not be on you. 24:14 Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom do you pursue? A dead dog? A flea? 24:15 May Yahweh therefore be judge, and give sentence between me and you, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of your hand." 24:16 It came to pass, when David had finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, "Is that your voice, my son David?" Saul lifted up his voice and wept. 24:17 He said to David, "You are more righteous than I; for you have done good to me, whereas I have done evil to you. 24:18 You have declared today how you have dealt well with me, because when Yahweh had delivered me up into your hand, you didn't kill me. 24:19 For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go away unharmed? Therefore may Yahweh reward you good for that which you have done to me today. 24:20 Now, behold, I know that you will surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hand. 24:21 Swear now therefore to me by Yahweh that you will not cut off my offspring after me, and that you will not destroy my name out of my father's house." 24:22 David swore to Saul. Saul went home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold. 25:1 Samuel died; and all Israel gathered themselves together and mourned for him, and buried him at his house at Ramah. Then David arose and went down to the wilderness of Paran.	
<u>David and Nabal and Abigail</u> 25:2 There was a man in Maon whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great. He had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats; and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. 25:3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail. This woman was	

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intelligent and had a beautiful face; but the man was surly and evil in his doings. He was of the house of Caleb. 25:4 David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. 25:5 David sent ten young men; and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name. 25:6 Tell him, 'Long life to you! Peace be to you! Peace be to your house! Peace be to all that you have! 25:7 Now I have heard that you have shearers. Your shepherds have now been with us, and we didn't harm them. Nothing was missing from them all the time they were in Carmel. 25:8 Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Therefore let the young men find favor in your eyes, for we come on a good day. Please give whatever comes to your hand to your servants and to your son David.'" 25:9 When David's young men came, they spoke to Nabal all those words in the name of David, and waited. 25:10 Nabal answered David's servants and said, "Who is David? Who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants who break away from their masters these days. 25:11 Shall I then take my bread, my water, and my meat that I have killed for my shearers, and give it to men who I don't know where they come from?" 25:12 So David's young men turned on their way and went back, and came and told him all these words. 25:13 David said to his men, "Every man put on his sword!" Every man put on his sword. David also put on his sword. About four hundred men followed David, and two hundred stayed by the baggage. 25:14 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, "Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to greet our master; and he insulted them. 25:15 But the men were very good to us, and we were not harmed, and we didn't miss anything as long as we went with them, when we were in the fields. 25:16 They were a wall to us both by night and by day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. 25:17 Now therefore know and consider what you will do; for evil is determined against our master and against all his house, for he is such a worthless fellow that one can't speak to him." 25:18 Then Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves of bread, two containers of wine, five sheep	

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ready dressed, five seahs of parched grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on donkeys. 25:19 She said to her young men, "Go on before me. Behold, I am coming after you." But she didn't tell her husband, Nabal. 25:20 As she rode on her donkey, and came down hidden by the mountain, behold, David and his men came down toward her, and she met them. 25:21 Now David had said, "Surely in vain I have kept all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained to him. He has returned me evil for good. 25:22 God do so to the enemies of David, and more also, if I leave of all that belongs to him by the morning light so much as one who urinates on a wall." 25:23 When Abigail saw David, she hurried and got off her donkey, and fell before David on her face and bowed herself to the ground. 25:24 She fell at his feet and said, "On me, my lord, on me be the blame! Please let your servant speak in your ears. Hear the words of your servant. 25:25 Please don't let my lord pay attention to this worthless fellow, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name, and folly is with him; but I, your servant, didn't see my lord's young men whom you sent. 25:26 Now therefore, my lord, as Yahweh lives and as your soul lives, since Yahweh has withheld you from blood guiltiness and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now therefore let your enemies and those who seek evil to my lord be as Nabal. 25:27 Now this present which your servant has brought to my lord, let it be given to the young men who follow my lord. 25:28 Please forgive the trespass of your servant. For Yahweh will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord fights Yahweh's battles. Evil will not be found in you all your days. 25:29 Though men may rise up to pursue you and to seek your soul, yet the soul of my lord will be bound in the bundle of life with Yahweh your God. He will sling out the souls of your enemies as from a sling's pocket. 25:30 It will come to pass, when Yahweh has done to my lord according to all the good that he has spoken concerning you, and has appointed you prince over Israel, 25:31 that this shall be no grief to you, nor offense of heart to my lord, either that you have shed blood without cause, or that my lord has avenged himself. When Yahweh has dealt well with my lord, then remember your servant."	

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25:32 David said to Abigail, "Blessed is Yahweh, the God of Israel, who sent you today to meet me! 25:33 Blessed is your discretion, and blessed are you, who have kept me today from blood guiltiness, and from avenging myself with my own hand. 25:34 For indeed, as Yahweh the God of Israel lives, who has withheld me from harming you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, surely there wouldn't have been left to Nabal by the morning light so much as one who urinates on a wall." 25:35 So David received from her hand that which she had brought him. Then he said to her, "Go up in peace to your house. Behold, I have listened to your voice and have granted your request." 25:36 Abigail came to Nabal; and behold, he held a feast in his house like the feast of a king. Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk. Therefore she told him nothing until the morning light. 25:37 In the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, his wife told him these things; and his heart died within him, and he became as a stone. 25:38 About ten days later, Yahweh struck Nabal, so that he died. 25:39 When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Blessed is Yahweh, who has pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and has kept back his servant from evil. Yahweh has returned the evildoing of Nabal on his own head." David sent and spoke concerning Abigail, to take her to himself as wife. 25:40 When David's servants had come to Abigail to Carmel, they spoke to her, saying, "David has sent us to you, to take you to him as wife." 25:41 She arose and bowed herself with her face to the earth, and said, "Behold, your servant is a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord." 25:42 Abigail hurriedly arose and rode on a donkey with her five maids who followed her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife. 25:43 David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they both became his wives. 25:44 Now Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who was of Gallim.	
<u>David Again Spares Saul's Life</u>	
26:1 The Ziphites came to Saul to Gibeah, saying, "Doesn't David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, which is before the desert?" 26:2 Then Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.	

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26:3 Saul encamped in the hill of Hachilah, which is before the desert, by the way. But David stayed in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. 26:4 David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul had certainly come. 26:5 Then David arose and came to the place where Saul had encamped; and David saw the place where Saul lay, with Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his army. Saul lay within the place of the wagons, and the people were encamped around him. 26:6 Then David answered and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother of Joab, saying, "Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp?" Abishai said, "I will go down with you." 26:7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night; and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the place of the wagons, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the people lay around him. 26:8 Then Abishai said to David, "God has delivered up your enemy into your hand today. Now therefore please let me strike him with the spear to the earth at one stroke, and I will not strike him the second time." 26:9 David said to Abishai, "Don't destroy him, for who can stretch out his hand against Yahweh's anointed, and be guiltless?" 26:10 David said, "As Yahweh lives, Yahweh will strike him; or his day shall come to die, or he shall go down into battle and perish. 26:11 Yahweh forbid that I should stretch out my hand against Yahweh's anointed; but now please take the spear that is at his head and the jar of water, and let's go." 26:12 So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head, and they went away. No man saw it, or knew it, nor did any awake; for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from Yahweh had fallen on them. 26:13 Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of the mountain far away, a great space being between them; 26:14 and David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, "Don't you answer, Abner?" Then Abner answered, "Who are you who calls to the king?" 26:15 David said to Abner, "Aren't you a man? Who is like you in Israel? Why then have you not kept watch over your lord the king? For one of the people came in to destroy your lord the king. 26:16 This thing isn't good that you have done. As Yahweh lives, you are worthy to die, because you have not kept watch over your lord, Yahweh's	

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anointed. Now see where the king's spear is, and the jar of water that was at his head." 26:17 Saul recognized David's voice, and said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" David said, "It is my voice, my lord, O king." 26:18 He said, "Why does my lord pursue his servant? For what have I done? What evil is in my hand?" 26:19 Now therefore, please let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If it is so that Yahweh has stirred you up against me, let him accept an offering. But if it is the children of men, they are cursed before Yahweh; for they have driven me out today that I shouldn't cling to Yahweh's inheritance, saying, 'Go, serve other gods!' 26:20 Now therefore, don't let my blood fall to the earth away from the presence of Yahweh; for the king of Israel has come out to seek a flea, as when one hunts a partridge in the mountains." 26:21 Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Return, my son David; for I will no more do you harm, because my life was precious in your eyes today. Behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly." 26:22 David answered, "Behold the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and get it." 26:23 Yahweh will give to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness; because Yahweh delivered you into my hand today, and I wouldn't stretch out my hand against Yahweh's anointed." 26:24 Behold, as your life was respected today in my eyes, so let my life be respected in Yahweh's eyes, and let him deliver me out of all oppression." 26:25 Then Saul said to David, "You are blessed, my son David. You will both do mightily, and will surely prevail." So David went his way, and Saul returned to his place.	
<u>David in Philistine Ziklag</u> 27:1 David said in his heart, "I will 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; and Saul will despair of me, to seek me any more in all the borders of Israel. So I will escape out of his hand." 27:2 David arose and passed over, he and the six hundred men who were with him, to Achish the son of Maoch, king of Gath. 27:3 David lived with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, even David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's wife. 27:4 Saul was told that David had fled to Gath, so he stopped looking for him. 27:5 David said to Achish, "If now I have found	

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favor in your eyes, let them give me a place in one of the cities in the country, that I may dwell there. For why should your servant dwell in the royal city with you?" 27:6 Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day; therefore Ziklag belongs to the kings of Judah to this day. 27:7 The number of the days that David lived in the country of the Philistines was a full year and four months. 27:8 David and his men went up and raided the Geshurites, the Girzites, and the Amalekites; for those were the inhabitants of the land who were of old, on the way to Shur, even to the land of Egypt. 27:9 David struck the land, and saved no man or woman alive, and took away the sheep, the cattle, the donkeys, the camels, and the clothing. Then he returned, and came to Achish. 27:10 Achish said, "Against whom have you made a raid today?" David said, "Against the South of Judah, against the South of the Jerahmeelites, and against the South of the Kenites." 27:11 David saved neither man nor woman alive to bring them to Gath, saying, "Lest they should tell about us, saying, 'David did this, and this has been his way all the time he has lived in the country of the Philistines.'" 27:12 Achish believed David, saying, "He has made his people Israel utterly to abhor him. Therefore he will be my servant forever." 28:1 In those days, the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. Achish said to David, "Know assuredly that you will go out with me in the army, you and your men." 28:2 David said to Achish, "Therefore you will know what your servant can do." Achish said to David, "Therefore I will make you my bodyguard forever."	
<u>Saul Consults the Witch of Endor</u> 28:3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. Saul had sent away those who had familiar spirits and the wizards out of the land. 28:4 The Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and encamped in Shunem; and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they encamped in Gilboa. 28:5 When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. 28:6 When Saul inquired of Yahweh, Yahweh didn't answer him by dreams, by Urim, or by prophets. 28:7 Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek for me a woman who has a familiar spirit, that I may go to her	

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and inquire of her.” His servants said to him, “Behold, there is a woman who has a familiar spirit at Endor.” 28:8 Saul disguised himself and put on other clothing, and went, he and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night. Then he said, “Please consult for me by the familiar spirit, and bring me up whomever I shall name to you.” 28:9 The woman said to him, “Behold, you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off those who have familiar spirits and the wizards out of the land. Why then do you lay a snare for my life, to cause me to die?” 28:10 Saul swore to her by Yahweh, saying, “As Yahweh lives, no punishment will happen to you for this thing.” 28:11 Then the woman said, “Whom shall I bring up to you?” He said, “Bring Samuel up for me.” 28:12 When the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice; and the woman spoke to Saul, saying, “Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul!” 28:13 The king said to her, “Don’t be afraid! What do you see?” The woman said to Saul, “I see a god coming up out of the earth.” 28:14 He said to her, “What does he look like?” She said, “An old man comes up. He is covered with a robe.” Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and showed respect. 28:15 Samuel said to Saul, “Why have you disturbed me, to bring me up?” Saul answered, “I am very distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God has departed from me, and answers me no more, by prophets, or by dreams. Therefore I have called you, that you may make known to me what I shall do.” 28:16 Samuel said, “Why then do you ask me, since Yahweh has departed from you and has become your adversary?” 28:17 Yahweh has done to you as he spoke by me. Yahweh has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, even to David. 28:18 Because you didn’t obey Yahweh’s voice, and didn’t execute his fierce wrath on Amalek, therefore Yahweh has done this thing to you today. 28:19 Moreover Yahweh will deliver Israel also with you into the hand of the Philistines; and tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. Yahweh will deliver the army of Israel also into the hand of the Philistines.” 28:20 Then Saul fell immediately his full length on the earth, and was terrified, because of Samuel’s words. There was no strength in him, for he had eaten no bread all day long or all night long.	

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28:21 The woman came to Saul and saw that he was very troubled, and said to him, "Behold, your servant has listened to your voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have listened to your words which you spoke to me. 28:22 Now therefore, please listen also to the voice of your servant, and let me set a morsel of bread before you. Eat, that you may have strength when you go on your way." 28:23 But he refused, and said, "I will not eat." But his servants, together with the woman, constrained him; and he listened to their voice. So he arose from the earth and sat on the bed. 28:24 The woman had a fattened calf in the house. She hurried and killed it; and she took flour and kneaded it, and baked unleavened bread of it. 28:25 She brought it before Saul and before his servants, and they ate. Then they rose up and went away that night.	
<u>The Philistines Prepare for War with Israel</u>	
29:1 Now the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek; and the Israelites encamped by the spring which is in Jezreel. 29:2 The lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds and by thousands; and David and his men passed on in the rear with Achish. 29:3 Then the princes of the Philistines said, "What about these Hebrews?" Achish said to the princes of the Philistines, "Isn't this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, who has been with me these days, or rather these years? I have found no fault in him since he fell away until today." 29:4 But the princes of the Philistines were angry with him; and the princes of the Philistines said to him, "Make the man return, that he may go back to his place where you have appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he become an adversary to us. For with what should this fellow reconcile himself to his lord? Should it not be with the heads of these men?" 29:5 Isn't this David, of whom people sang to one another in dances, saying, 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands'?" 29:6 Then Achish called David and said to him, "As Yahweh lives, you have been upright, and your going out and your coming in with me in the army is good in my sight; for I have not found evil in you since the day of your coming to me to this day. Nevertheless, the lords don't favor you. 29:7 Therefore now return, and go in peace, that you not displease the lords of the Philistines." 29:8 David said to Achish, "But what have I done? What have you found in your servant so long as I	

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have been before you to this day, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king?" 29:9 Achish answered David, "I know that you are good in my sight, as an angel of God. Notwithstanding, the princes of the Philistines have said, 'He shall not go up with us to the battle.' 29:10 Therefore now rise up early in the morning with the servants of your lord who have come with you; and as soon as you are up early in the morning and have light, depart." 29:11 So David rose up early, he and his men, to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines; and the Philistines went up to Jezreel.	
<u>The Raid on Ziklag and the Rescue</u>	
30:1 When David and his men had come to Ziklag on the third day, the Amalekites had made a raid on the South and on Ziklag, and had struck Ziklag and burned it with fire, 30:2 and had taken captive the women and all who were in it, both small and great. They didn't kill any, but carried them off and went their way. 30:3 When David and his men came to the city, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, their sons, and their daughters were taken captive. 30:4 Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voice and wept until they had no more power to weep. 30:5 David's two wives were taken captive, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. 30:6 David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the souls of all the people were grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters; but David strengthened himself in Yahweh his God. 30:7 David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, "Please bring the ephod here to me." Abiathar brought the ephod to David. 30:8 David inquired of Yahweh, saying, "If I pursue after this troop, will I overtake them?" He answered him, "Pursue, for you will surely overtake them, and will without fail recover all." 30:9 So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those who were left behind stayed. 30:10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred stayed behind, who were so faint that they couldn't go over the brook Besor. 30:11 They found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he ate; and they gave him water to drink. 30:12 They gave him a piece of a cake of figs and two clusters of raisins. When he had eaten, his spirit	

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came again to him; for he had eaten no bread, and drank no water for three days and three nights. 30:13 David asked him, "To whom do you belong? Where are you from?" He said, "I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I got sick. 30:14 We made a raid on the South of the Cherethites, and on that which belongs to Judah, and on the South of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire." 30:15 David said to him, "Will you bring me down to this troop?" He said, "Swear to me by God that you will not kill me and not deliver me up into the hands of my master, and I will bring you down to this troop." 30:16 When he had brought him down, behold, they were spread around over all the ground, eating, drinking, and dancing, because of all the great plunder that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah. 30:17 David struck them from the twilight even to the evening of the next day. Not a man of them escaped from there, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled. 30:18 David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken, and David rescued his two wives. 30:19 There was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither plunder, nor anything that they had taken. David brought them all back. 30:20 David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drove before those other livestock, and said, "This is David's plunder." 30:21 David came to the two hundred men, who were so faint that they could not follow David, whom also they had made to stay at the brook Besor; and they went out to meet David, and to meet the people who were with him. When David came near to the people, he greeted them. 30:22 Then all the wicked men and worthless fellows of those who went with David answered and said, "Because they didn't go with us, we will not give them anything of the plunder that we have recovered, except to every man his wife and his children, that he may lead them away and depart." 30:23 Then David said, "Do not do so, my brothers, with that which Yahweh has given to us, who has preserved us, and delivered the troop that came against us into our hand. 30:24 Who will listen to you in this matter? For as his share is who goes down to the battle, so shall his share be who stays with the baggage. They shall share alike." 30:25 It was so from that day forward that he made it	

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a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day. 30:26 When David came to Ziklag, he sent some of the plunder to the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, “Behold, a present for you from the plunder of Yahweh’s enemies.” 30:27 He sent it to those who were in Bethel, to those who were in Ramoth of the South, to those who were in Jattir, 30:28 to those who were in Aroer, to those who were in Siphmoth, to those who were in Eshtemoa, 30:29 to those who were in Racal, to those who were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, to those who were in the cities of the Kenites, 30:30 to those who were in Hormah, to those who were in Borashan, to those who were in Athach, 30:31 to those who were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men used to stay.	
<u>The Death of Saul</u>	
31:1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain on Mount Gilboa. 31:2 The Philistines overtook Saul and his sons; and the Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua, the sons of Saul. 31:3 The battle went hard against Saul, and the archers overtook him; and he was greatly distressed by reason of the archers. 31:4 Then Saul said to his armor bearer, “Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through and abuse me!” But his armor bearer would not, for he was terrified. Therefore Saul took his sword and fell on it. 31:5 When his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell on his sword, and died with him. 31:6 So Saul died with his three sons, his armor bearer, and all his men that same day together. 31:7 When the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley, and those who were beyond the Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned the cities and fled; and the Philistines came and lived in them. 31:8 On the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa. 31:9 They cut off his head, stripped off his armor, and sent into the land of the Philistines all around, to carry the news to the house of their idols and to the people. 31:10 They put his armor in the house of the Ashtaroth, and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth Shan. 31:11 When the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead heard	10:1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain on Mount Gilboa. 10:2 The Philistines followed hard after Saul and after his sons; and the Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua, the sons of Saul. 10:3 The battle went hard against Saul, and the archers overtook him; and he was distressed by reason of the archers. 10:4 Then Saul said to his armor bearer, “Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me.” But his armor bearer would not, for he was terrified. Therefore Saul took his sword and fell on it. 10:5 When his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell on his sword and died. 10:6 So Saul died with his three sons; and all his house died together. 10:7 When all the men of Israel who were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned their cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and lived in them. 10:8 On the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, they found Saul and his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa. 10:9 They stripped him and took his head and his armor, then sent into the land of the Philistines all around to carry the news to their idols and to the people. 10:10 They put his armor in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the house of Dagon. 10:11 When all Jabesh Gilead heard all that the

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what the Philistines had done to Saul, 31:12 all the valiant men arose, went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth Shan; and they came to Jabesh and burned them there. 31:13 They took their bones and buried them under the tamarisk tree in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.	Philistines had done to Saul, 10:12 all the valiant men arose and took away the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days. 10:13 So Saul died for his trespass which he committed against Yahweh, because of Yahweh's word, which he didn't keep, and also because he asked counsel of one who had a familiar spirit, to inquire, 10:14 and didn't inquire of Yahweh. Therefore he killed him, and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.

Saul's Death Reported

1:1 After the death of Saul, when David had returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had stayed two days in Ziklag,

1:2 on the third day, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul, with his clothes torn and earth on his head. When he came to David, he fell to the earth and showed respect.

1:3 David said to him, "Where do you come from?" He said to him, "I have escaped out of the camp of Israel."

1:4 David said to him, "How did it go? Please tell me." He answered, "The people have fled from the battle, and many of the people also have fallen and are dead. Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also."

1:5 David said to the young man who told him, "How do you know that Saul and Jonathan his son are dead?"

1:6 The young man who told him said, "As I happened by chance on Mount Gilboa, behold, Saul was leaning on his spear; and behold, the chariots and the horsemen followed close behind him.

1:7 When he looked behind him, he saw me and called to me. I answered, 'Here I am.'

1:8 He said to me, 'Who are you?' I answered him, 'I am an Amalekite.'

1:9 He said to me, 'Please stand beside me, and kill me, for anguish has taken hold of me because my life lingers in me.'

1:10 So I stood beside him and killed him, because I was sure that he could not live after he had fallen. I took the crown that was on his head and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them here to my lord."

1:11 Then David took hold on his clothes and tore them; and all the men who were with him did likewise.

1:12 They mourned, wept, and fasted until evening for Saul and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of Yahweh, and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.

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."

1:14 David said to him, "Why were you not afraid to stretch out your hand to destroy Yahweh's anointed?"

1:15 David called one of the young men and said, "Go near, and cut him down!" He struck him so that he died.

1:16 David said to him, "Your blood be on your head, for your mouth has testified against you,

saying, 'I have slain Yahweh's anointed.'"

David's Lament for Saul

1:17 David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son

1:18 (and he commanded them to teach the children of Judah the song of the bow; behold, it is written in the book of Jashar):

1:19 "Your glory, Israel, was slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen!

1:20 Don't tell it in Gath. Don't publish it in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

1:21 You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain on you, and no fields of offerings; for there the shield of the mighty was defiled and cast away, the shield of Saul was not anointed with oil.

1:22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, Jonathan's bow didn't turn back. Saul's sword didn't return empty.

1:23 Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives. In their death, they were not divided. They were swifter than eagles. They were stronger than lions.

1:24 You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you delicately in scarlet, who put ornaments of gold on your clothing.

1:25 How the mighty have fallen in the middle of the battle! Jonathan was slain on your high places.

1:26 I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan. You have been very pleasant to me. Your love to me was wonderful, surpassing the love of women.

1:27 How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war have perished!"

David King of Judah

2:1 After this, David inquired of Yahweh, saying, "Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah?"

Yahweh said to him, "Go up." David said, "Where shall I go up?" He said, "To Hebron."

2:2 So David went up there with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

2:3 David brought up his men who were with him, every man with his household. They lived in the cities of Hebron.

2:4 The men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. They told David, "The men of Jabesh Gilead were those who buried Saul."

2:5 David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh Gilead, and said to them, "Blessed are you by

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Yahweh, that you have shown this kindness to your lord, even to Saul, and have buried him. 2:6 Now may Yahweh show loving kindness and truth to you. I also will reward you for this kindness, because you have done this thing. 2:7 Now therefore let your hands be strong, and be valiant; for Saul your lord is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.”	
<u>Ishbosheth King of Israel</u>	
2:8 Now Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul’s army, had taken Ishbosheth the son of Saul and brought him over to Mahanaim. 2:9 He made him king over Gilead, over the Ashurites, over Jezreel, over Ephraim, over Benjamin, and over all Israel. 2:10 Ishbosheth, Saul’s son, was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David. 2:11 The time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.	
<u>Israel and Judah at War</u>	
2:12 Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ishbosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon. 2:13 Joab the son of Zeruiah and David’s servants went out, and met them by the pool of Gibeon; and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool and the other on the other side of the pool. 2:14 Abner said to Joab, “Please let the young men arise and compete before us!” Joab said, “Let them arise!” 2:15 Then they arose and went over by number: twelve for Benjamin and for Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of David’s servants. 2:16 They each caught his opponent by the head and thrust his sword in his fellow’s side; so they fell down together. Therefore that place in Gibeon was called Helkath Hazzurim. 2:17 The battle was very severe that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before David’s servants. 2:18 The three sons of Zeruiah were there: Joab, Abishai, and Asahel. Asahel was as light of foot as a wild gazelle. 2:19 Asahel pursued Abner. He didn’t turn to the right hand or to the left from following Abner. 2:20 Then Abner looked behind him and said, “Is that you, Asahel?” He answered, “It is.” 2:21 Abner said to him, “Turn away to your right hand or to your left, and grab one of the young men, and take his armor.” But Asahel would not turn away	

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from following him. 2:22 Abner said again to Asahel, "Turn away from following me. Why should I strike you to the ground? How then could I look Joab your brother in the face?" 2:23 However, he refused to turn away. Therefore Abner with the back end of the spear struck him in the body, so that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there and died in the same place. As many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still. 2:24 But Joab and Abishai pursued Abner. The sun went down when they had come to the hill of Ammah, that lies before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon. 2:25 The children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner and became one band, and stood on the top of a hill. 2:26 Then Abner called to Joab, and said, "Shall the sword devour forever? Don't you know that it will be bitterness in the latter end? How long will it be then, before you ask the people to return from following their brothers?" 2:27 Joab said, "As God lives, if you had not spoken, surely then in the morning the people would have gone away, and not each followed his brother." 2:28 So Joab blew the trumpet; and all the people stood still and pursued Israel no more, and they fought no more. 2:29 Abner and his men went all that night through the Arabah; and they passed over the Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and came to Mahanaim. 2:30 Joab returned from following Abner; and when he had gathered all the people together, nineteen men of David's and Asahel were missing. 2:31 But David's servants had struck Benjamin Abner's men so that three hundred sixty men died. 2:32 They took up Asahel and buried him in the tomb of his father, which was in Bethlehem. Joab and his men went all night, and the day broke on them at Hebron. 3:1 Now there was long war between Saul's house and David's house. David grew stronger and stronger, but Saul's house grew weaker and weaker. 3:2 Sons were born to David in Hebron. His firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; 3:3 and his second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; 3:4 and the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital; 3:5 and the sixth, Ithream, of Eglah, David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.	3:1 Now these were the sons of David, who were born to him in Hebron: the firstborn, Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess; 3:2 the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; 3:3 the fifth, Shephatiah of Abital; the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife:

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3:6 While there was war between Saul's house and David's house, Abner made himself strong in Saul's house. 3:7 Now Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah; and Ishbosheth said to Abner, "Why have you gone in to my father's concubine?" 3:8 Then Abner was very angry about Ishbosheth's words, and said, "Am I a dog's head that belongs to Judah? Today I show kindness to your father Saul's house, to his brothers, and to his friends, and have not delivered you into the hand of David; and yet you charge me today with a fault concerning this woman! 3:9 God do so to Abner, and more also, if, as Yahweh has sworn to David, I don't do even so to him: 3:10 to transfer the kingdom from Saul's house, and to set up David's throne over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beersheba." 3:11 He could not answer Abner another word, because he was afraid of him. 3:12 Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, "Whose is the land?" and saying, "Make your alliance with me, and behold, my hand will be with you to bring all Israel around to you." 3:13 David said, "Good. I will make a treaty with you, but one thing I require of you. That is, you will not see my face unless you first bring Michal, Saul's daughter, when you come to see my face." 3:14 David sent messengers to Ishbosheth, Saul's son, saying, "Deliver me my wife Michal, whom I was given to marry for one hundred foreskins of the Philistines." 3:15 Ishbosheth sent and took her from her husband, Paltiel the son of Laish. 3:16 Her husband went with her, weeping as he went, and followed her to Bahurim. Then Abner said to him, "Go! Return!" and he returned. 3:17 Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, "In times past, you sought for David to be king over you. 3:18 Now then do it! For Yahweh has spoken of David, saying, 'By the hand of my servant David, I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.'" 3:19 Abner also spoke in the ears of Benjamin; and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel and to the	3:4 six were born to him in Hebron; and he reigned there seven years and six months. He reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem;
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whole house of Benjamin. 3:20 So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. David made Abner and the men who were with him a feast. 3:21 Abner said to David, "I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel to my lord the king, that they may make a covenant with you, and that you may reign over all that your soul desires." David sent Abner away; and he went in peace.	
<u>Joab Murders Abner</u>	
3:22 Behold, David's servants and Joab came from a raid and brought in a great plunder with them; but Abner was not with David in Hebron, for he had sent him away, and he had gone in peace. 3:23 When Joab and all the army who was with him had come, they told Joab, "Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he has sent him away, and he has gone in peace." 3:24 Then Joab came to the king and said, "What have you done? Behold, Abner came to you. Why is it that you have sent him away, and he is already gone?" 3:25 You know Abner the son of Ner. He came to deceive you, and to know your going out and your coming in, and to know all that you do." 3:26 When Joab had come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, and they brought him back from the well of Sirah; but David didn't know it. 3:27 When Abner had returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside into the middle of the gate to speak with him quietly, and struck him there in the body, so that he died for the blood of Asahel his brother. 3:28 Afterward, when David heard it, he said, "I and my kingdom are guiltless before Yahweh forever of the blood of Abner the son of Ner. 3:29 Let it fall on the head of Joab and on all his father's house. Let there not fail from the house of Joab one who has a discharge, or who is a leper, or who leans on a staff, or who falls by the sword, or who lacks bread." 3:30 So Joab and Abishai his brother killed Abner, because he had killed their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle. 3:31 David said to Joab and to all the people who were with him, "Tear your clothes, and clothe yourselves with sackcloth, and mourn in front of Abner." King David followed the bier. 3:32 They buried Abner in Hebron; and the king lifted up his voice and wept at Abner's grave; and all the people wept. 3:33 The king lamented for Abner, and said, "Should Abner die as a fool dies?"	

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3:34 Your hands weren't bound, and your feet weren't put into fetters. As a man falls before the children of iniquity, so you fell." All the people wept again over him. 3:35 All the people came to urge David to eat bread while it was yet day; but David swore, saying, "God do so to me, and more also, if I taste bread or anything else, until the sun goes down." 3:36 All the people took notice of it, and it pleased them, as whatever the king did pleased all the people. 3:37 So all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to kill Abner the son of Ner. 3:38 The king said to his servants, "Don't you know that a prince and a great man has fallen today in Israel?" 3:39 I am weak today, though anointed king. These men, the sons of Zeruiah are too hard for me. May Yahweh reward the evildoer according to his wickedness."	
<u>Ishbosheth Murdered</u> 4:1 When Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands became feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled. 4:2 Saul's son had two men who were captains of raiding bands. The name of one was Baanah and the name of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin (for Beeroth also is considered a part of Benjamin; 4:3 and the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and have lived as foreigners there until today). 4:4 Now Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who was lame in his feet. He was five years old when the news came about Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel; and his nurse picked him up and fled. As she hurried to flee, he fell and became lame. His name was Mephibosheth. 4:5 The sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went out and came at about the heat of the day to the house of Ishbosheth as he took his rest at noon. 4:6 They came there into the middle of the house as though they would have fetched wheat, and they struck him in the body; and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped. 4:7 Now when they came into the house as he lay on his bed in his bedroom, they struck him, killed him, beheaded him, and took his head, and went by the way of the Arabah all night. 4:8 They brought the head of Ishbosheth to David to Hebron, and said to the king, "Behold, the head of	

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Ishbosheth, the son of Saul, your enemy, who sought your life! Yahweh has avenged my lord the king today of Saul and of his offspring.” 4:9 David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, “As Yahweh lives, who has redeemed my soul out of all adversity, 4:10 when someone told me, ‘Behold, Saul is dead,’ thinking that he brought good news, I seized him and killed him in Ziklag, which was the reward I gave him for his news. 4:11 How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house on his bed, should I not now require his blood from your hand, and rid the earth of you?” 4:12 David commanded his young men, and they killed them, cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up beside the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbosheth and buried it in Abner’s grave in Hebron.	
<u>David King of United Israel</u>	
5:1 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and spoke, saying, “Behold, we are your bone and your flesh. 5:2 In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led Israel out and in. Yahweh said to you, ‘You will be shepherd of my people Israel, and you will be prince over Israel.’” 5:3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them in Hebron before Yahweh; and they anointed David king over Israel. 5:4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. 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.	11:1 Then all Israel gathered themselves to David at Hebron, saying, “Behold, we are your bone and your flesh. 11:2 In times past, even when Saul was king, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. Yahweh your God said to you, ‘You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over my people Israel.’” 11:3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before Yahweh. They anointed David king over Israel, according to Yahweh’s word by Samuel.
<u>David Captures Jerusalem</u>	
5:6 The king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who spoke to David, saying, “The blind and the lame will keep you out of here,” thinking, “David can’t come in here.” 5:7 Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion. This is David’s city. 5:8 David said on that day, “Whoever strikes the Jebusites, let him go up to the watercourse and strike those lame and blind, who are hated by David’s soul.” Therefore they say, “The blind and the lame can’t come into the house.”	11:4 David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (also called Jebus); and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were there. 11:5 The inhabitants of Jebus said to David, “You will not come in here!” Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion. The same is David’s city. 11:6 David had said, “Whoever strikes the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain.” Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, and was made chief.

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5:9 David lived in the stronghold, and called it David's city. David built around from Millo and inward.	11:7 David lived in the stronghold; therefore they called it David's city. 11:8 He built the city all around, from Millo even around; and Joab repaired the rest of the city.
5:10 David grew greater and greater, for Yahweh, the God of Armies, was with him.	11:9 David grew greater and greater, for Yahweh of Armies was with him.
<u>David's Administration</u>	
23:8 These are the names of the mighty men whom David had: Josheb Basshebeth a Tahchemonite, chief of the captains; he was called Adino the Eznite, who killed eight hundred at one time.	11:10 Now these are the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who showed themselves strong with him in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to Yahweh's word concerning Israel.
23:9 After him was Eleazar the son of Dodai the son of an Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David when they defied the Philistines who were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel had gone away.	11:11 This is the number of the mighty men whom David had: Jashobeam, the son of a Hachmonite, the chief of the thirty; he lifted up his spear against three hundred and killed them at one time.
23:10 He arose and struck the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand froze to the sword; and Yahweh worked a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to take plunder.	11:12 After him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the three mighty men.
23:11 After him was Shammah the son of Agee a Hararite. The Philistines had gathered together into a troop where there was a plot of ground full of lentils; and the people fled from the Philistines.	11:13 He was with David at Pasdammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where there was a plot of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines.
23:12 But he stood in the middle of the plot and defended it, and killed the Philistines; and Yahweh worked a great victory.	11:14 They stood in the middle of the plot, defended it, and killed the Philistines; and Yahweh saved them by a great victory.
23:13 Three of the thirty chief men went down, and came to David in the harvest time to the cave of Adullam; and the troop of the Philistines was encamped in the valley of Rephaim.	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 were encamped in the valley of Rephaim.
23:14 David was then in the stronghold; and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.	11:16 David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was in Bethlehem at that time.
23:15 David said longingly, "Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"	11:17 David longed, and said, "Oh, that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"
23:16 The three mighty men broke through the army of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate and took it and brought it to David; but he would not drink of it, but poured it out to Yahweh.	11:18 The three broke through the army of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate, took it, and brought it to David; but David would not drink any of it, but poured it out to Yahweh,
23:17 He said, "Be it far from me, Yahweh, that I should do this! Isn't this the blood of the men who risked their lives to go?" Therefore he would not drink it. The three mighty men did these things.	11:19 and said, "My God forbid me, that I should do this! Shall I drink the blood of these men who have put their lives in jeopardy?" For they risked their lives to bring it. Therefore he would not drink it. The three mighty men did these things.
23:18 Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief of the three. He lifted up his spear against three hundred and killed them, and had a name among the three.	11:20 Abishai, the brother of Joab, was chief of the three; for he lifted up his spear against three hundred and killed them, and had a name among the three.
23:19 Wasn't he most honorable of the three?	11:21 Of the three, he was more honorable than the

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Therefore he was made their captain. However he wasn't included as one of the three.	two, and was made their captain; however he wasn't included in the three.
23:20 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done mighty deeds, killed the two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also went down and killed a lion in the middle of a pit in a time of snow.	11:22 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done mighty deeds, killed the two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also went down and killed a lion in the middle of a pit on a snowy day.
23:21 He killed a huge Egyptian, and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear.	11:23 He killed an Egyptian, a man of great stature, five cubits high. In the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear.
23:22 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did these things, and had a name among the three mighty men.	11:24 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did these things and had a name among the three mighty men.
23:23 He was more honorable than the thirty, but he didn't attain to the three. David set him over his guard.	11:25 Behold, he was more honorable than the thirty, but he didn't attain to the three; and David set him over his guard.
23:24 Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,	11:26 The mighty men of the armies also include Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,
23:25 Shammah the Harodite, Elikah the Harodite,	11:27 Shammoh the Hararite, Helez the Pelonite,
23:26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,	11:28 Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite,
23:27 Abiezer the Anathothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite,	11:29 Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite,
23:28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite,	11:30 Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite,
23:29 Heleb the son of Baanah the Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin,	11:31 Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,
23:30 Benaiah a Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash.	11:32 Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite,
23:31 Abialbon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite,	11:33 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite,
23:32 Eliahba the Shaalbonite, the sons of Jashen, Jonathan,	11:34 the sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shagee the Hararite,
23:33 Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Ararite,	11:35 Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphaz the son of Ur,
23:34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maacathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,	11:36 Hephher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,
23:35 Hezro the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite,	11:37 Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai,
23:36 Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite,	11:38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Hagri,
23:37 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, armor bearers to Joab the son of Zeruiah,	11:39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite (the armor bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah),
23:38 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,	11:40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,
23:39 and Uriah the Hittite: thirty-seven in all.	11:41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai,
	11:42 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite (a chief of the Reubenites), and thirty with him,
	11:43 Hanan the son of Maacah, Joshaphat the Mithnite,
	11:44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel the

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	sons of Hotham the Aroerite, 11:45 Jediahel the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite, 11:46 Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite, 11:47 Eliel, Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaite. 12:1 Now these are those who came to David to Ziklag while he was a fugitive from Saul the son of Kish. They were among the mighty men, his helpers in war. 12:2 They were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in slinging stones and in shooting arrows from the bow. They were of Saul's relatives of the tribe of Benjamin. 12:3 The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; Jeziel and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; Beracah; Jehu the Anathothite; 12:4 Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty and a leader of the thirty; Jeremiah; Jahaziel; Johanan; Jozabad the Gederathite; 12:5 Eluzai; Jerimoth; Bealiah; Shemariah; Shephatiah the Haruphite; 12:6 Elkanah, Isshiah, Azarel, Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites; 12:7 and Joelah and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor. 12:8 Some Gadites joined David in the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty men of valor, men trained for war, who could handle shield and spear; whose faces were like the faces of lions, and they were as swift as the gazelles on the mountains: 12:9 Ezer the chief, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third, 12:10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, 12:11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh, 12:12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth, 12:13 Jeremiah the tenth, and Machbannai the eleventh. 12:14 These of the sons of Gad were captains of the army. He who was least was equal to one hundred, and the greatest to one thousand. 12:15 These are those who went over the Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks; and they put to flight all who lived in the valleys, both toward the east and toward the west. 12:16 Some of the children of Benjamin and Judah came to the stronghold to David. 12:17 David went out to meet them, and answered them, "If you have come peaceably to me to help me, my heart will be united with you; but if you have come to betray me to my adversaries, since there is no wrong in my hands, may the God of our fathers see this and rebuke it."

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	12:18 Then the Spirit came on Amasai, who was chief of the thirty, and he said, "We are yours, 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 captains of the band. 12:19 Some of Manasseh also joined David when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle, but they didn't help them, for the lords of the Philistines sent him away after consultation, saying, "He will desert to his master Saul to the jeopardy of our heads." 12:20 As he went to Ziklag, some from Manasseh joined him: Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael, Jozabad, Elihu, and Zillethai, captains of thousands who were of Manasseh. 12:21 They helped David against the band of raiders, for they were all mighty men of valor and were captains in the army. 12:22 For from day to day men came to David to help him, until there was a great army, like God's army. 12:23 These are the numbers of the heads of those who were armed for war, who came to David to Hebron to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to Yahweh's word. 12:24 The children of Judah who bore shield and spear were six thousand eight hundred, armed for war. 12:25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valor for the war: seven thousand one hundred. 12:26 Of the children of Levi: four thousand six hundred. 12:27 Jehoiada was the leader of the household of Aaron; and with him were three thousand seven hundred, 12:28 and Zadok, a young man mighty of valor, and of his father's house twenty-two captains. 12:29 Of the children of Benjamin, Saul's relatives: three thousand, for until then, the greatest part of them had kept their allegiance to Saul's house. 12:30 Of the children of Ephraim: twenty thousand eight hundred, mighty men of valor, famous men in their fathers' houses. 12:31 Of the half-tribe of Manasseh: eighteen thousand, who were mentioned by name, to come and make David king. 12:32 Of the children of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their heads were two hundred; and all their brothers were at their command. 12:33 Of Zebulun, such as were able to go out in the army, who could set the battle in array with all kinds

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5:11 Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, with cedar trees, carpenters, and masons; and they built David a house. 5:12 David perceived that Yahweh had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake. 5:13 David took more concubines and wives for himself out of Jerusalem, after he had come from Hebron; and more sons and daughters were born to David. 5:14 These are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, 5:15 Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia, 5:16 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.	of instruments of war: fifty thousand who could command and were not of double heart. 12:34 Of Naphtali: one thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty-seven thousand. 12:35 Of the Danites who could set the battle in array: twenty-eight thousand six hundred. 12:36 Of Asher, such as were able to go out in the army, who could set the battle in array: forty thousand. 12:37 On the other side of the Jordan, of the Reubenites, the Gadites, and of the half-tribe of Manasseh, with all kinds of instruments of war for the battle: one hundred twenty thousand. 12:38 All these were men of war who could order the battle array, and came with a perfect heart to Hebron to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king. 12:39 They were there with David three days, eating and drinking; for their brothers had supplied provisions for them. 12:40 Moreover those who were near to them, as far as Issachar, Zebulun, and Naphtali, brought bread on donkeys, on camels, on mules, and on oxen: supplies of flour, cakes of figs, clusters of raisins, wine, oil, cattle, and sheep in abundance; for there was joy in Israel. 14:1 Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David with cedar trees, masons, and carpenters, to build him a house. 14:2 David perceived that Yahweh had established him king over Israel, for his kingdom was highly exalted, for his people Israel's sake. 14:3 David took more wives in Jerusalem, and David became the father of more sons and daughters. [3:5 and these were born to him in Jerusalem: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, four, by Bathshua the daughter of Ammiel; 3:6 and Ibhar, Elishama, Eliphelet, 3:7 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, 3:8 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine. 3:9 All these were the sons of David, in addition to the sons of the concubines; and Tamar was their sister.]
<u>War with the Philistines</u>	
5:17 When the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David, but David heard about it and went down to the stronghold. 5:18 Now the Philistines had come and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.	14:8 When the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went out against them. 14:9 Now the Philistines had come and made a raid in the valley of Rephaim.

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5:19 David inquired of Yahweh, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hand?" Yahweh said to David, "Go up; for I will certainly deliver the Philistines into your hand."	14:10 David inquired of God, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hand?" Yahweh said to him, "Go up; for I will deliver them into your hand."
5:20 David came to Baal Perazim, and David struck them there. Then he said, "Yahweh has broken my enemies before me, like the breach of waters." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim.	14:11 So they came up to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there. David said, God has broken my enemies by my hand, like waters breaking out. Therefore they called the name of that place Baal Perazim.
5:21 They left their images there, and David and his men took them away.	14:12 They left their gods there; and David gave a command, and they were burned with fire.
5:22 The Philistines came up yet again and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.	14:13 The Philistines made another raid in the valley.
5:23 When David inquired of Yahweh, he said, "You shall not go up. Circle around behind them, and attack them in front of the mulberry trees."	14:14 David inquired again of God; and God said to him, "You shall not go up after them. Turn away from them, and come on them opposite the mulberry trees."
5:24 When you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then stir yourself up; for then Yahweh has gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines."	14:15 When you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then go out to battle; for God has gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines."
5:25 David did so, as Yahweh commanded him, and struck the Philistines all the way from Geba to Gezer.	14:16 David did as God commanded him; and they attacked the army of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gezer.

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	13:1 David consulted with the captains of thousands and of hundreds, even with every leader.
	13:2 David said to all the assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you, and if it is of Yahweh our God, let's send word everywhere to our brothers who are left in all the land of Israel, with whom the priests and Levites are in their cities that have pasture lands, that they may gather themselves to us."
	13:3 Also, let's bring the ark of our God back to us again, for we didn't seek it in the days of Saul."
	13:4 All the assembly said that they would do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.
6:1 David again gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.	13:5 So David assembled all Israel together, from the Shihor River of Egypt even to the entrance of Hamath, to bring God's ark from Kiriath Jearim.
6:2 David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale Judah, to bring up from there God's ark, which is called by the Name, even the name of Yahweh of Armies who sits above the cherubim.	13:6 David went up with all Israel to Baalah, that is, to Kiriath Jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up from there God Yahweh's ark that sits above the cherubim, that is called by the Name.
6:3 They set God's ark on a new cart, and brought it out of Abinadab's house that was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.	13:7 They carried God's ark on a new cart, and brought it out of Abinadab's house; and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart.
6:4 They brought it out of Abinadab's house which was in the hill, with God's ark; and Ahio went before the ark.	
6:5 David and all the house of Israel played before Yahweh with all kinds of instruments made of	13:8 David and all Israel played before God with all their might, even with songs, with harps, with

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cypress wood, with harps, with stringed instruments, with tambourines, with castanets, and with cymbals.	stringed instruments, with tambourines, with cymbals, and with trumpets.
6:6 When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached for God's ark and took hold of it, for the cattle stumbled.	13:9 When they came to Chidon's threshing floor, Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark, for the oxen stumbled.
6:7 Yahweh's anger burned against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by God's ark.	13:10 Yahweh's anger burned against Uzza, and he struck him because he put his hand on the ark; and he died there before God.
6:8 David was displeased because Yahweh had broken out against Uzzah; and he called that place Perez Uzzah to this day.	13:11 David was displeased, because Yahweh had broken out against Uzza. He called that place Perez Uzza, to this day.
6:9 David was afraid of Yahweh that day; and he said, "How could Yahweh's ark come to me?"	13:12 David was afraid of God that day, saying, "How can I bring God's ark home to me?"
6:10 So David would not move Yahweh's ark to be with him in David's city; but David carried it aside into Obed-Edom the Gittite's house.	13:13 So David didn't move the ark with him into David's city, but carried it aside into Obed-Edom the Gittite's house.
6:11 Yahweh's ark remained in Obed-Edom the Gittite's house three months; and Yahweh blessed Obed-Edom and all his house.	13:14 God's ark remained with the family of Obed-Edom in his house three months; and Yahweh blessed Obed-Edom's house and all that he had.

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6:12 King David was told, "Yahweh has blessed the house of Obed-Edom, and all that belongs to him, because of God's ark." So David went and brought up God's ark from the house of Obed-Edom into David's city with joy.	
6:13 When those who bore Yahweh's ark had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened calf.	
6:14 David danced before Yahweh with all his might; and David was clothed in a linen ephod.	
6:15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up Yahweh's ark with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.	14:17 The fame of David went out into all lands; and Yahweh brought the fear of him on all nations. 15:1 David made himself houses in David's city; and he prepared a place for God's ark, and pitched a tent for it. 15:2 Then David said, "No one ought to carry God's ark but the Levites. For Yahweh has chosen them to carry God's ark, and to minister to him forever." 15:3 David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring up Yahweh's ark to its place, which he had prepared for it. 15:4 David gathered together the sons of Aaron and the Levites: 15:5 of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and his brothers one hundred twenty; 15:6 of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and his brothers two hundred twenty; 15:7 of the sons of Gershon, Joel the chief, and his brothers one hundred thirty; 15:8 of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, and his brothers two hundred; 15:9 of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and his

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	brothers eighty; 15:10 of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, and his brothers one hundred twelve. 15:11 David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites: for Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab, 15:12 and said to them, “You are the heads of the fathers’ households of the Levites. Sanctify yourselves, both you and your brothers, that you may bring the ark of Yahweh, the God of Israel, up to the place that I have prepared for it. 15:13 For because you didn’t carry it at first, Yahweh our God broke out in anger against us, because we didn’t seek him according to the ordinance.” 15:14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of Yahweh, the God of Israel. 15:15 The children of the Levites bore God’s ark on their shoulders with its poles, as Moses commanded according to Yahweh’s word. 15:16 David spoke to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brothers as singers with instruments of music, stringed instruments, harps, and cymbals, sounding aloud and lifting up their voices with joy. 15:17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brothers, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brothers, Ethan the son of Kushaiah; 15:18 and with them their brothers of the second rank: Zechariah, Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, the doorkeepers. 15:19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were given cymbals of bronze to sound aloud; 15:20 and Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with stringed instruments set to Alamothe; 15:21 and Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps tuned to the eight-stringed lyre, to lead. 15:22 Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was over the singing. He taught the singers, because he was skillful. 15:23 Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark. 15:24 Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, blew the trumpets before God’s ark; and Obed-Edom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark. 15:25 So David, the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands went to bring the ark of Yahweh’s covenant up out of the house of Obed-Edom with

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6:16 As Yahweh's ark came into David's city, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out through the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before Yahweh; and she despised him in her heart. 6:17 They brought in Yahweh's ark, and set it in its place in the middle of the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before Yahweh. 6:18 When David had finished offering the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of Yahweh of Armies. 6:19 He gave to all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, both to men and women, to everyone a portion of bread, dates, and raisins. So all the people departed, each to his own house. 6:20 Then David returned to bless his household. Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious the king of Israel was today, who uncovered himself today in the eyes of his servants' maids, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!" 6:21 David said to Michal, "It was before Yahweh, who chose me above your father, and above all his house, to appoint me prince over the people of Yahweh, over Israel. Therefore I will celebrate before Yahweh. 6:22 I will be yet more undignified than this, and will be worthless in my own sight. But the maids of whom you have spoken will honor me." 6:23 Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.	joy. 15:26 When God helped the Levites who bore the ark of Yahweh's covenant, they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams. 15:27 David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as were all the Levites who bore the ark, the singers, and Chenaniah the choir master with the singers; and David had an ephod of linen on him. 15:28 Thus all Israel brought the ark of Yahweh's covenant up with shouting, with sound of the cornet, with trumpets, and with cymbals, sounding aloud with stringed instruments and harps. 15:29 As the ark of Yahweh's covenant came to David's city, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out at the window, and saw king David dancing and playing; and she despised him in her heart. 16:1 They brought in God's ark, and set it in the middle of the tent that David had pitched for it; and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God. 16:2 When David had finished offering the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in Yahweh's name. 16:3 He gave to everyone of Israel, both man and woman, to everyone a loaf of bread, a portion of

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	meat, and a cake of raisins. 16:4 He appointed some of the Levites to minister before Yahweh's ark, and to commemorate, to thank, and to praise Yahweh, the God of Israel: 16:5 Asaph the chief, and second to him Zechariah, then Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, with stringed instruments and with harps; and Asaph with cymbals, sounding aloud; 16:6 with Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually, before the ark of the covenant of God.

David's Psalm of Thanks for the Successful Move of the Ark

16:7 Then on that day David first ordained giving of thanks to Yahweh by the hand of Asaph and his brothers.

16:8 Oh give thanks to Yahweh. Call on his name. Make what he has done known among the peoples.

16:9 Sing to him. Sing praises to him. Tell of all his marvelous works.

16:10 Glory in his holy name. Let the heart of those who seek Yahweh rejoice.

16:11 Seek Yahweh and his strength. Seek his face forever more.

16:12 Remember his marvelous works that he has done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth,

16:13 you offspring of Israel his servant, you children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

16:14 He is Yahweh our God. His judgments are in all the earth.

16:15 Remember his covenant forever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations,

16:16 the covenant which he made with Abraham, his oath to Isaac.

16:17 He confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant,

16:18 saying, "I will give you the land of Canaan, The lot of your inheritance,"

16:19 when you were but a few men in number, yes, very few, and foreigners in it.

16:20 They went about from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people.

16:21 He allowed no man to do them wrong. Yes, he reproved kings for their sakes,

16:22 "Don't touch my anointed ones! Do my prophets no harm!"

16:23 Sing to Yahweh, all the earth! Display his salvation from day to day.

16:24 Declare his glory among the nations, and his marvelous works among all the peoples.

16:25 For great is Yahweh, and greatly to be praised. He also is to be feared above all gods.

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	16:26 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but Yahweh made the heavens. 16:27 Honor and majesty are before him. Strength and gladness are in his place. 16:28 Ascribe to Yahweh, you families of the peoples, ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength! 16:29 Ascribe to Yahweh the glory due to his name. Bring an offering, and come before him. Worship Yahweh in holy array. 16:30 Tremble before him, all the earth. The world also is established that it can't be moved. 16:31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Let them say among the nations, "Yahweh reigns!" 16:32 Let the sea roar, and its fullness! Let the field exult, and all that is in it! 16:33 Then the trees of the forest will sing for joy before Yahweh, for he comes to judge the earth. 16:34 Oh give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever. 16:35 Say, "Save us, God of our salvation! Gather us together and deliver us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, to triumph in your praise." 16:36 Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, from everlasting even to everlasting. All the people said, "Amen," and praised Yahweh. 16:37 So he left Asaph and his brothers there before the ark of Yahweh's covenant, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required; 16:38 and Obed-Edom with their sixty-eight relatives; Obed-Edom also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be doorkeepers; 16:39 and Zadok the priest and his brothers the priests, before Yahweh's tabernacle in the high place that was at Gibeon, 16:40 to offer burnt offerings to Yahweh on the altar of burnt offering continually morning and evening, even according to all that is written in Yahweh's law, which he commanded to Israel; 16:41 and with them Heman and Jeduthun and the rest who were chosen, who were mentioned by name, to give thanks to Yahweh, because his loving kindness endures forever; 16:42 and with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those that should sound aloud, and with instruments for the songs of God, and the sons of Jeduthun to be at the gate. 16:43 All the people departed, each man to his house; and David returned to bless his house.
<u>David Asks to Build the Temple</u>	
7:1 When the king lived in his house, and Yahweh had given him rest from all his enemies all around,	17:1 When David was living in his house, David said to Nathan the prophet, "Behold, I live in a cedar

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7:2 the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but God's ark dwells within curtains."	house, but the ark of Yahweh's covenant is in a tent."
7:3 Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for Yahweh is with you."	17:2 Nathan said to David, "Do all that is in your heart; for God is with you."
7:4 That same night, Yahweh's word came to Nathan, saying,	17:3 That same night, the word of God came to Nathan, saying,
7:5 "Go and tell my servant David, 'Yahweh says, "Should you build me a house for me to dwell in?"	17:4 "Go and tell David my servant, 'Yahweh says, "You shall not build me a house to dwell in;
7:6 For I have not lived in a house since the day that I brought the children of Israel up out of Egypt, even to this day, but have moved around in a tent and in a tabernacle.	17:5 for I have not lived in a house since the day that I brought up Israel to this day, but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tent to another.
7:7 In all places in which I have walked with all the children of Israel, did I say a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel whom I commanded to be shepherd of my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'"	17:6 In all places in which I have walked with all Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to be shepherd of my people, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'"
7:8 Now therefore tell my servant David this: 'Yahweh of Armies says, "I took you from the sheep pen, from following the sheep, to be prince over my people, over Israel.	17:7 "Now therefore, you shall tell my servant David, 'Yahweh of Armies says, "I took you from the sheep pen, from following the sheep, to be prince over my people Israel.
7:9 I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you. I will make you a great name, like the name of the great ones who are in the earth.	17:8 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you. I will make you a name like the name of the great ones who are in the earth.
7:10 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. The children of wickedness will not afflict them any more, as at the first,	17:9 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. The children of wickedness will not waste them any more, as at the first,
7:11 and as from the day that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. I will cause you to rest from all your enemies. Moreover Yahweh tells you that Yahweh will make you a house.	17:10 and from the day that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. I will subdue all your enemies. Moreover I tell you that Yahweh will build you a house.
7:12 When your days are fulfilled and you sleep with your fathers, I will set up your offspring after you, who will proceed out of your body, and I will establish his kingdom.	17:11 It will happen, when your days are fulfilled that you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up your offspring after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom.
7:13 He will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.	17:12 He will build me a house, and I will establish his throne forever.
7:14 I will be his father, and he will be my son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the stripes of the children of men;	17:13 I will be his father, and he will be my son. I will not take my loving kindness away from him, as I took it from him who was before you;
7:15 but my loving kindness will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before you.	17:14 but I will settle him in my house and in my kingdom forever. His throne will be established forever."'"
7:16 Your house and your kingdom will be made sure forever before you. Your throne will be established forever."'"	
7:17 Nathan spoke to David all these words, and according to all this vision.	17:15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.
7:18 Then David the king went in and sat before	17:16 Then David the king went in and sat before

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Yahweh; and he said, “Who am I, Lord Yahweh, and what is my house, that you have brought me this far? 7:19 This was yet a small thing in your eyes, Lord Yahweh, but you have spoken also of your servant’s house for a great while to come; and this among men, Lord Yahweh!	Yahweh; and he said, “Who am I, Yahweh God, and what is my house, that you have brought me this far? 17:17 This was a small thing in your eyes, O God, but you have spoken of your servant’s house for a great while to come, and have respected me according to the standard of a man of high degree, Yahweh God.
7:20 What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, Lord Yahweh.	17:18 What can David say yet more to you concerning the honor which is done to your servant? For you know your servant.
7:21 For your word’s sake, and according to your own heart, you have worked all this greatness, to make your servant know it.	17:19 Yahweh, for your servant’s sake, and according to your own heart, you have done all this greatness, to make known all these great things.
7:22 Therefore you are great, Yahweh God. For there is no one like you, neither is there any God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.	17:20 Yahweh, there is no one like you, neither is there any God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.
7:23 What one nation in the earth is like your people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem to himself for a people, and to make himself a name, and to do great things for you, and awesome things for your land, before your people, whom you redeemed to yourself out of Egypt, from the nations and their gods?	17:21 What one nation in the earth is like your people Israel, whom God went to redeem to himself for a people, to make you a name by great and awesome things, in driving out nations from before your people whom you redeemed out of Egypt?
7:24 You established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever; and you, Yahweh, became their God.	17:22 For you made your people Israel your own people forever; and you, Yahweh, became their God.
7:25 “Now, Yahweh God, the word that you have spoken concerning your servant, and concerning his house, confirm it forever, and do as you have spoken.	17:23 Now, Yahweh, let the word that you have spoken concerning your servant, and concerning his house, be established forever, and do as you have spoken.
7:26 Let your name be magnified forever, saying, ‘Yahweh of Armies is God over Israel; and the house of your servant David will be established before you.’	17:24 Let your name be established and magnified forever, saying, ‘Yahweh of Armies is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel. The house of David your servant is established before you.’
7:27 For you, Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, have revealed to your servant, saying, ‘I will build you a house.’ Therefore your servant has found in his heart to pray this prayer to you.	17:25 For you, my God, have revealed to your servant that you will build him a house. Therefore your servant has found courage to pray before you.
7:28 “Now, O Lord Yahweh, you are God, and your words are truth, and you have promised this good thing to your servant.	17:26 Now, Yahweh, you are God, and have promised this good thing to your servant.
7:29 Now therefore, let it please you to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever before you; for you, Lord Yahweh, have spoken it. Let the house of your servant be blessed forever with your blessing.”	17:27 Now it has pleased you to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever before you; for you, Yahweh, have blessed, and it is blessed forever.”

David’s Victories

8:1 After this, David struck the Philistines and subdued them; and David took the bridle of the mother city out of the hand of the Philistines.	18:1 After this, David defeated the Philistines and subdued them, and took Gath and its towns out of the hand of the Philistines.
8:2 He defeated Moab, and measured them with the	18:2 He defeated Moab; and the Moabites became

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line, making them to lie down on the ground; and he measured two lines to put to death, and one full line to keep alive. The Moabites became servants to David, and brought tribute.	servants to David and brought tribute.
8:3 David also struck Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his dominion at the River.	18:3 David defeated Hadadezer king of Zobah, toward Hamath, as he went to establish his dominion by the river Euphrates.
8:4 David took from him one thousand seven hundred horsemen and twenty thousand footmen. David hamstrung the chariot horses, but reserved enough of them for one hundred chariots.	18:4 David took from him one thousand chariots, seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen; and David hamstrung all the chariot horses, but reserved of them enough for one hundred chariots.
8:5 When the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David struck twenty two thousand men of the Syrians.	18:5 When the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David struck twenty-two thousand men of the Syrians.
8:6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought tribute. Yahweh gave victory to David wherever he went.	18:6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became servants to David and brought tribute. Yahweh gave victory to David wherever he went.
8:7 David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.	18:7 David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.
8:8 From Betah and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, King David took a great quantity of bronze.	18:8 From Tibhath and from Cun, cities of Hadadezer, David took very much bronze, with which Solomon made the bronze sea, the pillars, and the vessels of bronze.
8:9 When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had struck all the army of Hadadezer,	18:9 When Tou king of Hamath heard that David had struck all the army of Hadadezer king of Zobah,
8:10 then Toi sent Joram his son to King David to greet him and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and struck him; for Hadadezer had wars with Toi. Joram brought with him vessels of silver, vessels of gold, and vessels of bronze.	18:10 he sent Hadoram his son to King David to greet him and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and struck him (for Hadadezer had wars with Tou); and he had with him all kinds of vessels of gold and silver and bronze.
8:11 King David also dedicated these to Yahweh, with the silver and gold that he dedicated of all the nations which he subdued—	18:11 King David also dedicated these to Yahweh, with the silver and the gold that he carried away from all the nations: from Edom, from Moab, from the children of Ammon, from the Philistines, and from Amalek.
8:12 of Syria, of Moab, of the children of Ammon, of the Philistines, of Amalek, and of the plunder of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.	
8:13 David earned a reputation when he returned from striking down eighteen thousand men of the Syrians in the Valley of Salt.	18:12 Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah struck eighteen thousand of the Edomites in the Valley of Salt.
8:14 He put garrisons in Edom. Throughout all Edom, he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became servants to David. Yahweh gave victory to David wherever he went.	18:13 He put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became servants to David. Yahweh gave victory to David wherever he went.
8:15 David reigned over all Israel; and David executed justice and righteousness for all his people.	18:14 David reigned over all Israel; and he executed justice and righteousness for all his people.
8:16 Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army, Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder,	18:15 Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder;
8:17 Zadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar were priests, Seraiah was scribe,	18:16 Zadok the son of Ahitub and Abimelech the son of Abiathar were priests; Shavsha was scribe;
8:18 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the	18:17 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the

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Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief ministers.	Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David were chief officials serving the king.

David and Mephibosheth

9:1 David said, "Is there yet any who is left of Saul's house, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

9:2 There was of Saul's house a servant whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David; and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" He said, "I am your servant."

9:3 The king said, "Is there not yet any of Saul's house, that I may show the kindness of God to him?" Ziba said to the king, "Jonathan still has a son, who is lame in his feet."

9:4 The king said to him, "Where is he?" Ziba said to the king, "Behold, he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar."

9:5 Then King David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar.

9:6 Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, fell on his face, and showed respect. David said, "Mephibosheth?" He answered, "Behold, your servant!"

9:7 David said to him, "Don't be afraid, 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. You will eat bread at my table continually."

9:8 He bowed down, and said, "What is your servant, that you should look at such a dead dog as I am?"

9:9 Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's son.

9:10 Till the land for him—you, your sons, and your servants. Bring in the harvest, that your master's son may have bread to eat; but Mephibosheth your master's son will always eat bread at my table." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

9:11 Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so your servant will do." So Mephibosheth ate at the king's table like one of the king's sons.

9:12 Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. All who lived in Ziba's house were servants to Mephibosheth.

9:13 So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table. He was lame in both his feet.

Victory over Ammon and Syria

10:1 After this, the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his place.

19:1 After this, Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his place.

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10:2 David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father showed kindness to me." So David sent by his servants to comfort him concerning his father. David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon. 10:3 But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun their lord, "Do you think that David honors your father, in that he has sent comforters to you? Hasn't David sent his servants to you to search the city, to spy it out, and to overthrow it?" 10:4 So Hanun took David's servants, shaved off one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away. 10:5 When they told David this, he sent to meet them, for the men were greatly ashamed. The king said, "Wait at Jericho until your beards have grown, and then return." 10:6 When the children of Ammon saw that they had become odious to David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth Rehob and the Syrians of Zobah, twenty thousand footmen, and the king of Maacah with one thousand men, and the men of Tob twelve thousand men. 10:7 When David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army of the mighty men. 10:8 The children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entrance of the gate. The Syrians of Zobah and of Rehob and the men of Tob and Maacah were by themselves in the field. 10:9 Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel and put them in array against the Syrians. 10:10 The rest of the people he committed into the hand of Abishai his brother; and he put them in array against the children of Ammon. 10:11 He said, "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the children of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will come and help you. 10:12 Be courageous, and let's be strong for our people and for the cities of our God; and may Yahweh do what seems good to him." 10:13 So Joab and the people who were with him came near to the battle against the Syrians, and they fled before him. 10:14 When the children of Ammon saw that the	19:2 David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me." So David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun to comfort him. 19:3 But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, "Do you think that David honors your father, in that he has sent comforters to you? Haven't his servants come to you to search, to overthrow, and to spy out the land?" 19:4 So Hanun took David's servants, shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle at their buttocks, and sent them away. 19:5 Then some people went and told David how the men were treated. He sent to meet them; for the men were greatly humiliated. The king said, "Stay at Jericho until your beards have grown, and then return." 19:6 When the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent one thousand talents of silver to hire chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, out of Aram-maacah, and out of Zobah. 19:7 So they hired for themselves thirty-two thousand chariots, and the king of Maacah with his people, who came and encamped near Medeba. The children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle. 19:8 When David heard of it, he sent Joab with all the army of the mighty men. 19:9 The children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the gate of the city; and the kings who had come were by themselves in the field. 19:10 Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose some of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians. 19:11 The rest of the people he committed into the hand of Abishai his brother; and they put themselves in array against the children of Ammon. 19:12 He said, "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you are to help me; but if the children of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will help you. 19:13 Be courageous, and let's be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. May Yahweh do that which seems good to him." 19:14 So Joab and the people who were with him came near to the front of the Syrians to the battle; and they fled before him. 19:15 When the children of Ammon saw that the

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Syrians had fled, they likewise fled before Abishai, and entered into the city. Then Joab returned from the children of Ammon and came to Jerusalem. 10:15 When the Syrians saw that they were defeated by Israel, they gathered themselves together. 10:16 Hadadezer sent and brought out the Syrians who were beyond the River; and they came to Helam, with Shobach the captain of the army of Hadadezer at their head. 10:17 David was told that; and he gathered all Israel together, passed over the Jordan, and came to Helam. The Syrians set themselves in array against David and fought with him. 10:18 The Syrians fled before Israel; and David killed seven hundred charioteers of the Syrians and forty thousand horsemen, and struck Shobach the captain of their army, so that he died there. 10:19 When all the kings who were servants to Hadadezer saw that they were defeated before Israel, they made peace with Israel and served them. So the Syrians were afraid to help the children of Ammon any more.	Syrians had fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem. 19:16 When the Syrians saw that they were defeated by Israel, they sent messengers and called out the Syrians who were beyond the River, with Shophach the captain of the army of Hadadezer leading them. 19:17 David was told that, so he gathered all Israel together, passed over the Jordan, came to them, and set the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him. 19:18 The Syrians fled before Israel; and David killed of the Syrian men seven thousand charioteers and forty thousand footmen, and also killed Shophach the captain of the army. 19:19 When the servants of Hadadezer saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with David and served him. The Syrians would not help the children of Ammon any more.
<u>David and Bathsheba and Uriah</u>	
11:1 At the return of the year, at the time when kings go out, David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. 11:2 At evening, David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. From the roof, he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to look at. 11:3 David sent and inquired after the woman. One said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, Uriah the Hittite's wife?" 11:4 David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in to him, and he lay with her (for she was purified from her uncleanness); and she returned to her house. 11:5 The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, "I am with child." 11:6 David sent to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." Joab sent Uriah to David. 11:7 When Uriah had come to him, David asked him how Joab did, and how the people fared, and how the war prospered. 11:8 David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." Uriah departed out of the king's house, and a gift from the king was sent after him. 11:9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and didn't go down	20:1 At the time of the return of the year, at the time when kings go out, Joab led out the army and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. Joab struck Rabbah, and overthrew it.

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to his house.

11:10 When they had told David, saying, "Uriah didn't go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Haven't you come from a journey? Why didn't you go down to your house?"

11:11 Uriah said to David, "The ark, Israel, and Judah, are staying in tents; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are encamped in the open field. Shall I then go into my house to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing!"

11:12 David said to Uriah, "Stay here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart." So Uriah stayed in Jerusalem that day and the next day.

11:13 When David had called him, he ate and drank before him; and he made him drunk. At evening, he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but didn't go down to his house.

11:14 In the morning, David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

11:15 He wrote in the letter, saying, "Send Uriah to the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck and die."

11:16 When Joab kept watch on the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew that valiant men were.

11:17 The men of the city went out and fought with Joab. Some of the people fell, even of David's servants; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

11:18 Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war;

11:19 and he commanded the messenger, saying, "When you have finished telling all the things concerning the war to the king,

11:20 it shall be that, if the king's wrath arise, and he asks you, 'Why did you go so near to the city to fight? Didn't you know that they would shoot from the wall?

11:21 Who struck Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Didn't a woman cast an upper millstone on him from the wall, so that he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall?' then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is also dead.'"

11:22 So the messenger went, and came and showed David all that Joab had sent him for.

11:23 The messenger said to David, "The men prevailed against us, and came out to us into the field; and we were on them even to the entrance of the gate.

11:24 The shooters shot at your servants from off the wall; and some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is also dead."

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11:25 Then David said to the messenger, "Tell Joab, 'Don't let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another. Make your battle stronger against the city, and overthrow it.' Encourage him."

11:26 When Uriah's wife heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

11:27 When the mourning was past, David sent and took her home to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased Yahweh.

Nathan Confronts David

12:1 Yahweh sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in one city: the one rich, and the other poor.

12:2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds, 12:3 but the poor man had nothing, except one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and raised. It grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of his own food, drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was like a daughter to him.

12:4 A traveler came to the rich man, and he didn't want to take of his own flock and of his own herd to prepare for the wayfaring man who had come to him, but took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."

12:5 David's anger burned hot against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As Yahweh lives, the man who has done this deserves to die!

12:6 He must restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing and because he had no pity!"

12:7 Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what Yahweh, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.

12:8 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 would have been too little, I would have added to you many more such things.

12:9 Why have you despised Yahweh's word, to do that which is evil in his sight? You have struck Uriah the Hittite with the sword, have taken his wife to be your wife, and have slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

12:10 Now therefore the sword will never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken Uriah the Hittite's wife to be your wife.'

12:11 "This is what Yahweh says: '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 will lie with your

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wives in the sight of this sun.

12:12 For you did this secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.”

12:13 David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against Yahweh.” Nathan said to David, “Yahweh also has put away your sin. You will not die.

12:14 However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to Yahweh’s enemies to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you will surely die.”

12:15 Then Nathan departed to his house. Yahweh struck the child that Uriah’s wife bore to David, and he was very sick.

12:16 David therefore begged God for the child; and David fasted, and went in and lay all night on the ground.

12:17 The elders of his house arose beside him, to raise him up from the earth; but he would not, and he didn’t eat bread with them.

12:18 On the seventh day, the child died. David’s servants were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, “Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spoke to him and he didn’t listen to our voice. How will he then harm himself if we tell him that the child is dead?”

12:19 But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead; and David said to his servants, “Is the child dead?” They said, “He is dead.”

12:20 Then David arose from the earth, and washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothing; and he came into Yahweh’s house, and worshiped. Then he came to his own house; and when he requested, they set bread before him and he ate.

12:21 Then his servants said to him, “What is this that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive, but when the child was dead, you rose up and ate bread.”

12:22 He said, “While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, ‘Who knows whether Yahweh will not be gracious to me, that the child may live?’

12:23 But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me.”

12:24 David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her, and lay with her. She bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. Yahweh loved him;

12:25 and he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet, and he named him Jedidiah, for Yahweh’s sake.

12:26 Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city.

12:27 Joab sent messengers to David, and said, “I have fought against Rabbah. Yes, I have taken the

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city of waters. 12:28 Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city and take it; lest I take the city, and it be called by my name.” 12:29 David gathered all the people together and went to Rabbah, and fought against it and took it. 12:30 He took the crown of their king from off his head; and its weight was a talent of gold, and in it were precious stones; and it was set on David’s head. He brought a great quantity of plunder out of the city. 12:31 He brought out the people who were in it, and put them to work under saws, under iron picks, under axes of iron, and made them go to the brick kiln; and he did so to all the cities of the children of Ammon. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.	20:2 David took the crown of their king from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there were precious stones in it. It was set on David’s head, and he brought very much plunder out of the city. 20:3 He brought out the people who were in it, and had them cut with saws, with iron picks, and with axes. David did so to all the cities of the children of Ammon. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.
<u>Amnon’s Crime</u>	
13:1 After this, Absalom the son of David had a beautiful sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. 13:2 Amnon was so troubled that he became sick because of his sister Tamar, for she was a virgin, and it seemed hard to Amnon to do anything to her. 13:3 But Amnon had a friend whose name was Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David’s brother; and Jonadab was a very subtle man. 13:4 He said to him, “Why, son of the king, are you so sad from day to day? Won’t you tell me?” Amnon said to him, “I love Tamar, my brother Absalom’s sister.” 13:5 Jonadab said to him, “Lay down on your bed and pretend to be sick. When your father comes to see you, tell him, ‘Please let my sister Tamar come and give me bread to eat, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it and eat it from her hand.’” 13:6 So Amnon lay down and faked being sick. When the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, “Please let my sister Tamar come and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat from her hand.” 13:7 Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, “Go now to your brother Amnon’s house, and prepare food for him.” 13:8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon’s house; and he was lying down. She took dough, kneaded it, made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes. 13:9 She took the pan and poured them out before him, but he refused to eat. Amnon said, “Have all men leave me.” Then every man went out from him. 13:10 Amnon said to Tamar, “Bring the food into the room, that I may eat from your hand.” Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them	

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into the room to Amnon her brother.

13:11 When she had brought them near to him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister!"

13:12 She answered him, "No, my brother, do not force me! For no such thing ought to be done in Israel. Don't you do this folly!

13:13 As for me, where would I carry my shame? And as for you, you will be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king; for he will not withhold me from you."

13:14 However, he would not listen to her voice; but being stronger than she, he forced her and lay with her.

13:15 Then Amnon hated her with exceedingly great hatred; for the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. Amnon said to her, "Arise, be gone!"

13:16 She said to him, "Not so, because this great wrong in sending me away is worse than the other that you did to me!" But he would not listen to her.

13:17 Then he called his servant who ministered to him, and said, "Now put this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her."

13:18 She had a garment of various colors on her, for the king's daughters who were virgins dressed in such robes. Then his servant brought her out and bolted the door after her.

13:19 Tamar put ashes on her head, and tore her garment of various colors that was on her; and she laid her hand on her head and went her way, crying aloud as she went.

13:20 Absalom her brother said to her, "Has Amnon your brother been with you? But now hold your peace, my sister. He is your brother. Don't take this thing to heart." So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

13:21 But when King David heard of all these things, he was very angry.

13:22 Absalom spoke to Amnon neither good nor bad; for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

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13:23 After two full years, Absalom had sheep shearers in Baal Hazor, which is beside Ephraim; and Absalom invited all the king's sons.

13:24 Absalom came to the king and said, "See now, your servant has sheep shearers. Please let the king and his servants go with your servant."

13:25 The king said to Absalom, "No, my son, let's not all go, lest we be burdensome to you." He pressed him; however he would not go, but blessed

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him. 13:26 Then Absalom said, "If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us." The king said to him, "Why should he go with you?" 13:27 But Absalom pressed him, and he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him. 13:28 Absalom commanded his servants, saying, "Mark now, when Amnon's heart is merry with wine; and when I tell you, 'Strike Amnon,' then kill him. Don't be afraid. Haven't I commanded you? Be courageous, and be valiant!" 13:29 The servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man got up on his mule and fled. 13:30 While they were on the way, the news came to David, saying, "Absalom has slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left!" 13:31 Then the king arose, and tore his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes torn. 13:32 Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother, answered, "Don't let my lord suppose that they have killed all the young men, the king's sons, for Amnon only is dead; for by the appointment of Absalom this has been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar. 13:33 Now therefore don't let my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead; for only Amnon is dead." 13:34 But Absalom fled. The young man who kept the watch lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, many people were coming by way of the hillside behind him. 13:35 Jonadab said to the king, "Behold, the king's sons are coming! It is as your servant said." 13:36 As soon as he had finished speaking, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voices and wept. The king also and all his servants wept bitterly. 13:37 But Absalom fled and went to Talmai the son of Ammihur, king of Geshur. David mourned for his son every day. 13:38 So Absalom fled and went to Geshur, and was there three years. 13:39 King David longed to go out to Absalom, for he was comforted concerning Amnon, since he was dead.	
<u>Joab Retrieves Absalom from Exile</u> 14:1 Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was toward Absalom. 14:2 Joab sent to Tekoa and brought a wise woman from there, and said to her, "Please act like a mourner, and put on mourning clothing, please, and	

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don't anoint yourself with oil; but be as a woman who has mourned a long time for the dead.

14:3 Go in to the king and speak like this to him." So Joab put the words in her mouth.

14:4 When the woman of Tekoa spoke to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, showed respect, and said, "Help, O king!"

14:5 The king said to her, "What ails you?" She answered, "Truly I am a widow, and my husband is dead.

14:6 Your servant had two sons; and they both fought together in the field, and there was no one to part them, but the one struck the other and killed him.

14:7 Behold, the whole family has risen against your servant, and they say, 'Deliver him who struck his brother, that we may kill him for the life of his brother whom he killed, and so destroy the heir also.' Thus they would quench my coal which is left, and would leave to my husband neither name nor remainder on the surface of the earth."

14:8 The king said to the woman, "Go to your house, and I will give a command concerning you."

14:9 The woman of Tekoa said to the king, "My lord, O king, may the iniquity be on me, and on my father's house; and may the king and his throne be guiltless."

14:10 The king said, "Whoever says anything to you, bring him to me, and he will not bother you any more."

14:11 Then she said, "Please let the king remember Yahweh your God, that the avenger of blood destroy not any more, lest they destroy my son." He said, "As Yahweh lives, not one hair of your son shall fall to the earth."

14:12 Then the woman said, "Please let your servant speak a word to my lord the king." He said, "Say on."

14:13 The woman said, "Why then have you devised such a thing against the people of God? For in speaking this word the king is as one who is guilty, in that the king does not bring home again his banished one.

14:14 For we must die, and are like water spilled on the ground, which can't be gathered up again; neither does God take away life, but devises means, that he who is banished not be an outcast from him.

14:15 Now therefore, seeing that I have come to speak this word to my lord the king, it is because the people have made me afraid. Your servant said, 'I will now speak to the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his servant.'

14:16 For the king will hear, to deliver his servant

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out of the hand of the man who would destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God.
14:17 Then your servant said, ‘Please let the word of my lord the king bring rest; for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and bad. May Yahweh, your God, be with you.’”
14:18 Then the king answered the woman, “Please don’t hide anything from me that I ask you.” The woman said, “Let my lord the king now speak.”
14:19 The king said, “Is the hand of Joab with you in all this?” The woman answered, “As your soul lives, my lord the king, no one can turn to the right hand or to the left from anything that my lord the king has spoken; for your servant Joab urged me, and he put all these words in the mouth of your servant.
14:20 Your servant Joab has done this thing to change the face of the matter. My lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth.”
14:21 The king said to Joab, “Behold now, I have granted this thing. Go therefore, and bring the young man Absalom back.”
14:22 Joab fell to the ground on his face, showed respect, and blessed the king. 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.”
14:23 So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.
14:24 The king said, “Let him return to his own house, but let him not see my face.” So Absalom returned to his own house, and didn’t see the king’s face.

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Absalom Reinstated

14:25 Now in all Israel there was no one to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty. From the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no defect in him.
14:26 When he cut the hair of his head (now it was at every year’s end that he cut it; because it was heavy on him, therefore he cut it), he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels, after the king’s weight.
14:27 Three sons were born to Absalom, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar. She was a woman with a beautiful face.
14:28 Absalom lived two full years in Jerusalem, and he didn’t see the king’s face.
14:29 Then Absalom sent for Joab, to send him to the king, but he would not come to him. Then he sent again a second time, but he would not come.
14:30 Therefore he said to his servants, “Behold,

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Joab's field is near mine, and he has barley there. Go and set it on fire." So Absalom's servants set the field on fire.

14:31 Then Joab arose and came to Absalom to his house, and said to him, "Why have your servants set my field on fire?"

14:32 Absalom answered Joab, "Behold, I sent to you, saying, 'Come here, that I may send you to the king, to say, "Why have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me to be there still. Now therefore, let me see the king's face; and if there is iniquity in me, let him kill me."'"

14:33 So Joab came to the king and told him; and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king; and the king kissed Absalom.

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Absalom's Rebellion

15:1 After this, Absalom prepared a chariot and horses for himself, and fifty men to run before him.

15:2 Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate. When any man had a suit which should come to the king for judgment, then Absalom called to him, and said, "What city are you from?" He said, "Your servant is of one of the tribes of Israel."

15:3 Absalom said to him, "Behold, your matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed by the king to hear you."

15:4 Absalom said moreover, "Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man who has any suit or cause might come to me, and I would do him justice!"

15:5 It was so, that when any man came near to bow down to him, he stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and kissed him.

15:6 Absalom did this sort of thing to all Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

15:7 At the end of forty years, Absalom said to the king, "Please let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed to Yahweh, in Hebron.

15:8 For your servant vowed a vow while I stayed at Geshur in Syria, saying, 'If Yahweh shall indeed bring me again to Jerusalem, then I will serve Yahweh.'"

15:9 The king said to him, "Go in peace." So he arose and went to Hebron.

15:10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, 'Absalom is king in Hebron!'"

15:11 Two hundred men went with Absalom out of

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Jerusalem, who were invited, and went in their simplicity; and they didn't know anything. 15:12 Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he was offering the sacrifices. The conspiracy was strong, for the people increased continually with Absalom.	
<u>David Flees from Absalom</u>	
15:13 A messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom." 15:14 David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise! Let's flee, or else none of us will escape from Absalom. Hurry to depart, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down evil on us, and strike the city with the edge of the sword." 15:15 The king's servants said to the king, "Behold, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king chooses." 15:16 The king went out, and all his household after him. The king left ten women, who were concubines, to keep the house. 15:17 The king went out, and all the people after him; and they stayed in Beth Merhak. 15:18 All his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men who came after him from Gath, passed on before the king. 15:19 Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, "Why do you also go with us? Return, and stay with the king; for you are a foreigner and also an exile. Return to your own place. 15:20 Whereas you came but yesterday, should I today make you go up and down with us, since I go where I may? Return, and take back your brothers. Mercy and truth be with you." 15:21 Ittai answered the king and said, "As Yahweh lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely in what place my lord the king is, whether for death or for life, your servant will be there also." 15:22 David said to Ittai, "Go and pass over." Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones who were with him. 15:23 All the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over. The king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over toward the way of the wilderness. 15:24 Behold, Zadok also came, and all the Levites with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God; and they set down God's ark; and Abiathar went up until all the people finished passing out of the city. 15:25 The king said to Zadok, "Carry God's ark back into the city. If I find favor in Yahweh's eyes, he will	

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bring me again, and show me both it and his habitation;

15:26 but if he says, 'I have no delight in you,' behold, here I am. Let him do to me as seems good to him."

15:27 The king said also to Zadok the priest, "Aren't you a seer? Return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz your son and Jonathan the son of Abiathar.

15:28 Behold, I will stay at the fords of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me."

15:29 Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried God's ark to Jerusalem again; and they stayed there.

15:30 David went up by the ascent of the Mount of Olives, and wept as he went up; and he had his head covered and went barefoot. All the people who were with him each covered his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.

15:31 Someone told David, saying, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." David said, "Yahweh, please turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness."

15:32 When David had come to the top, where God was worshiped, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his tunic torn and earth on his head.

15:33 David said to him, "If you pass on with me, then you will be a burden to me;

15:34 but if you return to the city, and tell Absalom, 'I will be your servant, O king. As I have been your father's servant in time past, so I will now be your servant; then you will defeat for me the counsel of Ahithophel.'

15:35 Don't you have Zadok and Abiathar the priests there with you? Therefore whatever you hear out of the king's house, tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.

15:36 Behold, they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz, Zadok's son, and Jonathan, Abiathar's son. Send to me everything that you shall hear by them."

15:37 So Hushai, David's friend, came into the city; and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

16:1 When David was a little past the top, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him with a couple of donkeys saddled, and on them two hundred loaves of bread, and one hundred clusters of raisins, and one hundred summer fruits, and a container of wine.

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; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that those

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who are faint in the wilderness may drink.”

16:3 The king said, “Where is your master’s son?”

Ziba said to the king, “Behold, he is staying in Jerusalem; for he said, ‘Today the house of Israel will restore me the kingdom of my father.’”

16:4 Then the king said to Ziba, “Behold, all that belongs to Mephibosheth is yours.” Ziba said, “I bow down. Let me find favor in your sight, my lord, O king.”

16:5 When King David came to Bahurim, behold, a man of the family of Saul’s house came out, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera. He came out and cursed as he came.

16:6 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.

16:7 Shimei said when he cursed, “Be gone, be gone, you man of blood, and wicked fellow!

16:8 Yahweh has returned on you all the blood of Saul’s house, in whose place you have reigned! Yahweh has delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom your son! Behold, you are caught by your own mischief, because you are a man of blood!”

16:9 Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, “Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Please let me go over and take off his head.”

16:10 The king said, “What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? Because he curses, and because Yahweh has said to him, ‘Curse David,’ who then shall say, ‘Why have you done so?’”

16:11 David said to Abishai and to all his servants, “Behold, my son, who came out of my bowels, seeks my life. How much more this Benjamite, now? Leave him alone, and let him curse; for Yahweh has invited him.

16:12 It may be that Yahweh will look on the wrong done to me, and that Yahweh will repay me good for the cursing of me today.”

16:13 So David and his men went by the way; and Shimei went along on the hillside opposite him and cursed as he went, threw stones at him, and threw dust.

16:14 The king and all the people who were with him arrived weary; and he refreshed himself there.

16:15 Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him.

16:16 When Hushai the Archite, David’s friend, had come to Absalom, Hushai said to Absalom, “Long live the king! Long live the king!”

16:17 Absalom said to Hushai, “Is this your kindness to your friend? Why didn’t you go with your friend?”

16:18 Hushai said to Absalom, “No; but whomever

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Yahweh and this people and all the men of Israel have chosen, I will be his, and I will stay with him.
16:19 Again, whom should I serve? Shouldn't I serve in the presence of his son? As I have served in your father's presence, so I will be in your presence."
16:20 Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, "Give your counsel what we shall do."
16:21 Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Go in to your father's concubines that he has left to keep the house. Then all Israel will hear that you are abhorred by your father. Then the hands of all who are with you will be strong."
16:22 So they spread a tent for Absalom on the top of the house, and Absalom went in to his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.
16:23 The counsel of Ahithophel, which he gave in those days, was as if a man inquired at the inner sanctuary of God. All the counsel of Ahithophel was like this both with David and with Absalom.
17:1 Moreover Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Let me now choose twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David tonight.
17:2 I will come on him while he is weary and exhausted, and will make him afraid. All the people who are with him will flee. I will strike the king only,
17:3 and I will bring back all the people to you. The man whom you seek is as if all returned. All the people shall be in peace."
17:4 The saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel.
17:5 Then Absalom said, "Now call Hushai the Archite also, and let's hear likewise what he says."
17:6 When Hushai had come to Absalom, Absalom spoke to him, saying, "Ahithophel has spoken like this. Shall we do what he says? If not, speak up."
17:7 Hushai said to Absalom, "The counsel that Ahithophel has given this time is not good."
17:8 Hushai said moreover, "You know your father and his men, that they are mighty men, and they are fierce in their minds, like a bear robbed of her cubs in the field. Your father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people.
17:9 Behold, he is now hidden in some pit, or in some other place. It will happen, when some of them have fallen at the first, that whoever hears it will say, 'There is a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom!'
17:10 Even he who is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, will utterly melt; for all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man, and those who are with him are valiant men.
17:11 But I counsel that all Israel be gathered

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together 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.

17:12 So we will come on him in some place where he will be found, and we will light on him as the dew falls on the ground, then we will not leave so much as one of him and of all the men who are with him.

17:13 Moreover, if he has gone into a city, then all Israel will bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there isn't one small stone found there."

17:14 Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel." For Yahweh had ordained to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that Yahweh might bring evil on Absalom.

17:15 Then Hushai said to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, "Ahithophel counseled Absalom and the elders of Israel that way; and I have counseled this way.

17:16 Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, 'Don't lodge tonight at the fords of the wilderness, but by all means pass over, lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people who are with him.'"

17:17 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz were staying by En Rogel; and a female servant used to go and report to them, and they went and told King David; for they couldn't risk being seen coming into the city.

17:18 But a boy saw them, and told Absalom. Then they both went away quickly and came to the house of a man in Bahurim, who had a well in his court; and they went down there.

17:19 The woman took and spread the covering over the well's mouth, and spread out crushed grain on it; and nothing was known.

17:20 Absalom's servants came to the woman to the house; and they said, "Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?" The woman said to them, "They have gone over the brook of water." When they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.

17:21 After they had departed, they came up out of the well and went and told King David; and they said to David, "Arise and pass quickly over the water; for thus has Ahithophel counseled against you."

17:22 Then David arose, and all the people who were with him, and they passed over the Jordan. By the morning light there lacked not one of them who had not gone over the Jordan.

17:23 When Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his donkey, arose, and went home to his city, set his house in order, and hanged

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himself; and he died, and was buried in the tomb of his father. 17:24 Then David came to Mahanaim. Absalom passed over the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him. 17:25 Absalom set Amasa over the army instead of Joab. Now Amasa was the son of a man whose name was Ithra the Israelite, who went in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah, Joab's mother. 17:26 Israel and Absalom encamped in the land of Gilead. 17:27 When David had come to Mahanaim, Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lodebar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, 17:28 brought beds, basins, earthen vessels, wheat, barley, meal, parched grain, beans, lentils, roasted grain, 17:29 honey, butter, sheep, and cheese of the herd, for David and for the people who were with him to eat; for they said, "The people are hungry, weary, and thirsty in the wilderness."	
<u>War with Absalom</u>	
18:1 David counted the people who were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. 18:2 David sent the people out, a third part under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. The king said to the people, "I will also surely go out with you myself." 18:3 But the people said, "You shall not go out, for if we flee away, they will not care for us, neither if half of us die, will they care for us. But you are worth ten thousand of us. Therefore now it is better that you are ready to help us out of the city." 18:4 The king said to them, "I will do what seems best to you." The king stood beside the gate, and all the people went out by hundreds and by thousands. 18:5 The king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." All the people heard when the king commanded all the captains concerning Absalom. 18:6 So the people went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was in the forest of Ephraim. 18:7 The people of Israel were struck there before David's servants, and there was a great slaughter there that day of twenty thousand men. 18:8 For the battle was there spread over the surface of all the country, and the forest devoured more	

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people that day than the sword devoured.

18:9 Absalom happened to meet David's servants. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak; and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was hanging between the sky and earth; and the mule that was under him went on.

18:10 A certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, "Behold, I saw Absalom hanging in an oak."

18:11 Joab said to the man who told him, "Behold, you saw it, and why didn't you strike him there to the ground? I would have given you ten pieces of silver and a sash."

18:12 The man said to Joab, "Though I should receive a thousand pieces of silver in my hand, I still wouldn't stretch out my hand against the king's son; for in our hearing the king commanded you and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Beware that no one touch the young man Absalom.'

18:13 Otherwise, if I had dealt falsely against his life (and there is no matter hidden from the king), then you yourself would have set yourself against me."

18:14 Then Joab said, "I'm not going to wait like this with you." He took three darts in his hand and thrust them through Absalom's heart while he was still alive in the middle of the oak.

18:15 Ten young men who bore Joab's armor surrounded and struck Absalom, and killed him.

18:16 Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel; for Joab held the people back.

18:17 They took Absalom and cast him into a great pit in the forest, and raised over him a very great heap of stones. Then all Israel fled, each to his own tent.

18:18 Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself the pillar which is in the king's valley, for he said, "I have no son to keep my name in memory." He called the pillar after his own name. It is called Absalom's monument, to this day.

18:19 Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said, "Let me now run and carry the king news, how Yahweh has avenged him of his enemies."

18:20 Joab said to him, "You must not be the bearer of news today, but you must carry news another day. But today you must carry no news, because the king's son is dead."

18:21 Then Joab said to the Cushite, "Go, tell the king what you have seen!" The Cushite bowed himself to Joab, and ran.

18:22 Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said yet again to Joab, "But come what may, please let me also run after the Cushite." Joab said, "Why do you want to

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run, my son, since you will have no reward for the news?” 18:23 “But come what may,” he said, “I will run.” He said to him, “Run!” Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the Plain, and outran the Cushite. 18:24 Now David was sitting between the two gates; and the watchman went up to the roof of the gate to the wall, and lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, a man running alone. 18:25 The watchman shouted and told the king. The king said, “If he is alone, there is news in his mouth.” He came closer and closer. 18:26 The watchman saw another man running; and the watchman called to the gatekeeper and said, “Behold, a man running alone!” The king said, “He also brings news.” 18:27 The watchman said, “I think the running of the first one is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok.” The king said, “He is a good man, and comes with good news.” 18:28 Ahimaaz called, and said to the king, “All is well.” He bowed himself before the king with his face to the earth, and said, “Blessed is Yahweh your God, who has delivered up the men who lifted up their hand against my lord the king!” 18:29 The king said, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” Ahimaaz answered, “When Joab sent the king’s servant, even me your servant, I saw a great tumult, but I don’t know what it was.” 18:30 The king said, “Come and stand here.” He came and stood still. 18:31 Behold, the Cushite came. The Cushite said, “Good news for my lord the king, for Yahweh has avenged you today of all those who rose up against you.” 18:32 The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up against you to do you harm, be as that young man is.”	
<u>David’s Display of Grief Reproved</u> 18:33 The king was much moved, and went up to the room over the gate and wept. As he went, he said, “My son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! I wish I had died instead of you, Absalom, my son, my son!” 19:1 Joab was told, “Behold, the king weeps and mourns for Absalom.” 19:2 The victory that day was turned into mourning among all the people, for the people heard it said that day, “The king grieves for his son.” 19:3 The people sneaked into the city that day, as	

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people who are ashamed steal away when they flee in battle.

19:4 The king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, "My son Absalom, Absalom, my son, my son!"

19:5 Joab came into the house to the king, and said, "Today you have shamed the faces of all your servants who today have saved your life, and the lives of your sons and of your daughters, and the lives of your wives, and the lives of your concubines;

19:6 in that you love those who hate you and hate those who love you. For you have declared today that princes and servants are nothing to you. For today I perceive that if Absalom had lived and we had all died today, then it would have pleased you well.

19:7 Now therefore arise, go out and speak to comfort your servants; for I swear by Yahweh, if you don't go out, not a man will stay with you this night. That would be worse to you than all the evil that has happened to you from your youth until now."

19:8 Then the king arose and sat in the gate. The people were all told, "Behold, the king is sitting in the gate." All the people came before the king. Now Israel had fled every man to his tent.

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David Returns to Jerusalem

19:9 All the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "The king delivered us out of the hand of our enemies, and he saved us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he has fled out of the land from Absalom.

19:10 Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why don't you speak a word of bringing the king back?"

19:11 King David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, "Speak to the elders of Judah, saying, 'Why are you the last to bring the king back to his house, since the speech of all Israel has come to the king, to return him to his house?

19:12 You are my brothers. You are my bone and my flesh. Why then are you the last to bring back the king?'

19:13 Say to Amasa, 'Aren't you my bone and my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if you aren't captain of the army before me continually instead of Joab.'"

19:14 He bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as one man, so that they sent to the king, saying, "Return, you and all your servants."

19:15 So the king returned, and came to the Jordan. Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to bring

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the king over the Jordan.

19:16 Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite, who was of Bahurim, hurried and came down with the men of Judah to meet King David.

19:17 There were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of Saul's house, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went through the Jordan in the presence of the king.

19:18 A ferry boat went to bring over the king's household, and to do what he thought good. Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king when he had come over the Jordan.

19:19 He said to the king, "Don't let my lord impute iniquity to me, or remember that which your servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart.

19:20 For your servant knows that I have sinned. Therefore behold, I have come today as the first of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king."

19:21 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered, "Shouldn't Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed Yahweh's anointed?"

19:22 David said, "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you should be adversaries to me today? Shall any man be put to death today in Israel? For don't I know that I am king over Israel today?"

19:23 The king said to Shimei, "You will not die." The king swore to him.

19:24 Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king; and he had neither groomed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came home in peace.

19:25 When he had come to Jerusalem to meet the king, the king said to him, "Why didn't you go with me, Mephibosheth?"

19:26 He answered, "My lord, O king, my servant deceived me. For your servant said, 'I will saddle a donkey for myself, that I may ride on it and go with the king,' because your servant is lame.

19:27 He has slandered your servant to my lord the king, but my lord the king is as an angel of God. Therefore do what is good in your eyes.

19:28 For all my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king; yet you set your servant among those who ate at your own table. What right therefore have I yet that I should appeal any more to the king?"

19:29 The king said to him, "Why do you speak any more of your matters? I say, you and Ziba divide the land."

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19:30 Mephibosheth said to the king, “Yes, let him take all, because my lord the king has come in peace to his own house.” 19:31 Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim; and he went over the Jordan with the king to conduct him over the Jordan. 19:32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, even eighty years old. He had provided the king with sustenance while he stayed at Mahanaim, for he was a very great man. 19:33 The king said to Barzillai, “Come over with me, and I will sustain you with me in Jerusalem.” 19:34 Barzillai said to the king, “How many are the days of the years of my life, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem? 19:35 I am eighty years old, today. Can I discern between good and bad? Can your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? Can I hear the voice of singing men and singing women any more? Why then should your servant be a burden to my lord the king? 19:36 Your servant will just go over the Jordan with the king. Why should the king repay me with such a reward? 19:37 Please let your servant turn back again, that I may die in my own city, by the grave of my father and my mother. But behold, your servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good to you.” 19:38 The king answered, “Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good to you. Whatever you request of me, that I will do for you.” 19:39 All the people went over the Jordan, and the king went over. Then the king kissed Barzillai and blessed him; and he returned to his own place. 19:40 So the king went over to Gilgal, and Chimham went over with him. All the people of Judah brought the king over, and also half the people of Israel.	
<u>Sheba’s Rebellion</u> 19:41 Behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said to the king, “Why have our brothers the men of Judah stolen you away, and brought the king and his household, over the Jordan, and all David’s men with him?” 19:42 All the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, “Because the king is a close relative to us. Why then are you angry about this matter? Have we eaten at all at the king’s cost? Or has he given us any gift?” 19:43 The men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, “We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more claim to David than you. Why then	

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did you despise us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king?" The words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

20:1 There happened to be there a wicked fellow, whose name was Sheba the son of Bichri, a Benjamite; and he blew the trumpet, and said, "We have no portion in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse. Every man to his tents, Israel!"

20:2 So all the men of Israel went up from following David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri; but the men of Judah joined with their king, from the Jordan even to Jerusalem.

20:3 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 in custody and provided them with sustenance, but didn't go in to them. So they were shut up to the day of their death, living in widowhood.

20:4 Then the king said to Amasa, "Call me the men of Judah together within three days, and be here present."

20:5 So Amasa went to call the men of Judah together, but he stayed longer than the set time which had been appointed to him.

20:6 David said to Abishai, "Now Sheba the son of Bichri will do us more harm than Absalom did. Take your lord's servants and pursue after him, lest he get himself fortified cities, and escape out of our sight."

20:7 Joab's men went out after him with the Cherethites, the Pelethites, and all the mighty men; and they went out of Jerusalem to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

20:8 When they were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa came to meet them. Joab was clothed in his apparel of war that he had put on, and on it was a sash with a sword fastened on his waist in its sheath; and as he went along it fell out.

20:9 Joab said to Amasa, "Is it well with you, my brother?" Joab took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to kiss him.

20:10 But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab's hand. So he struck him with it in the body and shed out his bowels to the ground, and didn't strike him again; and he died. Joab and Abishai his brother pursued Sheba the son of Bichri.

20:11 One of Joab's young men stood by him, and said, "He who favors Joab, and he who is for David, let him follow Joab!"

20:12 Amasa lay wallowing in his blood in the middle of the highway. When the man saw that all the people stood still, he carried Amasa out of the

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highway into the field, and cast a garment over him when he saw that everyone who came by him stood still. 20:13 When he was removed out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri. 20:14 He went through all the tribes of Israel to Abel, to Beth Maacah, and all the Berites. They were gathered together, and went also after him. 20:15 They came and besieged him in Abel of Beth Maacah, and they cast up a mound against the city, and it stood against the rampart; and all the people who were with Joab battered the wall to throw it down. 20:16 Then a wise woman cried out of the city, "Hear, hear! Please say to Joab, 'Come near here, that I may speak with you.'" 20:17 He came near to her; and the woman said, "Are you Joab?" He answered, "I am." Then she said to him, "Hear the words of your servant." He answered, "I'm listening." 20:18 Then she spoke, saying, "They used to say in old times, 'They shall surely ask counsel at Abel,' and so they settled a matter. 20:19 I am among those who are peaceable and faithful in Israel. You seek to destroy a city and a mother in Israel. Why will you swallow up Yahweh's inheritance?" 20:20 Joab answered, "Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy. 20:21 The matter is not so. But a man of the hill country of Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, has lifted up his hand against the king, even against David. Just deliver him, and I will depart from the city." The woman said to Joab, "Behold, his head will be thrown to you over the wall." 20:22 Then the woman went to all the people in her wisdom. They cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and threw it out to Joab. He blew the trumpet, and they were dispersed from the city, every man to his tent. Then Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king. 20:23 Now Joab was over all the army of Israel, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites, 20:24 Adoram was over the men subject to forced labor, Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder, 20:25 Sheva was scribe, Zadok and Abiathar were priests, 20:26 and Ira the Jairite was chief minister to David.	

The Three-Year Famine and the Gibeonites

21:1 There was a famine in the days of David for

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three years, year after year; and David sought the face of Yahweh. Yahweh said, "It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he put the Gibeonites to death." 21:2 The king called the Gibeonites and said to them (now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites, and the children of Israel had sworn to them; and Saul sought to kill them in his zeal for the children of Israel and Judah); 21:3 and David said to the Gibeonites, "What should I do for you? And with what should I make atonement, that you may bless Yahweh's inheritance?" 21:4 The Gibeonites said to him, "It is no matter of silver or gold between us and Saul or his house; neither is it for us to put any man to death in Israel." He said, "I will do for you whatever you say." 21:5 They said to the king, "The man who consumed us and who plotted against us, that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the borders of Israel, 21:6 let seven men of his sons be delivered to us, and we will hang them up to Yahweh in Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of Yahweh." The king said, "I will give them." 21:7 But the king spared Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of Yahweh's oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. 21:8 But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Merab the daughter of Saul, whom she bore to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholahite. 21:9 He delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites; and they hanged them on the mountain before Yahweh, and all seven of them fell together. They were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, at the beginning of barley harvest. 21:10 Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water poured on them from the sky. She allowed neither the birds of the sky to rest on them by day, nor the animals of the field by night. 21:11 David was told what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done. 21:12 So David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh Gilead, who had stolen them from the street of Beth Shan, where the Philistines had hanged them in the day that the Philistines killed Saul in Gilboa;	

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21:13 and he brought up from there the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son. They also gathered the bones of those who were hanged. 21:14 They buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin in Zela, in the tomb of Kish his father; and they performed all that the king commanded. After that, God answered prayer for the land.	
<u>David Retired from Military Duty</u>	
21:15 The Philistines had war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines. David grew faint; 21:16 and Ishbibenob, who was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear was three hundred shekels of bronze in weight, he being armed with a new sword, thought he would kill David. 21:17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah helped him, and struck the Philistine and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, “Don’t go out with us to battle any more, so that you don’t quench the lamp of Israel.” 21:18 After this, there was again war with the Philistines at Gob. Then Sibbecai the Hushathite killed Saph, who was of the sons of the giant. 21:19 There was again war with the Philistines at Gob, and Elhanan the son of Jaare-Oregim the Bethlehemite killed Goliath the Gittite’s brother, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam. 21:20 There was again war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had six fingers on every hand and six toes on every foot, twenty-four in number, and he also was born to the giant. 21:21 When he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimei, David’s brother, killed him. 21:22 These four were born to the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.	20:4 After this, war arose at Gezer with the Philistines. Then Sibbecai the Hushathite killed Sippai, of the sons of the giant; and they were subdued. 20:5 Again there was war with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam. 20:6 There was again war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had twenty-four fingers and toes, six on each hand and six on each foot; and he also was born to the giant. 20:7 When he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David’s brother, killed him. 20:8 These were born to the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.
<u>A Psalm of David</u>	
22:1 David spoke to Yahweh the words of this song in the day that Yahweh delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul, 22:2 and he said: “Yahweh is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, even mine; 22:3 God is my rock in whom I take refuge; my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge. My savior, you save me from violence. 22:4 I call on Yahweh, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. 22:5 For the waves of death surrounded me. The	

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floods of ungodliness made me afraid.

22:6 The cords of Sheol were around me. The snares of death caught me.

22:7 In my distress, I called on Yahweh. Yes, I called to my God. He heard my voice out of his temple. My cry came into his ears.

22:8 Then the earth shook and trembled. The foundations of heaven quaked and were shaken, because he was angry.

22:9 Smoke went up out of his nostrils. Consuming fire came out of his mouth. Coals were kindled by it.

22:10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down. Thick darkness was under his feet.

22:11 He rode on a cherub, and flew. Yes, he was seen on the wings of the wind.

22:12 He made darkness a shelter around himself, gathering of waters, and thick clouds of the skies.

22:13 At the brightness before him, coals of fire were kindled.

22:14 Yahweh thundered from heaven. The Most High uttered his voice.

22:15 He sent out arrows and scattered them, lightning and confused them.

22:16 Then the channels of the sea appeared. The foundations of the world were laid bare by Yahweh's rebuke, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

22:17 He sent from on high and he took me. He drew me out of many waters.

22:18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.

22:19 They came on me in the day of my calamity, but Yahweh was my support.

22:20 He also brought me out into a large place. He delivered me, because he delighted in me.

22:21 Yahweh rewarded me according to my righteousness. He rewarded me according to the cleanness of my hands.

22:22 For I have kept Yahweh's ways, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

22:23 For all his ordinances were before me. As for his statutes, I didn't depart from them.

22:24 I was also perfect toward him. I kept myself from my iniquity.

22:25 Therefore Yahweh has rewarded me according to my righteousness, According to my cleanness in his eyesight.

22:26 With the merciful you will show yourself merciful. With the perfect man you will show yourself perfect.

22:27 With the pure you will show yourself pure.

With the crooked you will show yourself shrewd.

22:28 You will save the afflicted people, but your

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eyes are on the arrogant, that you may bring them down.

22:29 For you are my lamp, Yahweh. Yahweh will light up my darkness.

22:30 For by you, I run against a troop. By my God, I leap over a wall.

22:31 As for God, his way is perfect. Yahweh's word is tested. He is a shield to all those who take refuge in him.

22:32 For who is God, besides Yahweh? Who is a rock, besides our God?

22:33 God is my strong fortress. He makes my way perfect.

22:34 He makes his feet like hinds' feet, and sets me on my high places.

22:35 He teaches my hands to war, so that my arms bend a bow of bronze.

22:36 You have also given me the shield of your salvation. Your gentleness has made me great.

22:37 You have enlarged my steps under me. My feet have not slipped.

22:38 I have pursued my enemies and destroyed them. I didn't turn again until they were consumed.

22:39 I have consumed them, and struck them through, so that they can't arise. Yes, they have fallen under my feet.

22:40 For you have armed me with strength for the battle. You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.

22:41 You have also made my enemies turn their backs to me, that I might cut off those who hate me.

22:42 They looked, but there was no one to save; even to Yahweh, but he didn't answer them.

22:43 Then I beat them as small as the dust of the earth. I crushed them as the mire of the streets, and spread them abroad.

22:44 You also have delivered me from the strivings of my people. You have kept me to be the head of the nations. A people whom I have not known will serve me.

22:45 The foreigners will submit themselves to me. As soon as they hear of me, they will obey me.

22:46 The foreigners will fade away, and will come trembling out of their close places.

22:47 Yahweh lives! Blessed be my rock! Exalted be God, the rock of my salvation,

22:48 even the God who executes vengeance for me, who brings down peoples under me,

22:49 who brings me away from my enemies. Yes, you lift me up above those who rise up against me. You deliver me from the violent man.

22:50 Therefore I will give thanks to you, Yahweh, among the nations, and will sing praises to your

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name. 22:51 He gives great deliverance to his king, and shows loving kindness to his anointed, to David and to his offspring, forever more.” 23:1 Now these are the last words of David. David the son of Jesse says, the man who was raised on high says, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the sweet psalmist of Israel: 23:2 “Yahweh’s Spirit spoke by me. His word was on my tongue. 23:3 The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spoke to me, ‘One who rules over men righteously, who rules in the fear of God, 23:4 shall be as the light of the morning when the sun rises, a morning without clouds, when the tender grass springs out of the earth, through clear shining after rain.’ 23:5 Isn’t my house so with God? Yet he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure, for it is all my salvation and all my desire. Won’t he make it grow? 23:6 But all the ungodly will be as thorns to be thrust away, because they can’t be taken with the hand. 23:7 The man who touches them must be armed with iron and the staff of a spear. They will be utterly burned with fire in their place.” (for David’s administration in 2 Samuel 23:8-39, see page 54)	

The Census and the Plague

24:1 Again Yahweh’s anger burned against Israel, and he moved David against them, saying, “Go, count Israel and Judah.” 24:2 The king said to Joab the captain of the army, who was with him, “Now go back and forth through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beersheba, and count the people, that I may know the sum of the people.” 24:3 Joab said to the king, “Now may Yahweh your God add to the people, however many they may be, one hundred times; and may the eyes of my lord the king see it. But why does my lord the king delight in this thing?” 24:4 Notwithstanding, the king’s word prevailed against Joab and against the captains of the army. Joab and the captains of the army went out from the presence of the king to count the people of Israel. 24:5 They passed over the Jordan and encamped in Aroer, on the right side of the city that is in the middle of the valley of Gad, and to Jazer; 24:6 then they came to Gilead and to the land of Tahtim Hodshi; and they came to Dan Jaan and around to Sidon,	21:1 Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to take a census of Israel. 21:2 David said to Joab and to the princes of the people, “Go, count Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring me word, that I may know how many there are.” 21:3 Joab said, “May Yahweh make his people a hundred times as many as they are. But, my lord the king, aren’t they all my lord’s servants? Why does my lord require this thing? Why will he be a cause of guilt to Israel?” 21:4 Nevertheless the king’s word prevailed against Joab. Therefore Joab departed and went throughout all Israel, then came to Jerusalem.
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24:7 and came to the stronghold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites and of the Canaanites; and they went out to the south of Judah, at Beersheba. 24:8 So when they had gone back and forth through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. 24:9 Joab gave up the sum of the counting of the people to the king; and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men who drew the sword, and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men. 24:10 David's heart struck him after he had counted the people. David said to Yahweh, "I have sinned greatly in that which I have done. But now, Yahweh, put away, I beg you, the iniquity of your servant; for I have done very foolishly." 24:11 When David rose up in the morning, Yahweh's word came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, 24:12 "Go and speak to David, 'Yahweh says, "I offer you three things. Choose one of them, that I may do it to you."'" 24:13 So Gad came to David, and told him, saying, "Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three months before your foes while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' pestilence in your land? Now answer, and consider what answer I shall return to him who sent me." 24:14 David said to Gad, "I am in distress. Let us fall now into Yahweh's hand, for his mercies are great. Let me not fall into man's hand." 24:15 So Yahweh sent a pestilence on Israel from the morning even to the appointed time; and seventy thousand men died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba. 24:16 When the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, Yahweh relented of the disaster, and said to the angel who destroyed the people, "It is enough. Now withdraw your hand." Yahweh's angel was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. 24:17 David spoke to Yahweh when he saw the angel who struck the people, and said, "Behold, I have sinned, and I have done perversely; but these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand be against me, and against my father's house."	21:5 Joab gave the sum of the census of the people to David. All those of Israel were one million one hundred thousand men who drew a sword; and in Judah were four hundred seventy thousand men who drew a sword. 21:6 But he didn't count Levi and Benjamin among them, for the king's word was abominable to Joab. 21:7 God was displeased with this thing; therefore he struck Israel. 21:8 David said to God, "I have sinned greatly, in that I have done this thing. But now put away, I beg you, the iniquity of your servant, for I have done very foolishly." 21:9 Yahweh spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying, 21:10 "Go and speak to David, saying, 'Yahweh says, "I offer you three things. Choose one of them, that I may do it to you."'" 21:11 So Gad came to David and said to him, "Yahweh says, 'Take your choice: 21:12 either three years of famine; or three months to be consumed before your foes, while the sword of your enemies overtakes you; or else three days of the sword of Yahweh, even pestilence in the land, and Yahweh's angel destroying throughout all the borders of Israel. Now therefore consider what answer I shall return to him who sent me.'" 21:13 David said to Gad, "I am in distress. Let me fall, I pray, into Yahweh's hand, for his mercies are very great. Don't let me fall into man's hand." 21:14 So Yahweh sent a pestilence on Israel, and seventy thousand men of Israel fell. 21:15 God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. As he was about to destroy, Yahweh saw, and he relented of the disaster, and said to the destroying angel, "It is enough. Now withdraw your hand." Yahweh's angel was standing by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 21:16 David lifted up his eyes, and saw Yahweh's angel standing between earth and the sky, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces. 21:17 David said to God, "Isn't it I who commanded

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24:18 Gad came that day to David and said to him, "Go up, build an altar to Yahweh on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite." 24:19 David went up according to the saying of Gad, as Yahweh commanded. 24:20 Araunah looked out, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him. Then Araunah went out and bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. 24:21 Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" David said, "To buy your threshing floor, to build an altar to Yahweh, that the plague may be stopped from afflicting the people." 24:22 Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what seems good to him. Behold, the cattle for the burnt offering, and the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood. 24:23 All this, O king, does Araunah give to the king." Araunah said to the king, "May Yahweh your God accept you." 24:24 The king said to Araunah, "No, but I will most certainly buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to Yahweh my God which cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. 24:25 David built an altar to Yahweh there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So Yahweh was entreated for the land, and the plague was removed from Israel.	the people to be counted? It is even I who have sinned and done very wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand, O Yahweh my God, be against me and against my father's house; but not against your people, that they should be plagued." 21:18 Then Yahweh's angel commanded Gad to tell David that David should go up and raise an altar to Yahweh on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 21:19 David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spoke in Yahweh's name. 21:20 Ornan turned back and saw the angel; and his four sons who were with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. 21:21 As David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshing floor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground. 21:22 Then David said to Ornan, "Sell me the place of this threshing floor, that I may build an altar to Yahweh on it. You shall sell it to me for the full price, that the plague may be stopped from afflicting the people." 21:23 Ornan said to David, "Take it for yourself, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes. Behold, I give the oxen for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meal offering. I give it all." 21:24 King David said to Ornan, "No, but I will most certainly buy it for the full price. For I will not take that which is yours for Yahweh, nor offer a burnt offering that costs me nothing." 21:25 So David gave to Ornan six hundred shekels of gold by weight for the place. 21:26 David built an altar to Yahweh there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on Yahweh; and he answered him from the sky by fire on the altar of burnt offering. 21:27 Then Yahweh commanded the angel, and he put his sword back into its sheath. 21:28 At that time, when David saw that Yahweh had answered him in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. 21:29 For Yahweh's tabernacle, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering, were at that time in the high place at Gibeon. 21:30 But David couldn't go before it to inquire of God, for he was afraid because of the sword of Yahweh's angel.

Instructions for the Temple

22:1 Then David said, "This is the house of Yahweh

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	God, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel.” 22:2 David gave orders to gather together the foreigners who were in the land of Israel; and he set masons to cut dressed stones to build God’s house. 22:3 David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates and for the couplings, and bronze in abundance without weight, 22:4 and cedar trees without number, for the Sidonians and the people of Tyre brought cedar trees in abundance to David. 22:5 David said, “Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be built for Yahweh must be exceedingly magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries. I will therefore make preparation for it.” So David prepared abundantly before his death. 22:6 Then he called for Solomon his son, and commanded him to build a house for Yahweh, the God of Israel. 22:7 David said to Solomon his son, “As for me, it was in my heart to build a house to the name of Yahweh my God. 22:8 But Yahweh’s word came to me, saying, ‘You have shed blood abundantly and have made great wars. You shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in my sight. 22:9 Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of peace. I will give him rest from all his enemies all around; for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days. 22:10 He shall build a house for my name; and he will be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.’ 22:11 Now, my son, may Yahweh be with you and prosper you, and build the house of Yahweh your God, as he has spoken concerning you. 22:12 May Yahweh give you discretion and understanding, and put you in charge of Israel, so that you may keep the law of Yahweh your God. 22:13 Then you will prosper, if you observe to do the statutes and the ordinances which Yahweh gave Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and courageous. Don’t be afraid and don’t be dismayed. 22:14 Now, behold, in my affliction I have prepared for Yahweh’s house one hundred thousand talents of gold, one million talents of silver, and bronze and iron without weight; for it is in abundance. I have also prepared timber and stone; and you may add to them. 22:15 There are also workmen with you in

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	abundance—cutters and workers of stone and timber, and all kinds of men who are skillful in every kind of work; 22:16 of the gold, the silver, the bronze, and the iron, there is no number. Arise and be doing, and may Yahweh be with you.” 22:17 David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying, 22:18 “Isn’t Yahweh your God with you? Hasn’t he given you rest on every side? For he has delivered the inhabitants of the land into my hand; and the land is subdued before Yahweh and before his people. 22:19 Now set your heart and your soul to follow Yahweh your God. Arise therefore, and build the sanctuary of Yahweh God, to bring the ark of Yahweh’s covenant and the holy vessels of God into the house that is to be built for Yahweh’s name.”

Adonijah Usurps the Throne

1:1 Now King David was old and advanced in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he couldn't keep warm.

1:2 Therefore his servants said to him, "Let a young virgin be sought for my lord the king. Let her stand before the king, and cherish him; and let her lie in your bosom, that my lord the king may keep warm."

1:3 So they sought for a beautiful young lady throughout all the borders of Israel, and found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the king.

1:4 The young lady was very beautiful; and she cherished the king, and served him; but the king didn't know her intimately.

1:5 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, "I will be king." Then he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.

1:6 His father had not displeased him at any time in saying, "Why have you done so?" and he was also a very handsome man; and he was born after Absalom.

1:7 He conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah and with Abiathar the priest; and they followed Adonijah and helped him.

1:8 But Zadok the priest, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, Nathan the prophet, Shimei, Rei, and the mighty men who belonged to David, were not with Adonijah.

1:9 Adonijah killed sheep, cattle, and fatlings by the stone of Zoheleth, which is beside En Rogel; and he called all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah, the king's servants;

1:10 but he didn't call Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother.

1:11 Then Nathan spoke to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, "Haven't you heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith reigns, and David our lord doesn't know it?"

1:12 Now therefore come, please let me give you counsel, that you may save your own life and your son Solomon's life.

1:13 Go in to King David, and tell him, 'Didn't you, my lord the king, swear to your servant, saying, "Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne"? Why then does Adonijah reign?'

1:14 Behold, while you are still talking there with the king, I will also come in after you and confirm your words."

1:15 Bathsheba went in to the king in his room. The king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite was

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serving the king. 1:16 Bathsheba bowed and showed respect to the king. The king said, "What would you like?" 1:17 She said to him, "My lord, you swore by Yahweh your God to your servant, 'Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne.' 1:18 Now, behold, Adonijah reigns; and you, my lord the king, don't know it. 1:19 He has slain cattle and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and has called all the sons of the king, Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the army; but he hasn't called Solomon your servant. 1:20 You, my lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, that you should tell them who will sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. 1:21 Otherwise it will happen, when my lord the king sleeps with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon will be considered criminals." 1:22 Behold, while she was still talking with the king, Nathan the prophet came in. 1:23 They told the king, saying, "Behold, Nathan the prophet!" When he had come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. 1:24 Nathan said, "My lord, King, have you said, 'Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne'?" 1:25 For he has gone down today, and has slain cattle, fatlings, and sheep in abundance, and has called all the king's sons, the captains of the army, and Abiathar the priest. Behold, they are eating and drinking before him, and saying, 'Long live King Adonijah!' 1:26 But he hasn't called me, even me your servant, Zadok the priest, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon. 1:27 Was this thing done by my lord the king, and you haven't shown to your servants who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?" 1:28 Then King David answered, "Call Bathsheba in to me." She came into the king's presence and stood before the king. 1:29 The king vowed and said, "As Yahweh lives, who has redeemed my soul out of all adversity, 1:30 most certainly as I swore to you by Yahweh, the God of Israel, saying, 'Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place;' I will most certainly do this today." 1:31 Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the earth and showed respect to the king, and said, "Let my lord King David live forever!" 1:32 King David said, "Call to me Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of	

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Jehoiada.” They came before the king. 1:33 The king said to them, “Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon. 1:34 Let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel. Blow the trumpet, and say, ‘Long live King Solomon!’ 1:35 Then come up after him, and he shall come and sit on my throne; for he shall be king in my place. I have appointed him to be prince over Israel and over Judah.” 1:36 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, “Amen. May Yahweh, the God of my lord the king, say so. 1:37 As Yahweh 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.” 1:38 So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites went down and had Solomon ride on King David’s mule, and brought him to Gihon. 1:39 Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the Tent, and anointed Solomon. They blew the trumpet; and all the people said, “Long live King Solomon!” 1:40 All the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth shook with their sound. 1:41 Adonijah and all the guests who were with him heard it as they had finished eating. When Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, “Why is this noise of the city being in an uproar?” 1:42 While he yet spoke, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came; and Adonijah said, “Come in; for you are a worthy man, and bring good news.” 1:43 Jonathan answered Adonijah, “Most certainly our lord King David has made Solomon king. 1:44 The king has sent with him Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and they have caused him to ride on the king’s mule. 1:45 Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon. They have come up from there rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that you have heard. 1:46 Also, Solomon sits on the throne of the kingdom. 1:47 Moreover the king’s servants came to bless our lord King David, saying, ‘May your God make the name of Solomon better than your name, and make his throne greater than your throne;’ and the king bowed himself on the bed. 1:48 Also thus said the king, ‘Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, who has given one to sit on my	

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throne today, my eyes even seeing it.” 1:49 All the guests of Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and each man went his way. 1:50 Adonijah was afraid because of Solomon; and he arose, and went, and hung onto the horns of the altar. 1:51 Solomon was told, “Behold, Adonijah fears King Solomon; for, behold, he is hanging onto the horns of the altar, saying, ‘Let King Solomon swear to me first that he will not kill his servant with the sword.’” 1:52 Solomon said, “If he shows himself a worthy man, not a hair of his shall fall to the earth; but if wickedness is found in him, he shall die.” 1:53 So King Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. He came and bowed down to King Solomon; and Solomon said to him, “Go to your house.”	

Solomon King of United Israel

23:1 Now David was old and full of days; and he made Solomon his son king over Israel.

23:2 He gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites.

23:3 The Levites were counted from thirty years old and upward; and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty-eight thousand.

23:4 David said, “Of these, twenty-four thousand were to oversee the work of Yahweh’s house, six thousand were officers and judges,

23:5 four thousand were doorkeepers, and four thousand praised Yahweh with the instruments which I made for giving praise.”

23:6 David divided them into divisions according to the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

23:7 Of the Gershonites: Ladan and Shimei.

23:8 The sons of Ladan: Jehiel the chief, Zetham, and Joel, three.

23:9 The sons of Shimei: Shelomoth, Haziel, and Haran, three. These were the heads of the fathers’ households of Ladan.

23:10 The sons of Shimei: Jahath, Zina, Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei.

23:11 Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second; but Jeush and Beriah didn’t have many sons; therefore they became a fathers’ house in one reckoning.

23:12 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four.

23:13 The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses; and Aaron was separated that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons forever, to burn incense before Yahweh, to minister to him, and to bless in his name forever.

23:14 But as for Moses the man of God, his sons

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	were named among the tribe of Levi. 23:15 The sons of Moses: Gershom and Eliezer. 23:16 The sons of Gershom: Shebuel the chief. 23:17 The son of Eliezer was Rehabiah the chief; and Eliezer had no other sons, but the sons of Rehabiah were very many. 23:18 The son of Izhar: Shelomith the chief. 23:19 The sons of Hebron: Jeriah the chief, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. 23:20 The sons of Uzziel: Micah the chief, and Isshiah the second. 23:21 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli: Eleazar and Kish. 23:22 Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters only; and their relatives, the sons of Kish, took them as wives. 23:23 The sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and Jeremoth, three. 23:24 These were the sons of Levi after their fathers' houses, even the heads of the fathers' houses of those who were counted individually, in the number of names by their polls, who did the work for the service of Yahweh's house, from twenty years old and upward. 23:25 For David said, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, has given rest to his people; and he dwells in Jerusalem forever. 23:26 Also the Levites will no longer need to carry the tabernacle and all its vessels for its service." 23:27 For by the last words of David the sons of Levi were counted, from twenty years old and upward. 23:28 For their duty was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of Yahweh's house—in the courts, in the rooms, and in the purifying of all holy things, even the work of the service of God's house; 23:29 for the show bread also, and for the fine flour for a meal offering, whether of unleavened wafers, or of that which is baked in the pan, or of that which is soaked, and for all measurements of quantity and size; 23:30 and to stand every morning to thank and praise Yahweh, and likewise in the evening; 23:31 and to offer all burnt offerings to Yahweh on the Sabbaths, on the new moons, and on the set feasts, in number according to the ordinance concerning them, continually before Yahweh; 23:32 and that they should keep the duty of the Tent of Meeting, the duty of the holy place, and the duty of the sons of Aaron their brothers for the service of Yahweh's house. 24:1 These were the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and

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	Ithamar. 24:2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children; therefore Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests. 24:3 David, with Zadok of the sons of Eleazar and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them according to their ordering in their service. 24:4 There were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; and they were divided like this: of the sons of Eleazar there were sixteen, heads of fathers' houses; and of the sons of Ithamar, according to their fathers' houses, eight. 24:5 Thus they were divided impartially by drawing lots; for there were princes of the sanctuary and princes of God, both of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar. 24:6 Shemaiah the son of Nethanel the scribe, who was of the Levites, wrote them in the presence of the king, the princes, Zadok the priest, Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and the heads of the fathers' households of the priests and of the Levites; one fathers' house being taken for Eleazar, and one taken for Ithamar. 24:7 Now the first lot came out to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah, 24:8 the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim, 24:9 the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin, 24:10 the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah, 24:11 the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah, 24:12 the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim, 24:13 the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab, 24:14 the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer, 24:15 the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Happizzetz, 24:16 the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel, 24:17 the twenty-first to Jachin, the twenty-second to Gamul, 24:18 the twenty-third to Delaiah, and the twenty-fourth to Maaziah. 24:19 This was their ordering in their service, to come into Yahweh's house according to the ordinance given to them by Aaron their father, as Yahweh, the God of Israel, had commanded him. 24:20 Of the rest of the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram, Shubael; of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah. 24:21 Of Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, Isshiah the chief. 24:22 Of the Izharites, Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath. 24:23 The sons of Hebron: Jeriah, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. 24:24 The sons of Uzziel: Micah; of the sons of

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	Micah, Shamir. 24:25 The brother of Micah: Isshiah; of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah. 24:26 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The son of Jaaziah: Beno. 24:27 The sons of Merari by Jaaziah: Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri. 24:28 Of Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons. 24:29 Of Kish, the son of Kish: Jerahmeel. 24:30 The sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites after their fathers' houses. 24:31 These likewise cast lots even as their brothers the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, Zadok, Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers' households of the priests and of the Levites, the fathers' households of the chief even as those of his younger brother. 25:1 Moreover, David and the captains of the army set apart for the service certain of the sons of Asaph, of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who were to prophesy with harps, with stringed instruments, and with cymbals. The number of those who did the work according to their service was: 25:2 of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asharelah. The sons of Asaph were under the hand of Asaph, who prophesied at the order of the king. 25:3 Of Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiiah, Shimei, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied in giving thanks and praising Yahweh with the harp. 25:4 Of Heman, the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, Romamti-Ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth. 25:5 All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. 25:6 All these were under the hands of their father for song in Yahweh's house, with cymbals, stringed instruments, and harps, for the service of God's house: Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman being under the order of the king. 25:7 The number of them, with their brothers who were instructed in singing to Yahweh, even all who were skillful, was two hundred eighty-eight. 25:8 They cast lots for their offices, all alike, the small as well as the great, the teacher as well as the student. 25:9 Now the first lot came out for Asaph to Joseph; the second to Gedaliah, he and his brothers and sons were twelve;

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	25:10 the third to Zaccur, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:11 the fourth to Izri, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:12 the fifth to Nethaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:13 the sixth to Bukkiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:14 the seventh to Jesharelah, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:15 the eighth to Jeshaiiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:16 the ninth to Mattaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:17 the tenth to Shimei, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:18 the eleventh to Azarel, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:19 the twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:20 for the thirteenth, Shubael, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:21 for the fourteenth, Mattithiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:22 for the fifteenth to Jeremoth, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:23 for the sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:24 for the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:25 for the eighteenth to Hanani, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:26 for the nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:27 for the twentieth to Eliathah, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:28 for the twenty-first to Hothir, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:29 for the twenty-second to Giddalti, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:30 for the twenty-third to Mahazioth, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
	25:31 for the twenty-fourth to Romamti-Ezer, his sons and his brothers, twelve.
	26:1 For the divisions of the doorkeepers: of the Korahites, Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph.
	26:2 Meshelemiah had sons: Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,
	26:3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, and Eliehoenai the seventh.
	26:4 Obed-Edom had sons: Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, Sacar the

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	fourth, Nethanel the fifth, 26:5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, and Peullethai the eighth; for God blessed him. 26:6 Sons were also born to Shemaiah his son, who ruled over the house of their father; for they were mighty men of valor. 26:7 The sons of Shemaiah: Othni, Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad, whose relatives were valiant men, Elihu, and Semachiah. 26:8 All these were of the sons of Obed-Edom with their sons and their brothers, able men in strength for the service: sixty-two of Obed-Edom. 26:9 Meshelemiah had sons and brothers, eighteen valiant men. 26:10 Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons: Shimri the chief (for though he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him chief), 26:11 Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, and Zechariah the fourth. All the sons and brothers of Hosah were thirteen. 26:12 Of these were the divisions of the doorkeepers, even of the chief men, having offices like their brothers, to minister in Yahweh's house. 26:13 They cast lots, the small as well as the great, according to their fathers' houses, for every gate. 26:14 The lot eastward fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counselor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward. 26:15 To Obed-Edom southward; and to his sons the storehouse. 26:16 To Shuppim and Hosah westward, by the gate of Shallecheth, at the causeway that goes up, watchman opposite watchman. 26:17 Eastward were six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and for the storehouse two and two. 26:18 For Parbar westward, four at the causeway, and two at Parbar. 26:19 These were the divisions of the doorkeepers; of the sons of the Korahites, and of the sons of Merari. 26:20 Of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of God's house and over the treasures of the dedicated things. 26:21 The sons of Ladan, the sons of the Gershonites belonging to Ladan, the heads of the fathers' households belonging to Ladan the Gershonite: Jehieli. 26:22 The sons of Jehieli: Zetham, and Joel his brother, over the treasures of Yahweh's house. 26:23 Of the Amramites, of the Izharites, of the Hebronites, of the Uzzielites: 26:24 Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was ruler over the treasuries.

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	26:25 His brothers: of Eliezer, Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomoth his son. 26:26 This Shelomoth and his brothers were over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the heads of the fathers' households, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the army, had dedicated. 26:27 They dedicated some of the plunder won in battles to repair Yahweh's house. 26:28 All that Samuel the seer, Saul the son of Kish, Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah had dedicated, whoever had dedicated anything, it was under the hand of Shelomoth and of his brothers. 26:29 Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were appointed to the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges. 26:30 Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brothers, one thousand seven hundred men of valor, had the oversight of Israel beyond the Jordan westward, for all the business of Yahweh and for the service of the king. 26:31 Of the Hebronites, Jerijah was the chief of the Hebronites, according to their generations by fathers' households. They were sought for in the fortieth year of the reign of David, and mighty men of valor were found among them at Jazer of Gilead. 26:32 His relatives, men of valor, were two thousand seven hundred, heads of fathers' households, whom King David made overseers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites, for every matter pertaining to God and for the affairs of the king. 27:1 Now the children of Israel after their number, the heads of fathers' households and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and their officers who served the king in any matter of the divisions which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year—of every division were twenty-four thousand. 27:2 Over the first division for the first month was Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel. In his division were twenty-four thousand. 27:3 He was of the children of Perez, the chief of all the captains of the army for the first month. 27:4 Over the division of the second month was Dodai the Ahohite and his division, and Mikloth the ruler; and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 27:5 The third captain of the army for the third month was Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada the chief priest. In his division were twenty-four thousand. 27:6 This is that Benaiah who was the mighty man of the thirty and over the thirty. Of his division was Ammizabad his son.

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	27:7 The fourth captain for the fourth month was Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him. In his division were twenty-four thousand. 27:8 The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite. In his division were twenty-four thousand. 27:9 The sixth captain for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite. In his division were twenty-four thousand. 27:10 The seventh captain for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim. In his division were twenty-four thousand. 27:11 The eighth captain for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zerahites. In his division were twenty-four thousand. 27:12 The ninth captain for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anathothite, of the Benjamites. In his division were twenty-four thousand. 27:13 The tenth captain for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zerahites. In his division were twenty-four thousand. 27:14 The eleventh captain for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim. In his division were twenty-four thousand. 27:15 The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel. In his division were twenty-four thousand. 27:16 Furthermore over the tribes of Israel: of the Reubenites, Eliezer the son of Zichri was the ruler; of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maacah; 27:17 of Levi, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel; of Aaron, Zadok; 27:18 of Judah, Elihu, one of the brothers of David; of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael; 27:19 of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah; of Naphtali, Jeremoth the son of Azriel; 27:20 of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah; of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiiah; 27:21 of the half-tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah; of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner; 27:22 of Dan, Azarel the son of Jeroham. These were the captains of the tribes of Israel. 27:23 But David didn't take the number of them from twenty years old and under, because Yahweh had said he would increase Israel like the stars of the sky. 27:24 Joab the son of Zeruiah began to take a census, but didn't finish; and wrath came on Israel for this. The number wasn't put into the account in the chronicles of King David. 27:25 Over the king's treasures was Azmaveth the son of Adiel. Over the treasures in the fields, in the

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	cities, in the villages, and in the towers was Jonathan the son of Uzziah; 27:26 Over those who did the work of the field for tillage of the ground was Ezri the son of Chelub. 27:27 Over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite. Over the increase of the vineyards for the wine cellars was Zabdi the Shiphmite. 27:28 Over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the lowland was Baal Hanan the Gederite. Over the cellars of oil was Joash. 27:29 Over the herds that fed in Sharon was Shitrai the Sharonite. Over the herds that were in the valleys was Shaphat the son of Adlai. 27:30 Over the camels was Obil the Ishmaelite. Over the donkeys was Jehdeiah the Meronothite. Over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagrite. 27:31 All these were the rulers of the property which was King David's. 27:32 Also Jonathan, David's uncle, was a counselor, a man of understanding, and a scribe. Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons. 27:33 Ahithophel was the king's counselor. Hushai the Archite was the king's friend. 27:34 After Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar. Joab was the captain of the king's army.

David's Departing Message

28:1 David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, the captains of the companies who served the king by division, the captains of thousands, the captains of hundreds, and the rulers over all the substance and possessions of the king and of his sons, with the officers and the mighty men, even all the mighty men of valor, to Jerusalem.

28:2 Then David the king stood up on his feet and said, "Hear me, my brothers and my people! As for me, it was in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of Yahweh's covenant, and for the footstool of our God; and I had prepared for the building.

28:3 But God said to me, 'You shall not build a house for my name, because you are a man of war and have shed blood.'

28:4 However Yahweh, the God of Israel, chose me out of all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever. For he has chosen Judah to be prince; and in the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he took pleasure in me to make me king over all Israel.

28:5 Of all my sons (for Yahweh has given me many sons), he has chosen Solomon my son to sit on the throne of Yahweh's kingdom over Israel.

28:6 He said to me, 'Solomon, your son, shall build my house and my courts; for I have chosen him to be

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	my son, and I will be his father. 28:7 I will establish his kingdom forever if he continues to do my commandments and my ordinances, as it is today.’ 28:8 Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, Yahweh’s assembly, and in the audience of our God, observe and seek out all the commandments of Yahweh your God, that you may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children after you forever. 28:9 You, Solomon my son, know the God of your father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; for Yahweh searches all hearts, and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever. 28:10 Take heed now, for Yahweh has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary. Be strong, and do it.” 28:11 Then David gave to Solomon his son the plans for the porch of the temple, for its houses, for its treasuries, for its upper rooms, for its inner rooms, for the place of the mercy seat; 28:12 and the plans of all that he had by the Spirit, for the courts of Yahweh’s house, for all the surrounding rooms, for the treasuries of God’s house, and for the treasuries of the dedicated things; 28:13 also for the divisions of the priests and the Levites, for all the work of the service of Yahweh’s house, and for all the vessels of service in Yahweh’s house— 28:14 of gold by weight for the gold for all vessels of every kind of service, for all the vessels of silver by weight, for all vessels of every kind of service; 28:15 by weight also for the lamp stands of gold, and for its lamps, of gold, by weight for every lamp stand and for its lamps; and for the lamp stands of silver, by weight for every lamp stand and for its lamps, according to the use of every lamp stand; 28:16 and the gold by weight for the tables of show bread, for every table; and silver for the tables of silver; 28:17 and the forks, the basins, and the cups, of pure gold; and for the golden bowls by weight for every bowl; and for the silver bowls by weight for every bowl; 28:18 and for the altar of incense, refined gold by weight; and gold for the plans for the chariot, and the cherubim that spread out and cover the ark of Yahweh’s covenant. 28:19 “All this”, David said, “I have been made to understand in writing from Yahweh’s hand, even all the works of this pattern.” 28:20 David said to Solomon his son, “Be strong and courageous, and do it. Don’t be afraid, nor be

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	dismayed, for Yahweh God, even my God, is with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you, until all the work for the service of Yahweh's house is finished. 28:21 Behold, there are the divisions of the priests and the Levites for all the service of God's house. Every willing man who has skill for any kind of service shall be with you in all kinds of work. Also the captains and all the people will be entirely at your command." 29:1 David the king said to all the assembly, "Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great; for the palace is not for man, but for Yahweh God. 29:2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for the things of gold, the silver for the things of silver, the bronze for the things of bronze, iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, also onyx stones, stones to be set, stones for inlaid work of various colors, all kinds of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. 29:3 In addition, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, since I have a treasure of my own of gold and silver, I give it to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house: 29:4 even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, with which to overlay the walls of the houses; 29:5 of gold for the things of gold, and of silver for the things of silver, and for all kinds of work to be made by the hands of artisans. Who then offers willingly to consecrate himself today to Yahweh?" 29:6 Then the princes of the fathers' households, and the princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers over the king's work, offered willingly; 29:7 and they gave for the service of God's house of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand darics, of silver ten thousand talents, of bronze eighteen thousand talents, and of iron one hundred thousand talents. 29:8 People with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of Yahweh's house, under the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. 29:9 Then the people rejoiced, because they offered willingly, because with a perfect heart they offered willingly to Yahweh; and David the king also rejoiced with great joy. 29:10 Therefore David blessed Yahweh before all the assembly; and David said, "You are blessed, Yahweh, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

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	29:11 Yours, Yahweh, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty! For all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, Yahweh, and you are exalted as head above all. 29:12 Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all! In your hand is power and might! It is in your hand to make great, and to give strength to all! 29:13 Now therefore, our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name. 29:14 But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from you, and we have given you of your own. 29:15 For we are strangers before you and foreigners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is no remaining. 29:16 Yahweh our God, all this store that we have prepared to build you a house for your holy name comes from your hand, and is all your own. 29:17 I know also, my God, that you try the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things. Now I have seen with joy your people, who are present here, offer willingly to you. 29:18 Yahweh, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this desire forever in the thoughts of the heart of your people, and prepare their heart for you; 29:19 and give to Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep your commandments, your testimonies, and your statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for which I have made provision.” 29:20 Then David said to all the assembly, “Now bless Yahweh your God!” All the assembly blessed Yahweh, the God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads and prostrated themselves before Yahweh and the king. 29:21 They sacrificed sacrifices to Yahweh and offered burnt offerings to Yahweh on the next day after that day, even one thousand bulls, one thousand rams, and one thousand lambs, with their drink offerings and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel, 29:22 and ate and drank before Yahweh on that day with great gladness. They made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him before Yahweh to be prince, and Zadok to be priest. 29:23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of Yahweh as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him. 29:24 All the princes, the mighty men, and also all of the sons of King David submitted themselves to Solomon the king.

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	29:25 Yahweh magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and gave to him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.
	29:26 Now David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.
	29:27 The time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and he reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

David's Final Instructions to Solomon

2:1 Now the days of David came near that he should die; and he commanded Solomon his son, saying,
2:2 "I am going the way of all the earth. You be strong therefore, and show yourself a man;
2:3 and keep the instruction of Yahweh your God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, his commandments, his ordinances, and his testimonies, according to that which is written in the law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn yourself.
2:4 Then Yahweh may establish his word which he spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your children are careful of their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail you,' he said, 'a man on the throne of Israel.'
2:5 "Moreover you know also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, even what he did to the two captains of the armies of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner and to Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war on his sash that was around his waist and in his sandals that were on his feet.
2:6 Do therefore according to your wisdom, and don't let his gray head go down to Sheol in peace.
2:7 But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be among those who eat at your table; for so they came to me when I fled from Absalom your brother.
2:8 "Behold, there is with you Shimei the 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, and I swore to him by Yahweh, saying, 'I will not put you to death with the sword.'
2:9 Now therefore don't hold him guiltless, for you are a wise man; and you will know what you ought to do to him, and you shall bring his gray head down to Sheol with blood."
2:10 David slept with his fathers, and was buried in David's city.
2:11 The days that David reigned over Israel were forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and he

29:28 He died at a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor; and Solomon his son reigned in his place.
29:29 Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the history of Samuel the

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reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem. 2:12 Solomon sat on David his father's throne; and his kingdom was firmly established.	seer, and in the history of Nathan the prophet, and in the history of Gad the seer, 29:30 with all his reign and his might, and the events that involved him, Israel, and all the kingdoms of the lands.

Adonijah's Petition and Solomon's Sentence

2:13 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. She said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably.

2:14 He said moreover, I have something to tell you." She said, "Say on."

2:15 He said, "You know that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign. However, the kingdom is turned around, and has become my brother's; for it was his from Yahweh.

2:16 Now I ask one petition of you. Don't deny me." She said to him, "Say on."

2:17 He said, "Please speak to Solomon the king (for he will not tell you 'no'), that he give me Abishag the Shunammite as wife."

2:18 Bathsheba said, "All right. I will speak for you to the king."

2:19 Bathsheba therefore went to King Solomon, to speak to him for Adonijah. The king rose up to meet her and bowed himself to her, and sat down on his throne and caused a throne to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand.

2:20 Then she said, "I ask one small petition of you; don't deny me." The king said to her, "Ask on, my mother, for I will not deny you."

2:21 She said, "Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother as wife."

2:22 King Solomon answered his mother, "Why do you ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Ask for him the kingdom also, for he is my elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah."

2:23 Then King Solomon swore by Yahweh, saying, "God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own life.

2:24 Now therefore as Yahweh lives, who has established me and set me on my father David's throne, and who has made me a house as he promised, surely Adonijah shall be put to death today."

2:25 King Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell on him, so that he died.

2:26 To Abiathar the priest the king said, "Go to Anathoth, to your own fields, for you are worthy of death. But I will not at this time put you to death, because you bore the Lord Yahweh's ark before

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David my father, and because you were afflicted in all in which my father was afflicted.” 2:27 So Solomon thrust Abiathar out from being priest to Yahweh, that he might fulfill Yahweh’s word which he spoke concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh. 2:28 This news came to Joab; for Joab had followed Adonijah, although he didn’t follow Absalom. Joab fled to Yahweh’s Tent, and held onto the horns of the altar. 2:29 King Solomon was told, “Joab has fled to Yahweh’s Tent; and behold, he is by the altar.” Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, “Go, fall on him.” 2:30 Benaiah came to Yahweh’s Tent, and said to him, “The king says, ‘Come out!’” He said, “No; but I will die here.” Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, “This is what Joab said, and this is how he answered me.” 2:31 The king said to him, “Do as he has said, and fall on him, and bury him, that you may take away the blood, which Joab shed without cause, from me and from my father’s house. 2:32 Yahweh will return his blood on his own head, because he fell on two men more righteous and better than he, and killed them with the sword, and my father David didn’t know it: Abner the son of Ner, captain of the army of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the army of Judah. 2:33 So their blood will return on the head of Joab and on the head of his offspring forever. But for David, for his offspring, for his house, and for his throne, there will be peace forever from Yahweh.” 2:34 Then Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up and fell on him, and killed him; and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness. 2:35 The king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his place over the army; and the king put Zadok the priest in the place of Abiathar. 2:36 The king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, “Build yourself a house in Jerusalem, and live there, and don’t go anywhere else. 2:37 For on the day you go out and pass over the brook Kidron, know for certain that you will surely die. Your blood will be on your own head.” 2:38 Shimei said to the king, “What you say is good. As my lord the king has said, so will your servant do.” Shimei lived in Jerusalem many days. 2:39 At the end of three years, two of Shimei’s slaves ran away to Achish, son of Maacah, king of Gath. They told Shimei, saying, “Behold, your slaves are in Gath.” 2:40 Shimei arose, saddled his donkey, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his slaves; and Shimei went	

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and brought his slaves from Gath. 2:41 Solomon was told that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and had come again. 2:42 The king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, “Didn’t I adjure you by Yahweh and warn you, saying, ‘Know for certain that on the day you go out and walk anywhere else, you shall surely die’? You said to me, ‘The saying that I have heard is good.’ 2:43 Why then have you not kept the oath of Yahweh and the commandment that I have instructed you with?” 2:44 The king said moreover to Shimei, “You know in your heart all the wickedness that you did to David my father. Therefore Yahweh will return your wickedness on your own head. 2:45 But King Solomon will be blessed, and David’s throne will be established before Yahweh forever.” 2:46 So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he went out, and fell on him, so that he died. The kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.	

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3:1 Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt. He took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into David's city until he had finished building his own house, Yahweh's house, and the wall around Jerusalem.	1:1 Solomon the son of David was firmly established in his kingdom, and Yahweh his God was with him, and made him exceedingly great.
3:2 However, the people sacrificed in the high places, because there was not yet a house built for Yahweh's name.	1:2 Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, to the judges, and to every prince in all Israel, the heads of the fathers' households.
3:3 Solomon loved Yahweh, walking in the statutes of David his father, except that he sacrificed and burned incense in the high places.	

Solomon Asks for Wisdom

3:4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.	1:3 Then Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon; for God's Tent of Meeting was there, which Yahweh's servant Moses had made in the wilderness.
	1:4 But David had brought God's ark up from Kiriath Jearim to the place that David had prepared for it; for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.
	1:5 Moreover the bronze altar that Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made was there before Yahweh's tabernacle; and Solomon and the assembly were seeking counsel there.
	1:6 Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before Yahweh, which was at the Tent of Meeting, and offered one thousand burnt offerings on it.
3:5 In Gibeon, Yahweh appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask for what I should give you."	1:7 That night, God appeared to Solomon and said to him, "Ask for what you want me to give you."
3:6 Solomon said, "You have shown to your servant David my father great loving kindness, because he walked before you in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with you. You have kept for him this great loving kindness, that you have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is today.	1:8 Solomon said to God, "You have shown great loving kindness to David my father, and have made me king in his place.
3:7 Now, Yahweh my God, you have made your servant king instead of David my father. I am just a little child. I don't know how to go out or come in.	
3:8 Your servant is among your people which you have chosen, a great people, that can't be numbered or counted for multitude.	1:9 Now, Yahweh God, let your promise to David my father be established; for you have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.
3:9 Give your servant therefore an understanding heart to judge your people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this great people of yours?"	
3:10 This request pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.	1:10 Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of yours?"
3:11 God said to him, "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked for yourself long life, nor have you asked for riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice,	1:11 God said to Solomon, "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches, wealth, honor, or the life of those who hate you, nor yet have you asked for long life; but have asked for wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge my

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3:12 behold, I have done according to your word. Behold, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, and after you none will arise like you. 3:13 I have also given you that which you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there will not be any among the kings like you for all your days. 3:14 If you will walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.” 3:15 Solomon awoke; and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of Yahweh’s covenant, and offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.	people, over whom I have made you king, 1:12 therefore wisdom and knowledge is granted to you. I will give you riches, wealth, and honor, such as none of the kings have had who have been before you, and none after you will have.” 1:13 So Solomon came from the high place that was at Gibeon, from before the Tent of Meeting, to Jerusalem; and he reigned over Israel.

A Difficult Court Case

3:16 Then two women who were prostitutes came to the king, and stood before him.

3:17 The one woman said, “Oh, my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house. I delivered a child with her in the house.

3:18 The third day after I delivered, this woman delivered also. We were together. There was no stranger with us in the house, just us two in the house.

3:19 This woman’s child died in the night, because she lay on it.

3:20 She arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me while your servant slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.

3:21 When I rose in the morning to nurse my child, behold, he was dead; but when I had looked at him in the morning, behold, it was not my son whom I bore.”

3:22 The other woman said, “No! But the living one is my son, and the dead one is your son.” The first one said, “No! But the dead one is your son, and the living one is my son.” They argued like this before the king.

3:23 Then the king said, “One says, ‘This is my son who lives, and your son is the dead one;’ and the other says, ‘No! But your son is the dead one, and my son is the living one.’”

3:24 The king said, “Get me a sword.” So they brought a sword before the king.

3:25 The king said, “Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.”

3:26 Then the woman whose the living child was spoke to the king, for her heart yearned over her son, and she said, “Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and in no way kill him!” But the other said, “He shall be neither mine nor yours. Divide him.”

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3:27 Then the king answered, "Give the first woman the living child, and definitely do not kill him. She is his mother." 3:28 All Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king, for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to do justice.	
<u>Solomon's Administration</u>	
4:1 King Solomon was king over all Israel. 4:2 These were the princes whom he had: Azariah the son of Zadok, the priest; 4:3 Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder; 4:4 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the army; Zadok and Abiathar were priests; 4:5 Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers; Zabud the son of Nathan was chief minister, the king's friend; 4:6 Ahishar was over the household; and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the men subject to forced labor. 4:7 Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, who provided food for the king and his household. Each man had to make provision for a month in the year. 4:8 These are their names: Ben Hur, in the hill country of Ephraim; 4:9 Ben Deker, in Makaz, in Shaalbim, Beth Shemesh, and Elon Beth Hanan; 4:10 Ben Hesed, in Arubboth (Socoh and all the land of Hepher belonged to him); 4:11 Ben Abinadab, in all the height of Dor (he had Taphath, Solomon's daughter, as wife); 4:12 Baana the son of Ahilud, in Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth Shean which is beside Zarethan, beneath Jezreel, from Beth Shean to Abel Meholah, as far as beyond Jokmeam; 4:13 Ben Geber, in Ramoth Gilead (the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead, belonged to him; and the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and bronze bars, belonged to him); 4:14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo, in Mahanaim; 4:15 Ahimaaz, in Naphtali (he also took Basemath the daughter of Solomon as wife); 4:16 Baana the son of Hushai, in Asher and Bealoth; 4:17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar; 4:18 Shimei the son of Ela, in Benjamin; 4:19 Geber the son of Uri, in the land of Gilead, the country of Sihon king of the Amorites and of Og king of Bashan; and he was the only officer who was in the land. 4:20 Judah and Israel were numerous as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking and making merry.	

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4:21 Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the 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. 4:22 Solomon's provision for one day was thirty cors of fine flour, sixty measures of meal, 4:23 ten head of fat cattle, twenty head of cattle out of the pastures, and one hundred sheep, in addition to deer, gazelles, roebucks, and fattened fowl. 4:24 For he had dominion over all on this side of the River, from Tiphseh even to Gaza, over all the kings on this side of the River; and he had peace on all sides around him. 4:25 Judah and Israel lived safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon. 4:26 Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. 4:27 Those officers provided food for King Solomon, and for all who came to King Solomon's table, every man in his month. They let nothing be lacking. 4:28 They also brought barley and straw for the horses and swift steeds to the place where the officers were, each man according to his duty. 4:29 God gave Solomon abundant wisdom, understanding, and breadth of mind like the sand that is on the seashore. 4:30 Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt. 4:31 For he was wiser than all men—wiser than Ethan the Ezrahite, Heman, Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his fame was in all the nations all around. 4:32 He spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs numbered one thousand five. 4:33 He spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon even to the hyssop that grows out of the wall; he also spoke of animals, of birds, of creeping things, and of fish. 4:34 People of all nations came to hear the wisdom of Solomon, sent by all kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom.	1:14 Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen. He had one thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen that he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. 1:15 The king made silver and gold to be as common as stones in Jerusalem, and he made cedars to be as common as the sycamore trees that are in the lowland. 1:16 The horses which Solomon had were brought out of Egypt and from Kue. The king's merchants purchased them from Kue.

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	1:17 They imported from Egypt then exported a chariot for six hundred pieces of silver and a horse for one hundred fifty. They also exported them to the Hittite kings and the Syrian kings. 2:1 Now Solomon decided to build a house for Yahweh's name, and a house for his kingdom. 2:2 Solomon counted out seventy thousand men to bear burdens, eighty thousand men who were stone cutters in the mountains, and three thousand six hundred to oversee them.
<u>Building the Temple</u>	
5:1 Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the place of his father, and Hiram had always loved David. 5:2 Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, 5:3 "You know that David my father could not build a house for the name of Yahweh his God because of the wars which were around him on every side, until Yahweh put his enemies under the soles of his feet. 5:4 But now Yahweh my God has given me rest on every side. There is no enemy and no evil occurrence. 5:5 Behold, I intend to build a house for the name of Yahweh my God, as Yahweh spoke to David my father, saying, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place shall build the house for my name.' 5:6 Now therefore command that cedar trees be cut for me out of Lebanon. My servants will be with your servants; and I will give you wages for your servants according to all that you say. For you know that there is nobody among us who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians."	2:3 Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, "As you dealt with David my father, and sent him cedars to build him a house in which to dwell, so deal with me. 2:4 Behold, I am about to build a house for the name of Yahweh my God, to dedicate it to him, to burn before him incense of sweet spices, for the continual show bread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the Sabbaths, on the new moons, and on the set feasts of Yahweh our God. This is an ordinance forever to Israel. 2:5 "The house which I am building will be great, for our God is greater than all gods. 2:6 But who is able to build him a house, since heaven and the heaven of heavens can't contain him? Who am I then, that I should build him a house, except just to burn incense before him? 2:7 "Now therefore send me a man skillful to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, in iron, and in purple, crimson, and blue, and who knows how to engrave engravings, to be with the skillful men who are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father provided. 2:8 "Send me also cedar trees, cypress trees, and algum trees out of Lebanon, for I know that your servants know how to cut timber in Lebanon. Behold, my servants will be with your servants, 2:9 even to prepare me timber in abundance; for the house which I am about to build will be great and wonderful. 2:10 Behold, I will give to your servants, the cutters who cut timber, twenty thousand cors of beaten wheat, twenty thousand baths of barley, twenty

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5:7 When Hiram heard the words of Solomon, he rejoiced greatly, and said, "Blessed is Yahweh today, who has given to David a wise son to rule over this great people." 5:8 Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, "I have heard the message which you have sent to me. I will do all your desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning cypress timber. 5:9 My servants will bring them down from Lebanon to the sea. I will make them into rafts to go by sea to the place that you specify to me, and will cause them to be broken up there, and you will receive them. You will accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household." 5:10 So Hiram gave Solomon cedar timber and cypress timber according to all his desire. 5:11 Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand cors of wheat for food to his household, and twenty cors of pure oil. Solomon gave this to Hiram year by year. 5:12 Yahweh gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him. There was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a treaty together. 5:13 King Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men. 5:14 He sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: for a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home; and Adoniram was over the men subject to forced labor. 5:15 Solomon had seventy thousand who bore burdens, and eighty thousand who were stone cutters in the mountains, 5:16 besides Solomon's chief officers who were over the work: three thousand three hundred who ruled over the people who labored in the work. 5:17 The king commanded, and they cut out large stones, costly stones, to lay the foundation of the house with worked stone. 5:18 Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders and the Gebalites cut them, and prepared the timber and the stones to build the house. 6:1 In the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Ziv, which is the second month, he began to build Yahweh's house.	thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil." 2:11 Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, "Because Yahweh loves his people, he has made you king over them." 2:12 Hiram continued, "Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, who made heaven and earth, who has given to David the king a wise son, endowed with discretion and understanding, who would build a house for Yahweh and a house for his kingdom. 2:13 Now I have sent a skillful man, endowed with understanding, Hiram-abi, 2:14 the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan; and his father was a man of Tyre. He is skillful to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, in iron, in stone, in timber, in purple, in blue, in fine linen, and in crimson, also to engrave any kind of engraving and to devise any device, that there may be a place appointed to him with your skillful men, and with the skillful men of my lord David your father. 2:15 "Now therefore, the wheat, the barley, the oil, and the wine which my lord has spoken of, let him send to his servants; 2:16 and we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as you need. We will bring it to you in rafts by sea to Joppa; then you shall carry it up to Jerusalem." 2:17 Solomon counted all the foreigners who were in the land of Israel, after the census with which David his father had counted them; and they found one hundred fifty-three thousand six hundred. 2:18 He set seventy thousand of them to bear burdens, eighty thousand who were stone cutters in the mountains, and three thousand six hundred overseers to assign the people their work. 3:1 Then Solomon began to build Yahweh's house at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where Yahweh appeared to David his father, which he prepared in the place that David had appointed, on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 3:2 He began to build in the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

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6:2 The house which King Solomon built for Yahweh had a length of sixty cubits, and its width twenty, and its height thirty cubits. 6:3 The porch in front of the temple of the house had a length of twenty cubits, which was along the width of the house. Ten cubits was its width in front of the house. 6:4 He made windows of fixed lattice work for the house. 6:5 Against the wall of the house, he built floors all around, against the walls of the house all around, both of the temple and of the inner sanctuary; and he made side rooms all around. 6:6 The lowest floor was five cubits wide, and the middle was six cubits wide, and the third was seven cubits wide; for on the outside he made offsets in the wall of the house all around, that the beams should not be inserted into the walls of the house. 6:7 The house, when it was under construction, was built of stone prepared at the quarry; and no hammer or ax or any tool of iron was heard in the house while it was under construction. 6:8 The door for the middle side rooms was in the right side of the house. They went up by winding stairs into the middle floor, and out of the middle into the third. 6:9 So he built the house and finished it; and he covered the house with beams and planks of cedar. 6:10 He built the floors all along the house, each five cubits high; and they rested on the house with timbers of cedar. 6:11 Yahweh's word came to Solomon, saying, 6:12 "Concerning this house which you are building, if you will walk in my statutes, and execute my ordinances, and keep all my commandments to walk in them, then I will establish my word with you, which I spoke to David your father. 6:13 I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel." 6:14 So Solomon built the house and finished it. 6:15 He built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar; from the floor of the house to the walls of the ceiling, he covered them on the inside with wood. He covered the floor of the house with cypress boards.	3:3 Now these are the foundations which Solomon laid for the building of God's house: the length by cubits after the first measure was sixty cubits, and the width twenty cubits. 3:4 The porch that was in front, its length, across the width of the house, was twenty cubits, and the height one hundred twenty; and he overlaid it within with pure gold. 3:5 He made the larger room with a ceiling of cypress wood, which he overlaid with fine gold, and ornamented it with palm trees and chains. 3:6 He decorated the house with precious stones for beauty. The gold was gold from Parvaim. 3:7 He also overlaid the house, the beams, the thresholds, its walls, and its doors with gold, and

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6:16 He built twenty cubits of the back part of the house with boards of cedar from the floor to the ceiling. He built this within, for an inner sanctuary, even for the most holy place. 6:17 In front of the temple sanctuary was forty cubits long. 6:18 There was cedar on the house within, carved with buds and open flowers. All was cedar. No stone was visible. 6:19 He prepared an inner sanctuary in the middle of the house within, to set the ark of Yahweh's covenant there. 6:20 Within the inner sanctuary was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in width, and twenty cubits in its height. He overlaid it with pure gold. He covered the altar with cedar. 6:21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold. He drew chains of gold across before the inner sanctuary, and he overlaid it with gold. 6:22 He overlaid the whole house with gold, until all the house was finished. He also overlaid the whole altar that belonged to the inner sanctuary with gold. 6:23 In the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high. 6:24 Five cubits was the length of one wing of the cherub, and five cubits was the length of the other wing of the cherub. From the tip of one wing to the tip of the other was ten cubits. 6:25 The other cherub was ten cubits. Both the cherubim were of one measure and one form. 6:26 One cherub was ten cubits high, and so was the other cherub. 6:27 He set the cherubim within the inner house. The wings of the cherubim were stretched out, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the middle of the house. 6:28 He overlaid the cherubim with gold. 6:29 He carved all the walls of the house around with carved figures of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, inside and outside. 6:30 He overlaid the floor of the house with gold, inside and outside.	engraved cherubim on the walls. 3:8 He made the most holy place. Its length, according to the width of the house, was twenty cubits, and its width twenty cubits; and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to six hundred talents. 3:9 The weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. He overlaid the upper rooms with gold. 3:10 In the most holy place he made two cherubim by carving, and they overlaid them with gold. 3:11 The wings of the cherubim were twenty cubits long: the wing of the one was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub. 3:12 The wing of the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was five cubits, joining to the wing of the other cherub. 3:13 The wings of these cherubim spread themselves out twenty cubits. They stood on their feet, and their faces were toward the house. 3:14 He made the veil of blue, purple, crimson, and fine linen, and ornamented it with cherubim. 3:15 Also he made before the house two pillars thirty-five cubits high, and the capital that was on the top of each of them was five cubits. 3:16 He made chains in the inner sanctuary, and put them on the tops of the pillars; and he made one hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains.

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6:31 For the entrance of the inner sanctuary, he made doors of olive wood. The lintel and door posts were a fifth part of the wall. 6:32 So he made two doors of olive wood; and he carved on them carvings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold. He spread the gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees. 6:33 He also made the entrance of the temple door posts of olive wood, out of a fourth part of the wall, 6:34 and two doors of cypress wood. The two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding.	3:17 He set up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz. 4:1 Then he made an altar of bronze, twenty cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and ten cubits high. 4:2 Also he made the molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim. It was round, five cubits high, and thirty cubits in circumference. 4:3 Under it was the likeness of oxen, which encircled it, for ten cubits, encircling the sea. The oxen were in two rows, cast when it was cast. 4:4 It stood on twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, three looking toward the west, three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east; and the sea was set on them above, and all their hindquarters were inward. 4:5 It was a handbreadth thick. Its brim was made like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily. It received and held three thousand baths. 4:6 He also made ten basins, and put five on the right hand and five on the left, to wash in them. The things that belonged to the burnt offering were washed in them, but the sea was for the priests to wash in. 4:7 He made the ten lamp stands of gold according to the ordinance concerning them; and he set them in the temple, five on the right hand and five on the left. 4:8 He made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side and five on the left. He made one hundred basins of gold. 4:9 Furthermore he made the court of the priests, the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid their doors with bronze. 4:10 He set the sea on the right side of the house eastward, toward the south. 4:11 Hiram made the pots, the shovels, and the basins. So Hiram finished doing the work that he did for King Solomon in God's house: 4:12 the two pillars, the bowls, the two capitals which were on the top of the pillars, the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars, 4:13 and the four hundred pomegranates for the two

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6:35 He carved cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers; and he overlaid them with gold fitted on the engraved work. 6:36 He built the inner court with three courses of cut stone and a course of cedar beams. 6:37 The foundation of Yahweh's house was laid in the fourth year, in the month Ziv. 6:38 In the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was finished throughout all its parts and according to all its specifications. So he spent seven years building it.	networks—two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the pillars. 4:14 He also made the bases, and he made the basins on the bases— 4:15 one sea, and the twelve oxen under it. 4:16 Hiram-abi also made the pots, the shovels, the forks, and all its vessels for King Solomon, for Yahweh's house, of bright bronze. 4:17 The king cast them in the plain of the Jordan, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredah. 4:18 Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance, so that the weight of the bronze could not be determined. 4:19 Solomon made all the vessels that were in God's house: the golden altar, the tables with the show bread on them, 4:20 and the lamp stands with their lamps to burn according to the ordinance before the inner sanctuary, of pure gold; 4:21 and the flowers, the lamps, and the tongs of gold that was purest gold; 4:22 and the snuffers, the basins, the spoons, and the fire pans of pure gold. As for the entry of the house, its inner doors for the most holy place and the doors of the main hall of the temple were of gold.
<u>Solomon's Palaces</u> 7:1 Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house. 7:2 For he built the House of the Forest of Lebanon. Its length was one hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits, on four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams on the pillars. 7:3 It was covered with cedar above over the forty-five beams that were on the pillars, fifteen in a row. 7:4 There were beams in three rows, and window was facing window in three ranks. 7:5 All the doors and posts were made square with beams; and window was facing window in three ranks. 7:6 He made the hall of pillars. Its length was fifty	

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cubits and its width thirty cubits, with a porch before them, and pillars and a threshold before them. 7:7 He made the porch of the throne where he was to judge, even the porch of judgment; and it was covered with cedar from floor to floor. 7:8 His house where he was to dwell, the other court within the porch, was of the same construction. He made also a house for Pharaoh's daughter (whom Solomon had taken as wife), like this porch. 7:9 All these were of costly stones, even of stone cut according to measure, sawed with saws, inside and outside, even from the foundation to the coping, and so on the outside to the great court. 7:10 The foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits and stones of eight cubits. 7:11 Above were costly stones, even cut stone, according to measure, and cedar wood. 7:12 The great court around had three courses of cut stone with a course of cedar beams, like the inner court of Yahweh's house and the porch of the house. 7:13 King Solomon sent and brought Hiram out of Tyre. 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; and he was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill to work all works in bronze. He came to King Solomon and performed all his work. 7:15 For he fashioned the two pillars of bronze, eighteen cubits high apiece; and a line of twelve cubits encircled either of them. 7:16 He made two capitals of molten bronze to set on the tops of the pillars. The height of the one capital was five cubits, and the height of the other capital was five cubits. 7:17 There were nets of checker work and wreaths of chain work for the capitals which were on the top of the pillars: seven for the one capital, and seven for the other capital. 7:18 So he made the pillars; and there were two rows of pomegranates around the one network, to cover the capitals that were on the top of the pillars; and he did so for the other capital. 7:19 The capitals that were on the top of the pillars in the porch were of lily work, four cubits. 7:20 There were capitals above also on the two pillars, close by the belly which was beside the network. There were two hundred pomegranates in rows around the other capital. 7:21 He set up the pillars at the porch of the temple. He set up the right pillar and called its name Jachin; and he set up the left pillar and called its name Boaz. 7:22 On the tops of the pillars was lily work. So the work of the pillars was finished.	

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7:23 He made the molten sea ten cubits from brim to brim, round in shape. Its height was five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits encircled it. 7:24 Under its brim around there were buds which encircled it for ten cubits, encircling the sea. The buds were in two rows, cast when it was cast. 7:25 It stood on twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east; and the sea was set on them above, and all their hindquarters were inward. 7:26 It was a hand width thick. Its brim was worked like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily. It held two thousand baths. 7:27 He made the ten bases of bronze. The length of one base was four cubits, four cubits its width, and three cubits its height. 7:28 The work of the bases was like this: they had panels; and there were panels between the ledges; 7:29 and on the panels that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubim; and on the ledges there was a pedestal above; and beneath the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging work. 7:30 Every base had four bronze wheels and axles of bronze; and its four feet had supports. The supports were cast beneath the basin, with wreaths at the side of each. 7:31 Its opening within the capital and above was a cubit. Its opening was round like the work of a pedestal, a cubit and a half; and also on its opening were engravings, and their panels were square, not round. 7:32 The four wheels were underneath the panels; and the axles of the wheels were in the base. The height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit. 7:33 The work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel. Their axles, their rims, their spokes, and their hubs were all of cast metal. 7:34 There were four supports at the four corners of each base. Its supports were of the base itself. 7:35 In the top of the base there was a round band half a cubit high; and on the top of the base its supports and its panels were the same. 7:36 On the plates of its supports and on its panels, he engraved cherubim, lions, and palm trees, each in its space, with wreaths all around. 7:37 He made the ten bases in this way: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one form. 7:38 He made ten basins of bronze. One basin contained forty baths. Every basin measured four cubits. One basin was on every one of the ten bases. 7:39 He set the bases, five on the right side of the house and five on the left side of the house. He set the sea on the right side of the house eastward and	

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toward the south. 7:40 Hiram made the pots, the shovels, and the basins. So Hiram finished doing all the work that he worked for King Solomon in Yahweh's house: 7:41 the two pillars; the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars; the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars; 7:42 the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks; two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the pillars; 7:43 the ten bases; the ten basins on the bases; 7:44 the one sea; the twelve oxen under the sea; 7:45 the pots; the shovels; and the basins. All of these vessels, which Hiram made for King Solomon in Yahweh's house, were of burnished bronze. 7:46 The king cast them in the plain of the Jordan, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarethan. 7:47 Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because there were so many of them. The weight of the bronze could not be determined. 7:48 Solomon made all the vessels that were in Yahweh's house: the golden altar and the table that the show bread was on, of gold; 7:49 and the lamp stands, five on the right side and five on the left, in front of the inner sanctuary, of pure gold; and the flowers, the lamps, and the tongs, of gold; 7:50 the cups, the snuffers, the basins, the spoons, and the fire pans, of pure gold; and the hinges, both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, of the temple, of gold. 7:51 Thus all the work that King Solomon did in Yahweh's house was finished. 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 Yahweh's house.	5:1 Thus all the work that Solomon did for Yahweh's house was finished. Solomon brought in the things that David his father had dedicated, even the silver, the gold, and all the vessels, and put them in the treasuries of God's house.

The Temple Dedication

8:1 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel with all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers' households of the children of Israel, to King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of Yahweh's covenant out of David's city, which is Zion. 8:2 All the men of Israel assembled themselves to King Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. 8:3 All the elders of Israel came, and the priests picked up the ark. 8:4 They brought up Yahweh's ark, the Tent of Meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the	5:2 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers' households of the children of Israel, to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of Yahweh's covenant out of David's city, which is Zion. 5:3 So all the men of Israel assembled themselves to the king at the feast, which was in the seventh month. 5:4 All the elders of Israel came. The Levites took up the ark. 5:5 They brought up the ark, the Tent of Meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent. The
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Tent. The priests and the Levites brought these up. 8:5 King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who were assembled to him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and cattle that could not be counted or numbered for multitude. 8:6 The priests brought in the ark of Yahweh's covenant to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the most holy place, even under the cherubim's wings. 8:7 For the cherubim spread their wings out over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and its poles above. 8:8 The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place before the inner sanctuary, but they were not seen outside. They are there to this day. 8:9 There was nothing in the ark except the two stone tablets which Moses put there at Horeb, when Yahweh made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. 8:10 It came to pass, when the priests had come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled Yahweh's house, 8:11 so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for Yahweh's glory filled Yahweh's house. 8:12 Then Solomon said, "Yahweh has said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. 8:13 I have surely built you a house of habitation, a place for you to dwell in forever."	Levitical priests brought these up. 5:6 King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled to him were before the ark, sacrificing sheep and cattle that could not be counted or numbered for multitude. 5:7 The priests brought in the ark of Yahweh's covenant to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubim. 5:8 For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and its poles above. 5:9 The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the ark in front of the inner sanctuary, but they were not seen outside; and it is there to this day. 5:10 There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets which Moses put there at Horeb, when Yahweh made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt. 5:11 When the priests had come out of the holy place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, and didn't keep their divisions; 5:12 also the Levites who were the singers, all of them, even Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and their brothers, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals and stringed instruments and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them one hundred twenty priests sounding with trumpets); 5:13 when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking Yahweh; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised Yahweh, saying, "For he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever!" then the house was filled with a cloud, even Yahweh's house, 5:14 so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for Yahweh's glory filled God's house. 6:1 Then Solomon said, "Yahweh has said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. 6:2 But I have built you a house and home, a place for you to dwell in forever." 6:3 The king turned his face, and blessed all the assembly of Israel; and all the assembly of Israel stood.

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8:14 The king turned his face around and blessed all the assembly of Israel; and all the assembly of Israel stood.	
8:15 He said, “Blessed is Yahweh, the God of Israel, who spoke with his mouth to David your father, and has with his hand fulfilled it, saying,	6:4 He said, “Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, who spoke with his mouth to David my father, and has with his hands fulfilled it, saying,
8:16 ‘Since the day that I brought my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house, that my name might be there; but I chose David to be over my people Israel.’	6:5 ‘Since the day that I brought my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house in, that my name might be there, and I chose no man to be prince over my people Israel;
	6:6 but now I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and I have chosen David to be over my people Israel.’
8:17 “Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel.	6:7 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel.
8:18 But Yahweh 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.	6:8 But Yahweh 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;
8:19 Nevertheless, you shall not build the house; but your son who shall come out of your body, he shall build the house for my name.’	6:9 nevertheless you shall not build the house, but your son who will come out of your body, he shall build the house for my name.’
8:20 Yahweh has established his word that he spoke; for I have risen up in the place of David my father, and I sit on the throne of Israel, as Yahweh promised, and have built the house for the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel.	6:10 “Yahweh has performed his word that he spoke; for I have risen up in the place of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as Yahweh promised, and have built the house for the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel.
8:21 There I have set a place for the ark, in which is Yahweh’s covenant, which he made with our fathers when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.”	6:11 There I have set the ark, in which is Yahweh’s covenant, which he made with the children of Israel.”
8:22 Solomon stood before Yahweh’s altar in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven;	6:12 He stood before Yahweh’s altar in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands
	6:13 (for Solomon had made a bronze platform, five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high, and had set it in the middle of the court; and he stood on it, and knelt down on his knees before all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven).
8:23 and he said, “Yahweh, the God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above, or on earth beneath; who keeps covenant and loving kindness with your servants who walk before you with all their heart;	6:14 Then he said, “Yahweh, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven or on earth—you who keep covenant and loving kindness with your servants who walk before you with all their heart;
8:24 who has kept with your servant David my father that which you promised him. Yes, you spoke with your mouth, and have fulfilled it with your hand, as it is today.	6:15 who have kept with your servant David my father that which you promised him. Yes, you spoke with your mouth, and have fulfilled it with your hand, as it is today.
8:25 Now therefore, may Yahweh, the God of Israel, keep with your servant David my father that which you have promised him, saying, ‘There shall not fail from you a man in my sight to sit on the throne of	6:16 “Now therefore, Yahweh, the God of Israel, keep with your servant David my father that which you have promised him, saying, ‘There shall not fail from you a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel, if

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Israel, if only your children take heed to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ 8:26 “Now therefore, God of Israel, please let your word be verified, which you spoke to your servant David my father. 8:27 But will God in very deed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens can’t contain you; how much less this house that I have built! 8:28 Yet have respect for the prayer of your servant and for his supplication, Yahweh my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which your servant prays before you today; 8:29 that your eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which you have said, ‘My name shall be there;’ to listen to the prayer which your servant prays toward this place. 8:30 Listen to the supplication of your servant, and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. Yes, hear in heaven, your dwelling place; and when you hear, forgive. 8:31 “If a man sins against his neighbor, and an oath is laid on him to cause him to swear, and he comes and swears before your altar in this house, 8:32 then hear in heaven, and act, and judge your servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way on his own head, and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness. 8:33 “When your people Israel are struck down before the enemy because they have sinned against you, if they turn again to you and confess your name, and pray and make supplication to you in this house, 8:34 then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them again to the land which you gave to their fathers. 8:35 “When the sky is shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against you, if they pray toward this place and confess your name, and turn from their sin when you afflict them, 8:36 then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of your servants, and of your people Israel, when you teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain on your land which you have given to your people for an inheritance. 8:37 “If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blight, mildew, locust or caterpillar; if their enemy besieges them in the land of their cities, whatever plague, whatever sickness there is, 8:38 whatever prayer and supplication is made by any man, or by all your people Israel, who shall each know the plague of his own heart, and spread out his hands toward this house,	only your children take heed to their way, to walk in my law as you have walked before me.’ 6:17 Now therefore, Yahweh, the God of Israel, let your word be verified, which you spoke to your servant David. 6:18 “But will God indeed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens can’t contain you; how much less this house which I have built! 6:19 Yet have respect for the prayer of your servant and to his supplication, Yahweh my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which your servant prays before you; 6:20 that your eyes may be open toward this house day and night, even toward the place where you have said that you would put your name, to listen to the prayer which your servant will pray toward this place. 6:21 Listen to the petitions of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. Yes, hear from your dwelling place, even from heaven; and when you hear, forgive. 6:22 “If a man sins against his neighbor, and an oath is laid on him to cause him to swear, and he comes and swears before your altar in this house, 6:23 then hear from heaven, act, and judge your servants, bringing retribution to the wicked, to bring his way on his own head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness. 6:24 “If your people Israel are struck down before the enemy because they have sinned against you, and they turn again and confess your name, and pray and make supplication before you in this house, 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 to their fathers. 6:26 “When the sky is shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against you, if they pray toward this place and confess your name, and turn from their sin when you afflict them, 6:27 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 send rain on your land, which you have given to your people for an inheritance. 6:28 “If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blight or mildew, locust or caterpillar; if their enemies besiege them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness there is— 6:29 whatever prayer and supplication is made by any man, or by all your people Israel, who will each know his own plague and his own sorrow, and shall spread out his hands toward this house,

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8:39 then hear in heaven, your dwelling place, and forgive, and act, and give to every man according to all his ways, whose heart you know (for you, even you only, know the hearts of all the children of men); 8:40 that they may fear you all the days that they live in the land which you gave to our fathers.	6:30 then hear from heaven your dwelling place and forgive, and give to every man according to all his ways, whose heart you know (for you, even you only, know the hearts of the children of men), 6:31 that they may fear you, to walk in your ways as long as they live in the land which you gave to our fathers.
8:41 “Moreover, concerning the foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, when he comes out of a far country for your name’s sake	6:32 “Moreover, concerning the foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, when he comes from a far country for your great name’s sake and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm, when they come and pray toward this house,
8:42 (for they shall hear of your great name and of your mighty hand and of your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this house,	6:33 then hear from heaven, even from your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you for; that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by your name.
8:43 hear in heaven, your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you for; that all the peoples of the earth may know your name, to fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by your name.	6:34 “If your people go out to battle against their enemies, by whatever way you send them, and they pray to Yahweh toward the city which you have chosen, and toward the house which I have built for your name;
8:44 “If your people go out to battle against their enemy, by whatever way you shall send them, and they pray to Yahweh toward the city which you have chosen, and toward the house which I have built for your name,	6:35 then hear from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.
8:45 then hear in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.	6:36 “If they sin against you (for there is no man who doesn’t sin), and you are angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captive to the land of the enemy, far off or near;
8:46 If they sin against you (for there is no man who doesn’t sin), and you are angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captive to the land of the enemy, far off or near;	6:37 yet if they come to their senses in the land where they are carried captive, and turn again, and make supplication to you in the land of their captivity, saying, ‘We have sinned, we have done perversely; we have dealt wickedly;’
8:47 yet if they repent in the land where they are carried captive, and turn again, and make supplication to you in the land of those who carried them captive, saying, ‘We have sinned and have done perversely; we have dealt wickedly,’	6:38 if they return to you with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have been taken captive, and pray toward their land which you gave to their fathers, and the city which you have chosen, and toward the house which I have built for your name;
8:48 if they return to you with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who carried 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,	6:39 then hear from heaven, even from your dwelling place, their prayer and their petitions, and maintain their cause, and forgive your people who have sinned against you.
8:49 then hear their prayer and their supplication in heaven, your dwelling place, and maintain their cause;	
8:50 and forgive your people who have sinned against you, and all their transgressions in which they have transgressed against you; and give them compassion before those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them	
8:51 (for they are your people and your inheritance, which you brought out of Egypt, from the middle of the iron furnace);	
8:52 that your eyes may be open to the supplication of your servant and to the supplication of your	

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people Israel, to listen to them whenever they cry to you. 8:53 For you separated them from among all the peoples of the earth to be your inheritance, as you spoke by Moses your servant, when you brought our fathers out of Egypt, Lord Yahweh.” 8:54 It was so, that when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and supplication to Yahweh, he arose from before Yahweh’s altar, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread out toward heaven. 8:55 He stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying, 8:56 “Blessed be Yahweh, who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. There has not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by Moses his servant. 8:57 May Yahweh our God be with us as he was with our fathers. Let him not leave us or forsake us, 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 ordinances, which he commanded our fathers. 8:59 Let these my words, with which I have made supplication before Yahweh, be near to Yahweh our God day and night, that he may maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as every day requires; 8:60 that all the peoples of the earth may know that Yahweh himself is God. There is no one else. 8:61 “Let your heart therefore be perfect with Yahweh our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as it is today.”	6:40 “Now, my God, let, I beg you, your eyes be open, and let your ears be attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. 6:41 “Now therefore arise, Yahweh God, into your resting place, you, and the ark of your strength. Let your priests, Yahweh God, be clothed with salvation, and let your saints rejoice in goodness. 6:42 “Yahweh God, don’t turn away the face of your anointed. Remember your loving kindnesses to David your servant.” 7:1 Now when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and Yahweh’s glory filled the house. 7:2 The priests could not enter into Yahweh’s house, because Yahweh’s glory filled Yahweh’s house. 7:3 All the children of Israel looked on, when the fire came down, and Yahweh’s glory was on the house. They bowed themselves with their faces to the ground on the pavement, worshiped, and gave thanks

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8:62 The king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before Yahweh.	to Yahweh, saying, "For he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever!"
8:63 Solomon offered for the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to Yahweh, twenty two thousand head of cattle and one hundred twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated Yahweh's house.	7:4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before Yahweh. 7:5 King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand head of cattle and a hundred twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated God's house. 7:6 The priests stood, according to their positions; the Levites also with instruments of music of Yahweh, which David the king had made to give thanks to Yahweh, when David praised by their ministry, saying "For his loving kindness endures forever." The priests sounded trumpets before them; and all Israel stood.
8:64 The same day the king made the middle of the court holy that was before Yahweh's house; for there he offered the burnt offering, the meal offering, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar that was before Yahweh was too little to receive the burnt offering, the meal offering, and the fat of the peace offerings.	7:7 Moreover Solomon made the middle of the court that was before Yahweh's house holy; for there he offered the burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offering, the meal offering, and the fat.
8:65 So Solomon held the feast at that time, and all Israel with him, a great assembly, from the entrance of Hamath to the brook of Egypt, before Yahweh our God, seven days and seven more days, even fourteen days.	7:8 So Solomon held the feast at that time for seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, from the entrance of Hamath to the brook of Egypt.
8:66 On the eighth day he sent the people away; and they blessed the king, and went to their tents joyful and glad in their hearts for all the goodness that Yahweh had shown to David his servant, and to Israel his people.	7:9 On the eighth day, they held a solemn assembly; for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. 7:10 On the twenty-third day of the seventh month, he sent the people away to their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the goodness that Yahweh had shown to David, to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

God Appears to Solomon a Second Time

9:1 When Solomon had finished the building of Yahweh's house, the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,	7:11 Thus Solomon finished Yahweh's house and the king's house; and he successfully completed all that came into Solomon's heart to make in Yahweh's house and in his own house.
9:2 Yahweh appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon.	7:12 Then Yahweh appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him, "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for myself for a house of sacrifice.
9:3 Yahweh said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before me. I have made this house holy, which you have built, to put my name there forever; and my eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually.	7:13 "If I shut up the sky so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people, 7:14 if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 7:15 Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to prayer that is made in this place. 7:16 For now I have chosen and made this house holy, that my name may be there forever; and my

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9:4 As for you, if you will walk before me as David your father walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and will keep my statutes and my ordinances, 9:5 then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised to David your father, saying, ‘There shall not fail from you a man on the throne of Israel.’ 9:6 But if you turn away from following me, you or your children, and not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, 9:7 then I will cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and I will cast this house, which I have made holy for my name, out of my sight; and Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 9:8 Though this house is so high, yet everyone who passes by it will be astonished and hiss; and they will say, ‘Why has Yahweh done this to this land and to this house?’ 9:9 and they will answer, ‘Because they abandoned Yahweh their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and embraced other gods, and worshiped them, and served them. Therefore Yahweh has brought all this evil on them.’” 9:10 At the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built the two houses, Yahweh’s house and the king’s house 9:11 (now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and cypress trees, and with gold, according to all his desire), King Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. 9:12 Hiram came out of Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they didn’t please him. 9:13 He said, “What cities are these which you have given me, my brother?” He called them the land of Cabul to this day. 9:14 Hiram sent to the king one hundred twenty talents of gold. 9:15 This is the reason of the forced labor which King Solomon conscripted: to build Yahweh’s house, his own house, Millo, Jerusalem’s wall, Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer. 9:16 Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, taken Gezer, burned it with fire, killed the Canaanites who lived in the city, and given it for a wedding gift to his daughter, Solomon’s wife. 9:17 Solomon built in the land Gezer, Beth Horon the lower,	eyes and my heart will be there perpetually. 7:17 “As for you, if you will walk before me as David your father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and will keep my statutes and my ordinances, 7:18 then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, according as I covenanted with David your father, saying, ‘There shall not fail you a man to be ruler in Israel.’ 7:19 But if you turn away and forsake my statutes and my commandments which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them, 7:20 then I will pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have made holy for my name, I will cast out of my sight, and I will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 7:21 This house, which is so high, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and say, ‘Why has Yahweh done this to this land and to this house?’ 7:22 They shall answer, ‘Because they abandoned Yahweh, the God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and took other gods, worshiped them, and served them. Therefore he has brought all this evil on them.’” 8:1 At the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built Yahweh’s house and his own house, 8:2 Solomon built the cities which Hiram had given to Solomon, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there.

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9:18 Baalath, Tamar in the wilderness, 9:19 all the storage cities that Solomon had, the cities for his chariots, the cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion. 9:20 As for all the people who were left of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of the children of Israel — 9:21 their children who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel were not able utterly to destroy—of them Solomon raised a levy of bondservants to this day. 9:22 But of the children of Israel Solomon made no bondservants; but they were the men of war, his servants, his princes, his captains, and rulers of his chariots and of his horsemen. 9:23 These were the five hundred fifty chief officers who were over Solomon’s work, who ruled over the people who labored in the work. 9:24 But Pharaoh’s daughter came up out of David’s city to her house which Solomon had built for her. Then he built Millo. 9:25 Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar which he built to Yahweh three times per year, burning incense with them on the altar that was before Yahweh. So he finished the house.	8:3 Solomon went to Hamath Zobah, and prevailed against it. 8:4 He built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the storage cities, which he built in Hamath. 8:5 Also he built Beth Horon the upper and Beth Horon the lower, fortified cities with walls, gates, and bars; 8:6 and Baalath, and all the storage cities that Solomon had, and all the cities for his chariots, the cities for his horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion. 8:7 As for all the people who were left of the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of Israel— 8:8 of their children who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel didn’t consume—of them Solomon conscripted forced labor to this day. 8:9 But of the children of Israel, Solomon made no servants for his work, but they were men of war, chief of his captains, and rulers of his chariots and of his horsemen. 8:10 These were the chief officers of King Solomon, even two-hundred fifty, who ruled over the people. 8:11 Solomon brought up Pharaoh’s daughter out of David’s city to the house that he had built for her; for he said, “My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places where Yahweh’s ark has come are holy.” 8:12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to Yahweh on Yahweh’s altar which he had built before the porch, 8:13 even as the duty of every day required, offering according to the commandment of Moses on the Sabbaths, on the new moons, and on the set feasts, three times per year, during the feast of unleavened bread, during the feast of weeks, and during the feast of booths. 8:14 He appointed, according to the ordinance of David his father, the divisions of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their offices, to praise and to minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required, the doorkeepers also by their divisions at every gate, for David the man of God had so commanded. 8:15 They didn’t depart from the commandment of the king to the priests and Levites concerning any matter or concerning the treasures. 8:16 Now all the work of Solomon was

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9:26 King Solomon made a fleet of ships in Ezion Geber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom. 9:27 Hiram sent in the fleet his servants, sailors who had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon. 9:28 They came to Ophir, and fetched from there gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to King Solomon.	accomplished from the day of the foundation of Yahweh's house until it was finished. So Yahweh's house was completed. 8:17 Then Solomon went to Ezion Geber and to Eloth, on the seashore in the land of Edom. 8:18 Hiram sent him ships and servants who had knowledge of the sea by the hands of his servants; and they came with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and brought from there four hundred fifty talents of gold, and brought them to King Solomon.
<u>The Queen of Sheba</u>	
10:1 When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning Yahweh's name, she came to test him with hard questions. 10:2 She came to Jerusalem with a very great caravan, with camels that bore spices, very much gold, and precious stones; and when she had come to Solomon, she talked with him about all that was in her heart. 10:3 Solomon answered all her questions. There wasn't anything hidden from the king which he didn't tell her. 10:4 When the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, 10:5 the food of his table, the sitting of his servants, the attendance of his officials, their clothing, his cup bearers, and his ascent by which he went up to Yahweh's house, there was no more spirit in her. 10:6 She said to the king, "It was a true report that I heard in my own land of your acts and of your wisdom. 10:7 However, I didn't believe the words until I came and my eyes had seen it. Behold, not even half was told me! Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame which I heard. 10:8 Happy are your men, happy are these your servants who stand continually before you, who hear your wisdom. 10:9 Blessed is Yahweh your God, who delighted in you, to set you on the throne of Israel. Because Yahweh loved Israel forever, therefore he made you king, to do justice and righteousness." 10:10 She gave the king one hundred twenty talents of gold, and a very great quantity of spices, and precious stones. Never again was there such an abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon. 10:11 The fleet of Hiram that brought gold from	9:1 When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to test Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great caravan, including camels that bore spices, gold in abundance, and precious stones. When she had come to Solomon, she talked with him about all that was in her heart. 9:2 Solomon answered all her questions. There wasn't anything hidden from Solomon which he didn't tell her. 9:3 When the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, 9:4 the food of his table, the seating of his servants, the attendance of his ministers, their clothing, his cup bearers and their clothing, and his ascent by which he went up to Yahweh's house, there was no more spirit in her. 9:5 She said to the king, "It was a true report that I heard in my own land of your acts and of your wisdom. 9:6 However I didn't believe their words until I came, and my eyes had seen it; and behold half of the greatness of your wisdom wasn't told me. You exceed the fame that I heard! 9:7 Happy are your men, and happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you and hear your wisdom. 9:8 Blessed be Yahweh your God, who delighted in you and set you on his throne to be king for Yahweh your God, because your God loved Israel, to establish them forever. Therefore he made you king over them, to do justice and righteousness." 9:9 She gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, spices in great abundance, and precious stones. There was never before such spice as the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon. 9:10 The servants of Hiram and the servants of

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Ophir also brought in from Ophir great quantities of almug trees and precious stones. 10:12 The king made of the almug trees pillars for Yahweh's house and for the king's house, harps also and stringed instruments for the singers; no such almug trees came or were seen to this day. 10:13 King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, in addition to that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own land, she and her servants.	Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir, also brought algum trees and precious stones. 9:11 The king used algum tree wood to make terraces for Yahweh's house and for the king's house, and harps and stringed instruments for the singers. There were none like these seen before in the land of Judah. 9:12 King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, more than that which she had brought to the king. So she turned and went to her own land, she and her servants.
<u>Solomon's Administration</u>	
10:14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred sixty-six talents of gold, 10:15 in addition to that which the traders brought, and the traffic of the merchants, and of all the kings of the mixed people, and of the governors of the country. 10:16 King Solomon made two hundred bucklers of beaten gold; six hundred shekels of gold went to one buckler. 10:17 He made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three minas of gold went to one shield; and the king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon. 10:18 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the finest gold. 10:19 There were six steps to the throne, and the top of the throne was round behind; and there were armrests on either side by the place of the seat, and two lions standing beside the armrests. 10:20 Twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other on the six steps. Nothing like it was made in any kingdom. 10:21 All King Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were of pure gold. None were of silver, because it was considered of little value in the days of Solomon. 10:22 For the king had a fleet of ships of Tarshish at sea with Hiram's fleet. Once every three years the fleet of Tarshish came bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and peacocks. 10:23 So King Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom. 10:24 All the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart. 10:25 Year after year, every man brought his tribute, vessels of silver, vessels of gold, clothing, armor, spices, horses, and mules. 10:26 Solomon gathered together chariots and	9:13 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred sixty-six talents of gold, 9:14 in addition to that which the traders and merchants brought. All the kings of Arabia and the governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon. 9:15 King Solomon made two hundred large shields of beaten gold. Six hundred shekels of beaten gold went to one large shield. 9:16 He made three hundred shields of beaten gold. Three hundred shekels of gold went to one shield. The king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon. 9:17 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. 9:18 There were six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne, and armrests on either side by the place of the seat, and two lions standing beside the armrests. 9:19 Twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other on the six steps. There was nothing like it made in any other kingdom. 9:20 All King Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were of pure gold. Silver was not considered valuable in the days of Solomon. 9:21 For the king had ships that went to Tarshish with Hiram's servants. Once every three years, the ships of Tarshish came bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and peacocks. 9:22 So King Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. 9:23 All the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. 9:24 They each brought tribute: vessels of silver, vessels of gold, clothing, armor, spices, horses, and mules every year. 9:25 Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and

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horsemen. He had one thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen. He kept them in the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem.	chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen that he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem.
10:27 The king made silver as common as stones in Jerusalem, and cedars as common as the sycamore trees that are in the lowland.	9:26 He ruled over all the kings from the River even to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt.
10:28 The horses which Solomon had were brought out of Egypt. The king's merchants received them in droves, each drove at a price.	9:27 The king made silver as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedars to be as abundant as the sycamore trees that are in the lowland.
10:29 A chariot was imported from Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for one hundred fifty shekels; and so they exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and to the kings of Syria.	9:28 They brought horses for Solomon out of Egypt and out of all lands.

Solomon's Unfaithfulness

11:1 Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites,

11:2 of the nations concerning which Yahweh said to the children of Israel, "You shall not go among them, neither shall they come among you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods." Solomon joined to these in love.

11:3 He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines. His wives turned his heart away.

11:4 When Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not perfect with Yahweh his God, as the heart of David his father was.

11:5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

11:6 Solomon did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, and didn't go fully after Yahweh, as David his father did.

11:7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the mountain that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the children of Ammon.

11:8 So he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

11:9 Yahweh was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned away from Yahweh, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice,

11:10 and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he didn't keep that which Yahweh commanded.

11:11 Therefore Yahweh said to Solomon, "Because

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this is done by you, and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant. 11:12 Nevertheless, I will not do it in your days, for David your father's sake; but I will tear it out of your son's hand. 11:13 However, I will not tear away all the kingdom; but I will give one tribe to your son, for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen." 11:14 Yahweh raised up an adversary to Solomon: Hadad the Edomite. He was one of the king's offspring in Edom. 11:15 For when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the army had gone up to bury the slain, and had struck every male in Edom 11:16 (for Joab and all Israel remained there six months, until he had cut off every male in Edom), 11:17 Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt, when Hadad was still a little child. 11:18 They arose out of Midian and came to Paran; and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a house, and appointed him food, and gave him land. 11:19 Hadad found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him as wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen. 11:20 The sister of Tahpenes bore him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house; and Genubath was in Pharaoh's house among the sons of Pharaoh. 11:21 When Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the army was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Let me depart, that I may go to my own country." 11:22 Then Pharaoh said to him, "But what have you lacked with me, that behold, you seek to go to your own country?" He answered, "Nothing, however only let me depart." 11:23 God raised up an adversary to him, Rezon the son of Eliada, who had fled from his lord, Hadadezer king of Zobah. 11:24 He gathered men to himself, and became captain over a troop, when David killed them of Zobah. They went to Damascus and lived there, and reigned in Damascus. 11:25 He was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, in addition to the mischief of Hadad. He abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.	

Jeroboam Prophesied to Be King

11:26 Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zeredah, a servant of Solomon, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, also lifted up his hand against the king.

11:27 This was the reason why he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breach of his father David's city.

11:28 The man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor; and Solomon saw the young man that he was industrious, and he put him in charge of all the labor of the house of Joseph.

11:29 At that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him on the way. Now Ahijah had clad himself with a new garment; and the two of them were alone in the field.

11:30 Ahijah took the new garment that was on him, and tore it in twelve pieces.

11:31 He said to Jeroboam, "Take ten pieces; for Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, 'Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and will give ten tribes to you

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),

11:33 because they have forsaken me, and have worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon. They have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in my eyes, and to keep my statutes and my ordinances, as David his father did.

11:34 "However, I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake whom I chose, who kept my commandments and my statutes, 11:35 but I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand and will give it to you, even ten tribes.

11:36 I will give one tribe to his son, that David my servant may have a lamp always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen for myself to put my name there.

11:37 I will take you, and you shall reign according to all that your soul desires, and shall be king over Israel.

11:38 It shall be, if you will listen to all that I command you, and will walk in my ways, and do that which is right in my eyes, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did, that I will be with you, and will build you a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you.

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11:39 I will afflict the offspring of David for this, but not forever.”	
11:40 Therefore Solomon sought to kill Jeroboam, but Jeroboam arose and fled into Egypt, to Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.	
11:41 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, aren’t they written in the book of the acts of Solomon?	9:29 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, aren’t they 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?
11:42 The time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years.	9:30 Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.
11:43 Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in his father David’s city; and Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.	9:31 Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in his father David’s city; and Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.

Rehoboam’s Coronation Negotiations

12:1 Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king.	10:1 Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king.
12:2 When Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it (for he was yet in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of King Solomon, and Jeroboam lived in Egypt;	10:2 When Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it (for he was in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of King Solomon), Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.
12:3 and they sent and called him), Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came, and spoke to Rehoboam, saying,	10:3 They sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all Israel came, and they spoke to Rehoboam, saying,
12:4 “Your father made our yoke difficult. Now therefore make the hard service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put on us, lighter, and we will serve you.”	10:4 “Your father made our yoke grievous. Now therefore make the grievous service of your father and his heavy yoke which he put on us, lighter, and we will serve you.”
12:5 He said to them, “Depart for three days, then come back to me.” So the people departed.	10:5 He said to them, “Come again to me after three days.” So the people departed.
12:6 King Rehoboam took counsel with the old men who had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, “What counsel do you give me to answer these people?”	10:6 King Rehoboam took counsel with the old men, who had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, “What counsel do you give me about how to answer these people?”
12:7 They replied, “If you will be a servant to this people today, and will serve them, and answer them with good words, then they will be your servants forever.”	10:7 They spoke to him, saying, “If you are kind to these people, please them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever.”
12:8 But he abandoned the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and took counsel with the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him.	10:8 But he abandoned the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and took counsel with the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him.
12:9 He said to them, “What counsel do you give, that we may answer these people who have spoken to me, saying, ‘Make the yoke that your father put on us lighter’?”	10:9 He said to them, “What counsel do you give, that we may give an answer to these people, who have spoken to me, saying, ‘Make the yoke that your father put on us lighter’?”
12:10 The young men who had grown up with him said to him, “Tell these people who spoke to you, saying, ‘Your father made our yoke heavy, but make it lighter to us’—tell them, ‘My little finger is thicker	10:10 The young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, “Thus you shall tell the people who spoke to you, saying, ‘Your father made our yoke heavy, but make it lighter on us;’ thus you shall

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than my father's waist.	say to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's waist.
12:11 Now my father burdened you with a heavy yoke, but I will add to your yoke. My father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.'"	10:11 Now whereas my father burdened you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.'"
12:12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king asked, saying, "Come to me again the third day."	10:12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king asked, saying, "Come to me again the third day."
12:13 The king answered the people roughly, and abandoned the counsel of the old men which they had given him,	10:13 The king answered them roughly; and King Rehoboam abandoned the counsel of the old men,
12:14 and spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke. My father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions."	10:14 and spoke to them after the counsel 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."
12:15 So the king didn't listen to the people; for it was a thing brought about from Yahweh, that he might establish his word, which Yahweh spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.	10:15 So the king didn't listen to the people; for it was brought about by God, that Yahweh might establish his word, which he spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.
12:16 When all Israel saw that the king didn't listen to them, the people answered the king, saying, "What portion have we in David? We don't have an inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, Israel! Now see to your own house, David." So Israel departed to their tents.	10:16 When all Israel saw that the king didn't listen to them, the people answered the king, saying, "What portion do we have in David? We don't have an inheritance in the son of Jesse! Every man to your tents, Israel! Now see to your own house, David." So all Israel departed to their tents.
12:17 But as for the children of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.	10:17 But as for the children of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.
12:18 Then King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the men subject to forced labor; and all Israel stoned him to death with stones. King Rehoboam hurried to get himself up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.	10:18 Then King Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who was over the men subject to forced labor; and the children of Israel stoned him to death with stones. King Rehoboam hurried to get himself up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.
12:19 So Israel rebelled against David's house to this day.	10:19 So Israel rebelled against David's house to this day.

Israel Divided

12:20 When all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, they sent and called him to the congregation, and made him king over all Israel. There was no one who followed David's house, except for the tribe of Judah only.	
12:21 When Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin, a hundred and eighty thousand chosen men who were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.	11:1 When Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin, one hundred eighty thousand chosen men who were warriors, to fight against Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam.
12:22 But the word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,	11:2 But Yahweh's word came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,
12:23 "Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah and	11:3 "Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin,

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Benjamin, and to the rest of the people, saying, 12:24 ‘Yahweh says, “You shall not go up or fight against your brothers, the children of Israel. Everyone return to his house; for this thing is from me.”” So they listened to Yahweh’s word, and returned and went their way, according to Yahweh’s word.	saying, 11:4 ‘Yahweh says, “You shall not go up, nor fight against your brothers! Every man return to his house; for this thing is of me.”” So they listened to Yahweh’s words, and returned from going against Jeroboam.

Jeroboam’s Unfaithfulness

12:25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and lived in it; and he went out from there and built Penuel.
12:26 Jeroboam said in his heart, “Now the kingdom will return to David’s house.
12:27 If this people goes up to offer sacrifices in Yahweh’s house at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn again to their lord, even to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me, and return to Rehoboam king of Judah.”
12:28 So the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold; and he said to them, “It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Look and behold your gods, Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”
12:29 He set the one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.
12:30 This thing became a sin, for the people went even as far as Dan to worship before the one there.
12:31 He made houses of high places, and made priests from among all the people, who were not of the sons of Levi.

Prophecy against Jeroboam at Bethel

12:32 Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast that is in Judah, and he went up to the altar. He did so in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made, and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made.
12:33 He went up to the altar which he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and went up to the altar to burn incense.
13:1 Behold, a man of God came out of Judah by Yahweh’s word to Bethel; and Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense.
13:2 He cried against the altar by Yahweh’s word, and said, “Altar! Altar! Yahweh says: ‘Behold, a son will be born to David’s house, Josiah by name. On you he will sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and they will burn men’s bones on you.’”
13:3 He gave a sign the same day, saying, “This is

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the sign which Yahweh has spoken: Behold, the altar will be split apart, and the ashes that are on it will be poured out.” 13:4 When the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar in Bethel, Jeroboam put out his hand from the altar, saying, “Seize him!” His hand, which he put out against him, dried up, so that he could not draw it back again to himself. 13:5 The altar was also split apart, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by Yahweh’s word. 13:6 The king answered the man of God, “Now intercede for the favor of Yahweh your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again.” The man of God interceded with Yahweh, and the king’s hand was restored to him again, and became as it was before. 13:7 The king said to the man of God, “Come home with me and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward.” 13:8 The man of God said to the king, “Even if you gave me half of your house, I would not go in with you, neither would I eat bread nor drink water in this place; 13:9 for so was it commanded me by Yahweh’s word, saying, ‘You shall eat no bread, drink no water, and don’t return by the way that you came.’” 13:10 So he went another way, and didn’t return by the way that he came to Bethel. 13:11 Now an old prophet lived in Bethel, and one of his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel. They also told their father the words which he had spoken to the king. 13:12 Their father said to them, “Which way did he go?” Now his sons had seen which way the man of God went, who came from Judah. 13:13 He said to his sons, “Saddle the donkey for me.” So they saddled the donkey for him; and he rode on it. 13:14 He went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak. He said to him, “Are you the man of God who came from Judah?” He said, “I am.” 13:15 Then he said to him, “Come home with me and eat bread.” 13:16 He said, “I may not return with you, nor go in with you. I will not eat bread or drink water with you in this place. 13:17 For it was said to me by Yahweh’s word, ‘You shall eat no bread or drink water there, and don’t turn again to go by the way that you came.’” 13:18 He said to him, “I also am a prophet as you	

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are; and an angel spoke to me by Yahweh's word, saying, 'Bring him back with you into your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.'" He lied to him. 13:19 So he went back with him, ate bread in his house, and drank water. 13:20 As they sat at the table, Yahweh's word came to the prophet who brought him back; 13:21 and he cried out to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, "Yahweh says, 'Because you have been disobedient to Yahweh's word, and have not kept the commandment which Yahweh your God commanded you, 13:22 but came back, and have eaten bread and drank water in the place of which he said to you, "Eat no bread, and drink no water," your body will not come to the tomb of your fathers.'" " 13:23 After he had eaten bread and after he drank, he saddled the donkey for the prophet whom he had brought back. 13:24 When he had gone, a lion met him by the way and killed him. His body was thrown on the path, and the donkey stood by it. The lion also stood by the body. 13:25 Behold, men passed by and saw the body thrown on the path, and the lion standing by the body; and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet lived. 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 Yahweh's word. Therefore Yahweh has delivered him to the lion, which has mauled him and slain him, according to Yahweh's word which he spoke to him." 13:27 He said to his sons, saying, "Saddle the donkey for me," and they saddled it. 13:28 He went and found his body thrown on the path, and the donkey and the lion standing by the body. The lion had not eaten the body nor mauled the donkey. 13:29 The prophet took up the body of the man of God, and laid it on the donkey, and brought it back. He came to the city of the old prophet to mourn, and to bury him. 13:30 He laid his body in his own grave; and they mourned over him, saying, "Alas, my brother!" 13:31 After he had buried him, he spoke to his sons, saying, "When I am dead, bury me in the tomb in which the man of God is buried. Lay my bones beside his bones. 13:32 For the saying which he cried by Yahweh's word against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, will surely happen."	

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13:33 After this thing, Jeroboam didn't turn from his evil way, but again made priests of the high places from among all the people. Whoever wanted to, he consecrated him, that there might be priests of the high places. 13:34 This thing became sin to the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off and to destroy it from off the surface of the earth.	

Prophecy against Jeroboam at Shiloh

14:1 At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam became sick.

14:2 Jeroboam said to his wife, "Please get up and disguise yourself, so that you won't be recognized as Jeroboam's wife. Go to Shiloh. Behold, Ahijah the prophet is there, who said that I would be king over this people.

14:3 Take with you ten loaves of bread, some cakes, and a jar of honey, and go to him. He will tell you what will become of the child."

14:4 Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose and went to Shiloh, and came to Ahijah's house. Now Ahijah could not see, for his eyes were set by reason of his age.

14:5 Yahweh said to Ahijah, "Behold, Jeroboam's wife is coming to inquire of you concerning her son, for he is sick. Tell her such and such; for it will be, when she comes in, that she will pretend to be another woman."

14:6 So when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet as she came in at the door, he said, "Come in, Jeroboam's wife! Why do you pretend to be another? For I am sent to you with heavy news.

14:7 Go, tell Jeroboam, 'Yahweh, the God of Israel, says: "Because I exalted you from among the people, and made you prince over my people Israel,

14:8 and tore the kingdom away from David's house, and gave it to you; and yet you have not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in my eyes,

14:9 but have done evil above all who were before you, and have gone and made for yourself other gods, molten images, to provoke me to anger, and have cast me behind your back,

14:10 therefore, behold, I will bring evil on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam everyone who urinates on a wall, he who is shut up and he who is left at large in Israel, and will utterly sweep away the house of Jeroboam, as a man sweeps away dung until it is all gone.

14:11 The dogs will eat he who belongs to Jeroboam who dies in the city; and the birds of the sky will eat he who dies in the field, for Yahweh has spoken it.'"

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14:12 Arise therefore, and go to your house. When your feet enter into the city, the child will die. 14:13 All Israel will mourn for him and bury him; for he only of Jeroboam will come to the grave, because in him there is found some good thing toward Yahweh, the God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam. 14:14 Moreover Yahweh will raise up a king for himself over Israel who will cut off the house of Jeroboam. This is the day! What? Even now. 14:15 For Yahweh will strike 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 River, because they have made their Asherah poles, provoking Yahweh to anger. 14:16 He will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, which he has sinned, and with which he has made Israel to sin.” 14:17 Jeroboam’s wife arose and departed, and came to Tirzah. As she came to the threshold of the house, the child died. 14:18 All Israel buried him and mourned for him, according to Yahweh’s word, which he spoke by his servant Ahijah the prophet. 14:19 The rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he fought and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 14:20 The days which Jeroboam reigned were twenty two years; then he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his place.	

Rehoboam King of Judah

14:21 Rehoboam the 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 which Yahweh had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. His mother’s name was Naamah the Ammonitess.	11:5 Rehoboam lived in Jerusalem, and built cities for defense in Judah. 11:6 He built Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa, 11:7 Beth Zur, Soco, Adullam, 11:8 Gath, Mareshah, Ziph, 11:9 Adoraim, Lachish, Azekah, 11:10 Zorah, Aijalon, and Hebron, which are fortified cities in Judah and in Benjamin. 11:11 He fortified the strongholds and put captains in them with stores of food, oil and wine. 11:12 He put shields and spears in every city, and made them exceedingly strong. Judah and Benjamin belonged to him. 11:13 The priests and the Levites who were in all Israel stood with him out of all their territory. 11:14 For the Levites left their pasture lands and their possessions, and came to Judah and Jerusalem; for Jeroboam and his sons cast them off, that they should not execute the priest’s office to Yahweh. 11:15 He himself appointed priests for the high places, for the male goat and calf idols which he had
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	made. 11:16 After them, out of all the tribes of Israel, those who set their hearts to seek Yahweh, the God of Israel, came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to Yahweh, the God of their fathers. 11:17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong for three years, for they walked three years in the way of David and Solomon. 11:18 Rehoboam took a wife for himself, Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David and of Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse. 11:19 She bore him sons: Jeush, Shemariah, and Zerah. 11:20 After her, he took Maacah the granddaughter of Absalom; and she bore him Abijah, Attai, Ziza, and Shelomith. 11:21 Rehoboam loved Maacah the granddaughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines; for he took eighteen wives and sixty concubines, and became the father of twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters. 11:22 Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maacah to be chief, the prince among his brothers, for he intended to make him king. 11:23 He dealt wisely, and dispersed some of his sons throughout all the lands of Judah and Benjamin, to every fortified city. He gave them food in abundance; and he sought many wives for them.
<u>Rehoboam's Unfaithfulness</u>	
14:22 Judah did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they committed, above all that their fathers had done. 14:23 For they also built for themselves high places, sacred pillars, and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every green tree. 14:24 There were also sodomites in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations which Yahweh drove out before the children of Israel. 14:25 In the fifth year of King Rehoboam, Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem;	12:1 When the kingdom of Rehoboam was established and he was strong, he abandoned Yahweh's law, and all Israel with him. 12:2 In the fifth year of King Rehoboam, Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had trespassed against Yahweh, 12:3 with twelve hundred chariots and sixty thousand horsemen. The people were without number who came with him out of Egypt: the Lubim, the Sukkiim, and the Ethiopians. 12:4 He took the fortified cities which belonged to Judah, and came to Jerusalem. 12:5 Now Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and to the princes of Judah, who were gathered

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	together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them, “Yahweh says, ‘You have forsaken me, therefore I have also left you in the hand of Shishak.’” 12:6 Then the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, “Yahweh is righteous.” 12:7 When Yahweh saw that they humbled themselves, Yahweh’s word came to Shemaiah, saying, “They have humbled themselves. I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance, and my wrath won’t be poured out on Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. 12:8 Nevertheless they will be his servants, that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.” 12:9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem and took away the treasures of Yahweh’s house and the treasures of the king’s house. He took it all away. He also took away the shields of gold which Solomon had made. 12:10 King Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the guard, who kept the door of the king’s house. 12:11 As often as the king entered into Yahweh’s house, the guard came and bore them, then brought them back into the guard room. 12:12 When he humbled himself, Yahweh’s wrath turned from him, so as not to destroy him altogether. Moreover, there were good things found in Judah. 12:13 So King Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem and reigned; for Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which Yahweh had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel to put his name there. His mother’s name was Naamah the Ammonitess. 12:14 He did that which was evil, because he didn’t set his heart to seek Yahweh. 12:15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, aren’t they written in the histories of Shemaiah the prophet and of Iddo the seer, in the genealogies? There were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. 12:16 Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in David’s city; and Abijah his son reigned in his place.
14:26 and he took away the treasures of Yahweh’s house and the treasures of the king’s house. He even took away all of it, including all the gold shields which Solomon had made. 14:27 King Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the guard, who kept the door of the king’s house. 14:28 It was so, that as often as the king went into Yahweh’s house, the guard bore them, and brought them back into the guard room. 14:29 Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, aren’t they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 14:30 There was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. 14:31 Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in David’s city. His mother’s name was Naamah the Ammonitess. Abijah his son reigned in his place.	
<u>Abijah King of Judah</u>	
15:1 Now in the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam the son of Nebat, Abijah began to reign over Judah. 15:2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His	13:1 In the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, Abijah began to reign over Judah. 13:2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His

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mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom.	mother's name was Micaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. There was war between Abijah and Jeroboam. 13:3 Abijah joined battle with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men; and Jeroboam set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, who were mighty men of valor. 13:4 Abijah stood up on Mount Zemaraim, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, and said, "Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel: 13:5 Ought you not to know that Yahweh, the God of Israel, gave the kingdom over Israel to David forever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt? 13:6 Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, rose up, and rebelled against his lord. 13:7 Worthless men were gathered to him, wicked fellows who strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tender hearted, and could not withstand them. 13:8 "Now you intend to withstand the kingdom of Yahweh in the hand of the sons of David. You are a great multitude, and the golden calves which Jeroboam made you for gods are with you. 13:9 Haven't you driven out the priests of Yahweh, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and made priests for yourselves according to the ways of the peoples of other lands? Whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bull and seven rams may be a priest of those who are no gods. 13:10 "But as for us, Yahweh is our God, and we have not forsaken him. We have priests serving Yahweh, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites in their work. 13:11 They burn to Yahweh every morning and every evening burnt offerings and sweet incense. They also set the show bread in order on the pure table, and care for the gold lamp stand with its lamps, to burn every evening; for we keep the instruction of Yahweh our God, but you have forsaken him. 13:12 Behold, God is with us at our head, and his priests with the trumpets of alarm to sound an alarm against you. Children of Israel, don't fight against Yahweh, the God of your fathers; for you will not prosper." 13:13 But Jeroboam caused an ambush to come about behind them; so they were before Judah, and the ambush was behind them. 13:14 When Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind them; and they cried to Yahweh, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.

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15:3 He walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; and his heart was not perfect with Yahweh his God, as the heart of David his father. 15:4 Nevertheless for David's sake, Yahweh his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him and to establish Jerusalem; 15:5 because David did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, and didn't turn away from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, except only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. 15:6 Now there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life. 15:7 The rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? There was war between Abijam and Jeroboam. 15:8 Abijam slept with his fathers, and they buried him in David's city; and Asa his son reigned in his place.	13:15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout. As the men of Judah shouted, God struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. 13:16 The children of Israel fled before Judah, and God delivered them into their hand. 13:17 Abijah and his people killed them with a great slaughter, so five hundred thousand chosen men of Israel fell down slain. 13:18 Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied on Yahweh, the God of their fathers. 13:19 Abijah pursued Jeroboam, and took cities from him: Bethel with its villages, Jeshanah with its villages, and Ephron with its villages. 13:20 Jeroboam didn't recover strength again in the days of Abijah. Yahweh struck him, and he died. 13:21 But Abijah grew mighty and took for himself fourteen wives, and became the father of twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters. 13:22 The rest of the acts of Abijah, his ways, and his sayings are written in the commentary of the prophet Iddo. 14:1 So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in David's city; and Asa his son reigned in his place. In his days, the land was quiet ten years.
<u>Asa King of Judah</u>	
15:9 In the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Asa began to reign over Judah. 15:10 He reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom. 15:11 Asa did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, as David his father did. 15:12 He put away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.	14:2 Asa did that which was good and right in Yahweh his God's eyes, 14:3 for he took away the foreign altars and the high places, broke down the pillars, cut down the Asherah poles, 14:4 and commanded Judah to seek Yahweh, the God

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	of their fathers, and to obey his law and command. 14:5 Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the sun images; and the kingdom was quiet before him. 14:6 He built fortified cities in Judah; for the land was quiet, and he had no war in those years, because Yahweh had given him rest. 14:7 For he said to Judah, "Let's build these cities and make walls around them, with towers, gates, and bars. The land is yet before us, because we have sought Yahweh our God. We have sought him, and he has given us rest on every side." So they built and prospered. 14:8 Asa had an army of three hundred thousand out of Judah who bore bucklers and spears, and two hundred eighty thousand out of Benjamin who bore shields and drew bows. All these were mighty men of valor.
	<u>Victory Against Ethiopia</u> 14:9 Zerah the Ethiopian came out against them with an army of a million troops and three hundred chariots, and he came to Mareshah. 14:10 Then Asa went out to meet him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. 14:11 Asa cried to Yahweh his God, and said, "Yahweh, there is no one besides you to help, between the mighty and him who has no strength. Help us, Yahweh our God; for we rely on you, and in your name are we come against this multitude. Yahweh, you are our God. Don't let man prevail against you." 14:12 So Yahweh struck the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled. 14:13 Asa and the people who were with him pursued them to Gerar. So many of the Ethiopians fell that they could not recover themselves, for they were destroyed before Yahweh and before his army. Judah's army carried away very much booty. 14:14 They struck all the cities around Gerar, for the fear of Yahweh came on them. They plundered all the cities, for there was much plunder in them. 14:15 They also struck the tents of those who had livestock, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, then returned to Jerusalem. 15:1 The Spirit of God came on Azariah the son of Oded. 15:2 He went out to meet Asa, and said to him, "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin! Yahweh is with you while you are with him; and if you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.

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15:13 He also removed Maacah his mother from being queen, because she had made an abominable image for an Asherah. Asa cut down her image and burned it at the brook Kidron. 15:14 But the high places were not taken away. Nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect with Yahweh all his days. 15:15 He brought into Yahweh's house the things that his father had dedicated, and the things that he himself had dedicated: silver, gold, and utensils.	15:3 Now for a long time Israel was without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law. 15:4 But when in their distress they turned to Yahweh, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found by them. 15:5 In those times there was no peace to him who went out, nor to him who came in; but great troubles were on all the inhabitants of the lands. 15:6 They were broken in pieces, nation against nation, and city against city; for God troubled them with all adversity. 15:7 But you be strong! Don't let your hands be slack, for your work will be rewarded." 15:8 When Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominations out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from the hill country of Ephraim; and he renewed Yahweh's altar that was before Yahweh's porch. 15:9 He gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and those who lived with them out of Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon; for they came to him out of Israel in abundance when they saw that Yahweh his God was with him. 15:10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of Asa's reign. 15:11 They sacrificed to Yahweh in that day, of the plunder which they had brought, seven hundred head of cattle and seven thousand sheep. 15:12 They entered into the covenant to seek Yahweh, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul; 15:13 and that whoever would not seek Yahweh, the God of Israel, should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. 15:14 They swore to Yahweh with a loud voice, with shouting, with trumpets, and with cornets. 15:15 All Judah rejoiced at the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found by them. Then Yahweh gave them rest all around. 15:16 Also Maacah, the mother of Asa the king, he removed from being queen mother, because she had made an abominable image for an Asherah; so Asa cut down her image, ground it into dust, and burned it at the brook Kidron. 15:17 But the high places were not taken away out of Israel; nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days. 15:18 He brought the things that his father had dedicated and that he himself had dedicated, silver, gold, and vessels into God's house.

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	15:19 There was no more war to the thirty-fifth year of Asa's reign.
<u>War between Israel and Judah</u>	
15:16 There was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.	
15:17 Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not allow anyone to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.	16:1 In the thirty-sixth year of Asa's reign, Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not allow anyone to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.
15:18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that was left in the treasures of Yahweh's house, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered it into the hand of his servants. Then King Asa sent them to Ben Hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, who lived at Damascus, saying,	16:2 Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of Yahweh's house and of the king's house, and sent to Ben Hadad king of Syria, who lived at Damascus, saying,
15:19 "Let there be a treaty between me and you, like that between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent to you a present of silver and gold. Go, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me."	16:3 "Let there be a treaty between me and you, as there was between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent you silver and gold. Go, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me."
15:20 Ben Hadad listened to King Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel, and struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel Beth Maacah, and all Chinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.	16:4 Ben Hadad listened to King Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they struck Ijon, Dan, Abel Maim, and all the storage cities of Naphtali.
15:21 When Baasha heard of it, he stopped building Ramah, and lived in Tirzah.	16:5 When Baasha heard of it, he stopped building Ramah, and let his work cease.
15:22 Then King Asa made a proclamation to all Judah. No one was exempted. They carried away the stones of Ramah, and its timber, with which Baasha had built; and King Asa used it to build Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.	16:6 Then Asa the king took all Judah, and they carried away the stones and timber of Ramah, with which Baasha had built; and he built Geba and Mizpah with them.
	16:7 At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him, "Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on Yahweh your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped out of your hand. 16:8 Weren't the Ethiopians and the Lubim a huge army, with chariots and exceedingly many horsemen? Yet, because you relied on Yahweh, he delivered them into your hand. 16:9 For Yahweh's eyes run back and forth throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. You have done foolishly in this; for from now on you will have wars." 16:10 Then Asa was angry with the seer, and put him in the prison; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. Asa oppressed some of the people at the same time.
15:23 Now the rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he	16:11 Behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and

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built, aren't they 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.	Israel. 16:12 In the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa was diseased in his feet. His disease was exceedingly great; yet in his disease he didn't seek Yahweh, but just the physicians.
15:24 Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in his father David's city; and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place.	16:13 Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the forty-first year of his reign. 16:14 They buried him in his own tomb, which he had dug out for himself in David's city, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odors and various kinds of spices prepared by the perfumers' art; and they made a very great fire for him.

Nadab King of Israel

15:25 Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah; and he reigned over Israel two years.
15:26 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin with which he made Israel to sin.
15:27 Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha struck him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel were besieging Gibbethon.
15:28 Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha killed him and reigned in his place.
15:29 As soon as he was king, he struck all the house of Jeroboam. He didn't leave to Jeroboam any who breathed, until he had destroyed him, according to the saying of Yahweh, which he spoke by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite;
15:30 for the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and with which he made Israel to sin, because of his provocation with which he provoked Yahweh, the God of Israel, to anger.
15:31 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
15:32 There was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

Baasha King of Israel

15:33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah began to reign over all Israel in Tirzah for twenty-four years.
15:34 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin with which he made Israel to sin.
16:1 Yahweh's word came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,
16:2 "Because I exalted you out of the dust and made you prince over my people Israel, and you have walked in the way of Jeroboam and have made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with

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their sins, 16:3 behold, I will utterly sweep away Baasha and his house; and I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 16:4 The dogs will eat Baasha's descendants who die in the city; and he who dies of his in the field, the birds of the sky will eat." 16:5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 16:6 Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah; and Elah his son reigned in his place. 16:7 Moreover Yahweh's word came by the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha and against his house, both because of all the evil that he did in Yahweh's sight, to provoke him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because he struck him.	
<u>Elah King of Israel</u> 16:8 In the twenty-sixth year of Asa king of Judah, Elah the son of Baasha began to reign over Israel in Tirzah for two years. 16:9 His servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him. Now he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, who was over the household in Tirzah; 16:10 and Zimri went in and struck him and killed him in the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his place. 16:11 When he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, he attacked all the house of Baasha. He didn't leave him a single one who urinates on a wall among his relatives or his friends. 16:12 Thus Zimri destroyed all the house of Baasha, according to Yahweh's word which he spoke against Baasha by Jehu the prophet, 16:13 for all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, which they sinned and with which they made Israel to sin, to provoke Yahweh, the God of Israel, to anger with their vanities. 16:14 Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?	
<u>Zimri King of Israel</u> 16:15 In the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, Zimri reigned seven days in Tirzah. Now the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines. 16:16 The people who were encamped heard that Zimri had conspired, and had also killed the king. Therefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the army, king over Israel that day in the camp.	

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16:17 Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah. 16:18 When Zimri saw that the city was taken, he went into the fortified part of the king's house and burned the king's house over him with fire, and died, 16:19 for his sins which he sinned in doing that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did to make Israel to sin. 16:20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he committed, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?	
<u>Omri King of Israel</u>	
16:21 Then the people of Israel were divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king, and half followed Omri. 16:22 But the people who followed Omri prevailed against the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath; so Tibni died, and Omri reigned. 16:23 In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah, Omri began to reign over Israel for twelve years. He reigned six years in Tirzah. 16:24 He bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver; and he built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, Samaria, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill. 16:25 Omri did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, and dealt wickedly above all who were before him. 16:26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sins with which he made Israel to sin, to provoke Yahweh, the God of Israel, to anger with their vanities. 16:27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he showed, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 16:28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son reigned in his place.	
<u>Ahab King of Israel</u>	
16:29 In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab the son of Omri began to reign over Israel. Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. 16:30 Ahab the son of Omri did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight above all that were before him. 16:31 As if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal and worshiped him. 16:32 He raised up an altar for Baal in the house of	

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Baal, which he had built in Samaria. 16:33 Ahab made the Asherah; and Ahab did more yet to provoke Yahweh, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him. 16:34 In his days Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho. He laid its foundation with the loss of Abiram his firstborn, and set up its gates with the loss of his youngest son Segub, according to Yahweh's word, which he spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.	
<u>Elijah Prophecies Drought</u>	
17:1 Elijah the Tishbite, who was one of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As Yahweh, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word." 17:2 Then Yahweh's word came to him, saying, 17:3 "Go away from here, turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, that is before the Jordan. 17:4 You shall drink from the brook. I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." 17:5 So he went and did according to Yahweh's word, for he went and lived by the brook Cherith that is before the Jordan. 17:6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. 17:7 After a while, the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land. 17:8 Yahweh's word came to him, saying, 17:9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and stay there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to sustain you." 17:10 So he arose and went to Zarephath; and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and said, "Please get me a little water in a jar, that I may drink." 17:11 As she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." 17:12 She said, "As Yahweh your God lives, I don't have anything baked, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jar. Behold, 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." 17:13 Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go and do as you have said; but make me a little cake from it first, and bring it out to me, and afterward make some for you and for your son. 17:14 For Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of meal will not run out, and the jar of oil will not fail, until the day that Yahweh sends rain on the earth.'"	

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17:15 She went and did according to the saying of Elijah; and she, he, and her household ate many days. 17:16 The jar of meal didn't run out and the jar of oil didn't fail, according to Yahweh's word, which he spoke by Elijah.	
<u>Elijah Raises the Widow's Son</u>	
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. 17:18 She said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, you man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to memory, and to kill my son!" 17:19 He said to her, "Give me your son." He took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into the room where he stayed, and laid him on his own bed. 17:20 He cried to Yahweh and said, "Yahweh my God, have you also brought evil on the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" 17:21 He stretched himself on the child three times, and cried to Yahweh and said, "Yahweh my God, please let this child's soul come into him again." 17:22 Yahweh listened to the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. 17:23 Elijah took the child and brought him down out of the room into the house, and delivered him to his mother; and Elijah said, "Behold, your son lives." 17:24 The woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that Yahweh's word in your mouth is truth."	
<u>Elijah's Mount Carmel Confrontation</u>	
18:1 After many days, Yahweh's word came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab; and I will send rain on the earth." 18:2 Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. The famine was severe in Samaria. 18:3 Ahab called Obadiah, who was over the household. (Now Obadiah feared Yahweh greatly; 18:4 for when Jezebel cut off Yahweh's prophets, Obadiah took one hundred prophets, and hid them fifty to a cave, and fed them with bread and water.) 18:5 Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go through the land, to all the springs of water, and to all the brooks. Perhaps we may find grass and save the horses and mules alive, that we not lose all the animals." 18:6 So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it. Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself. 18:7 As Obadiah was on the way, behold, Elijah met him. He recognized him, and fell on his face, and said, "Is it you, my lord Elijah?"	

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18:8 He answered him, "It is I. Go, tell your lord, 'Behold, Elijah is here!'" 18:9 He said, "How have I sinned, that you would deliver your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me?" 18:10 As Yahweh your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my lord has not sent to seek you. When they said, 'He is not here,' he took an oath of the kingdom and nation that they didn't find you. 18:11 Now you say, 'Go, tell your lord, "Behold, Elijah is here."' 18:12 It will happen, as soon as I leave you, that Yahweh's Spirit will carry you I don't know where; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he can't find you, he will kill me. But I, your servant, have feared Yahweh from my youth. 18:13 Wasn't it told my lord what I did when Jezebel killed Yahweh's prophets, how I hid one hundred men of Yahweh's prophets with fifty to a cave, and fed them with bread and water? 18:14 Now you say, 'Go, tell your lord, "Behold, Elijah is here".' He will kill me." 18:15 Elijah said, "As Yahweh of Armies lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today." 18:16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah. 18:17 When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?" 18:18 He answered, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house, in that you have forsaken Yahweh's commandments and you have followed the Baals. 18:19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel to Mount Carmel, and four hundred fifty of the prophets of Baal, and four hundred of the prophets of the Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table." 18:20 So Ahab sent to all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together to Mount Carmel. 18:21 Elijah came near to all the people, and said, "How long will you waver between the two sides? If Yahweh is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." The people didn't say a word. 18:22 Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left as a prophet of Yahweh; but Baal's prophets are four hundred fifty men. 18:23 Let them therefore give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under; and I will dress the other bull, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under it. 18:24 You call on the name of your god, and I will call on Yahweh's name. The God who answers by fire, let him be God." All the people answered,	

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“What you say is good.” 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.” 18:26 They took the bull which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, “Baal, hear us!” But there was no voice, and nobody answered. They leaped about the altar which was made. 18:27 At noon, Elijah mocked them, and said, “Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is deep in thought, or he has gone somewhere, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he sleeps and must be awakened.” 18:28 They cried aloud, and cut themselves in their way with knives and lances until the blood gushed out on them. 18:29 When midday was past, they prophesied until the time of the evening offering; but there was no voice, no answer, and nobody paid attention. 18:30 Elijah said to all the people, “Come near to me!”; and all the people came near to him. He repaired Yahweh’s altar that had been thrown down. 18:31 Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom Yahweh’s word came, saying, “Israel shall be your name.” 18:32 With the stones he built an altar in Yahweh’s name. He made a trench around the altar large enough to contain two seahs of seed. 18:33 He put the wood in order, and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood. He said, “Fill four jars with water, and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood.” 18:34 He said, “Do it a second time;” and they did it the second time. He said, “Do it a third time;” and they did it the third time. 18:35 The water ran around the altar; and he also filled the trench with water. 18:36 At the time of the evening offering, Elijah the prophet came near and said, “Yahweh, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. 18:37 Hear me, Yahweh, hear me, that this people may know that you, Yahweh, are God, and that you have turned their heart back again.” 18:38 Then Yahweh’s fire fell and consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust; and it licked up the water that was in the trench. 18:39 When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces. They said, “Yahweh, he is God! Yahweh, he is God!”	

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18:40 Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal! Don't let one of them escape!" They seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and killed them there. 18:41 Elijah said to Ahab, "Get up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain." 18:42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he bowed himself down on the earth, and put his face between his knees. 18:43 He said to his servant, "Go up now and look toward the sea." He went up and looked, then said, "There is nothing." He said, "Go again" seven times. 18:44 On the seventh time, he said, "Behold, a small cloud, like a man's hand, is rising out of the sea." He said, "Go up, tell Ahab, 'Get ready and go down, so that the rain doesn't stop you.'" 18:45 In a little while, the sky grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. 18:46 Yahweh's hand was on Elijah; and he tucked his cloak into his belt and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.	

Elijah at Mount Horeb

19:1 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.

19:2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I don't make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time!"

19:3 When he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

19:4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree. Then he requested for himself that he might die, and said, "It is enough. Now, O Yahweh, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers."

19:5 He lay down and slept under a juniper tree; and behold, an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat!"

19:6 He looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on the coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.

19:7 Yahweh's angel came again the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you."

19:8 He arose, and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, God's Mountain.

19:9 He came to a cave there, and camped there; and behold, Yahweh's word came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

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19:10 He said, "I have been very jealous for Yahweh, the God of Armies; for the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." 19:11 He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before Yahweh." Behold, Yahweh passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before Yahweh; but Yahweh was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake; but Yahweh was not in the earthquake. 19:12 After the earthquake a fire passed; but Yahweh was not in the fire. After the fire, there was a still small voice. 19:13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle, went out, and stood in the entrance of the cave. Behold, a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 19:14 He said, "I have been very jealous for Yahweh, the God of Armies; for the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." 19:15 Yahweh said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. When you arrive, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. 19:16 Anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi to be king over Israel; and anoint Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah to be prophet in your place. 19:17 He who escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and he who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. 19:18 Yet I reserved seven thousand in Israel, all the knees of which have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth which has not kissed him."	
<u>Elijah Commissions Elisha</u> 19:19 So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth. Elijah went over to him and put his mantle on him. 19:20 Elisha left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me please kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." He said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" 19:21 He returned from following him, and took the yoke of oxen, killed them, and boiled their meat with the oxen's equipment, and gave to the people; and they ate. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and served him.	
<u>War with Syria</u> 20:1 Ben Hadad the king of Syria gathered all his army together; and there were thirty-two kings with	

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him, with horses and chariots. He went up and besieged Samaria, and fought against it. 20:2 He sent messengers into the city to Ahab king of Israel and said to him, “Ben Hadad says, 20:3 ‘Your silver and your gold are mine. Your wives also and your children, even the best, are mine.’” 20:4 The king of Israel answered, “It is according to your saying, my lord, O king. I am yours, and all that I have.” 20:5 The messengers came again and said, “Ben Hadad says, ‘I sent indeed to you, saying, “You shall deliver me your silver, your gold, your wives, and your children; 20:6 but I will send my servants to you tomorrow about this time, and they will search your house and the houses of your servants. Whatever is pleasant in your eyes, they will put it in their hand, and take it away.’”” 20:7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, “Please notice how this man seeks mischief; for he sent to me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I didn’t deny him.” 20:8 All the elders and all the people said to him, “Don’t listen, and don’t consent.” 20:9 Therefore he said to the messengers of Ben Hadad, “Tell my lord the king, ‘All that you sent for to your servant at the first I will do, but this thing I cannot do.’” The messengers departed and brought him back the message. 20:10 Ben Hadad sent to him, and said, “The gods do so to me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria will be enough for handfuls for all the people who follow me.” 20:11 The king of Israel answered, “Tell him, ‘Don’t let him who puts on his armor brag like he who takes it off.’” 20:12 When Ben Hadad heard this message as he was drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions, he said to his servants, “Prepare to attack!” So they prepared to attack the city. 20:13 Behold, a prophet came near to Ahab king of Israel, and said, “Yahweh says, ‘Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold, I will deliver it into your hand today. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.’” 20:14 Ahab said, “By whom?” He said, “Yahweh says, ‘By the young men of the princes of the provinces.’” Then he said, “Who shall begin the battle?” He answered, “You.” 20:15 Then he mustered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty-two. After them, he mustered all the people, even all the children of Israel, being seven	

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thousand. 20:16 They went out at noon. But Ben Hadad was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty-two kings who helped him. 20:17 The young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Ben Hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, "Men are coming out from Samaria." 20:18 He said, "If they have come out for peace, take them alive; or if they have come out for war, take them alive." 20:19 So these went out of the city, the young men of the princes of the provinces, and the army which followed them. 20:20 They each killed his man. The Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them. Ben Hadad the king of Syria escaped on a horse with horsemen. 20:21 The king of Israel went out and struck the horses and chariots, and killed the Syrians with a great slaughter. 20:22 The prophet came near to the king of Israel and said to him, "Go, strengthen yourself, and plan what you must do, for at the return of the year, the king of Syria will come up against you." 20:23 The servants of the king of Syria said to him, "Their god is a god of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we. But let's fight against them in the plain, and surely we will be stronger than they." 20:24 Do this thing: take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their place. 20:25 Muster an army like the army that you have lost, horse for horse and chariot for chariot. We will fight against them in the plain, and surely we will be stronger than they are." He listened to their voice and did so. 20:26 At the return of the year, Ben Hadad mustered the Syrians and went up to Aphek to fight against Israel. 20:27 The children of Israel were mustered and given provisions, and went against them. The children of Israel encamped before them like two little flocks of young goats, but the Syrians filled the country. 20:28 A man of God came near and spoke to the king of Israel, and said, "Yahweh says, 'Because the Syrians have said, "Yahweh is a god of the hills, but he is not a god of the valleys," therefore I will deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I am Yahweh.'" 20:29 They encamped opposite each other for seven days. Then on the seventh day the battle was joined; and the children of Israel killed one hundred thousand footmen of the Syrians in one day. 20:30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and the wall fell on twenty-seven thousand men who	

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were left. Ben Hadad fled and came into the city, into an inner room. 20:31 His servants said to him, "See now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings. Please let us put sackcloth on our bodies and ropes on our heads, and go out to the king of Israel. Maybe he will save your life." 20:32 So they put sackcloth on their bodies and ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, "Your servant Ben Hadad says, 'Please let me live.'" He said, "Is he still alive? He is my brother." 20:33 Now the men observed diligently and hurried to take this phrase; and they said, "Your brother Ben Hadad." Then he said, "Go, bring him." Then Ben Hadad came out to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot. 20:34 Ben Hadad said to him, "The cities which my father took from your father I will restore. You shall make streets for yourself in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria." "I", said Ahab, "will let you go with this covenant." So he made a covenant with him and let him go. 20:35 A certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his fellow by Yahweh's word, "Please strike me!" The man refused to strike him. 20:36 Then he said to him, "Because you have not obeyed Yahweh's voice, behold, as soon as you have departed from me, a lion will kill you." As soon as he had departed from him, a lion found him and killed him. 20:37 Then he found another man, and said, "Please strike me." The man struck him and wounded him. 20:38 So the prophet departed and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with his headband over his eyes. 20:39 As the king passed by, he cried to the king, and he said, "Your servant went out into the middle of the battle; and behold, a man came over and brought a man to me, and said, 'Guard this man! If by any means he is missing, then your life shall be for his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver.' 20:40 As your servant was busy here and there, he was gone." The king of Israel said to him, "So shall your judgment be. You yourself have decided it." 20:41 He hurried, and took the headband away from his eyes; and the king of Israel recognized that he was one of the prophets. 20:42 He said to him, "Yahweh says, 'Because you have let go out of your hand the man whom I had devoted to destruction, therefore your life will take the place of his life, and your people take the place of his people.'" 20:43 The king of Israel went to his house sullen and	

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angry, and came to Samaria.	
<u>Naboth's Vineyard</u> 21:1 After these things, Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard which was in Jezreel, next to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 21:2 Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near my house; and I will give you for it a better vineyard than it. Or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money." 21:3 Naboth said to Ahab, "May Yahweh forbid me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you!" 21:4 Ahab came into his house sullen and angry because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him, for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." He laid himself down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread. 21:5 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, "Why is your spirit so sad that you eat no bread?" 21:6 He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you another vineyard for it.' He answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'" 21:7 Jezebel his wife said to him, "Do you now govern the kingdom of Israel? Arise, and eat bread, and let your heart be merry. I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite." 21:8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles who were in his city, who lived with Naboth. 21:9 She wrote in the letters, saying, "Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people. 21:10 Set two men, wicked fellows, before him, and let them testify against him, saying, 'You cursed God and the king!' Then carry him out, and stone him to death." 21:11 The men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had instructed them in the letters which she had written and sent to them. 21:12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people. 21:13 The two men, the wicked fellows, came in and sat before him. The wicked fellows testified against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king!" Then they carried him out of the city and stoned him to death with stones.	

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21:14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, “Naboth has been stoned and is dead.” 21:15 When Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, “Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead.” 21:16 When Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it. 21:17 Yahweh’s word came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 21:18 “Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who dwells in Samaria. Behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down to take possession of it. 21:19 You shall speak to him, saying, ‘Yahweh says, “Have you killed and also taken possession?”’ You shall speak to him, saying, ‘Yahweh says, “In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs will lick your blood, even yours.”’” 21:20 Ahab said to Elijah, “Have you found me, my enemy?” He answered, “I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do that which is evil in Yahweh’s sight. 21:21 Behold, I will bring evil on you, and will utterly sweep you away and will cut off from Ahab everyone who urinates against a wall, and him who is shut up and him who is left at large in Israel. 21:22 I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation with which you have provoked me to anger, and have made Israel to sin.” 21:23 Yahweh also spoke of Jezebel, saying, “The dogs will eat Jezebel by the rampart of Jezreel. 21:24 The dogs will eat he who dies of Ahab in the city; and the birds of the sky will eat he who dies in the field.” 21:25 But there was no one like Ahab, who sold himself to do that which was evil in Yahweh’s sight, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. 21:26 He did very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Amorites did, whom Yahweh cast out before the children of Israel. 21:27 When Ahab heard those words, he tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his body, fasted, lay in sackcloth, and went about despondently. 21:28 Yahweh’s word came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 21:29 “See how Ahab humbles himself before me? Because he humbles himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days; but I will bring the evil on his house in his son’s day.”	

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22:1 They continued three years without war between Syria and Israel.	
<u>Ahab's Death</u>	
22:2 In the third year, Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.	18:2 After some years, he [Jehoshaphat] went down to Ahab to Samaria. Ahab killed sheep and cattle for him in abundance, and for the people who were with him, and moved him to go up with him to Ramoth Gilead.
22:3 The king of Israel said to his servants, "You know that Ramoth Gilead is ours, and we do nothing, and don't take it out of the hand of the king of Syria?"	18:3 Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go with me to Ramoth Gilead?" He answered him, "I am as you are, and my people as your people. We will be with you in the war."
22:4 He said to Jehoshaphat, "Will you go with me to battle to Ramoth Gilead?" Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses."	18:4 Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire first for Yahweh's word."
22:5 Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire first for Yahweh's word."	18:5 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, four hundred men, and said to them, "Should I go against Ramoth Gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?" They said, "Go up, for God will deliver it into the hand of the king."
22:6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, "Should I go against Ramoth Gilead to battle, or should I refrain?" They said, "Go up; for the Lord will deliver it into the hand of the king."	18:6 But Jehoshaphat said, "Isn't there here a prophet of Yahweh besides, that we may inquire of him?"
22:7 But Jehoshaphat said, "Isn't there here a prophet of Yahweh, that we may inquire of him?"	18:7 The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of Yahweh; but I hate him, for he never prophesies good concerning me, but always evil. He is Micaiah the son of Imla." Jehoshaphat said, "Don't let the king say so."
22:8 The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of Yahweh, Micaiah the son of Imlah; but I hate him, for he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil."	18:8 Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, "Get Micaiah the son of Imla quickly."
Jehoshaphat said, "Don't let the king say so."	18:9 Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah each sat on his throne, arrayed in their robes, and they were sitting in an open place at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets were prophesying before them.
22:9 Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, "Quickly get Micaiah the son of Imlah."	18:10 Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made himself horns of iron and said, "Yahweh says, 'With these you shall push the Syrians, until they are consumed.'"
22:10 Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting each on his throne, arrayed in their robes, in an open place at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets were prophesying before them.	18:11 All the prophets prophesied so, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead, and prosper; for Yahweh will deliver it into the hand of the king."
22:11 Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made himself horns of iron, and said, "Yahweh says, 'With these you will push the Syrians, until they are consumed.'"	18:12 The messenger who went to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one mouth. Let your word therefore, please be like one of theirs, and speak good."
22:12 All the prophets prophesied so, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper; for Yahweh will deliver it into the hand of the king."	18:13 Micaiah said, "As Yahweh lives, I will say what my God says."
22:13 The messenger who went to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "See now, the prophets declare good to the king with one mouth. Please let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak good."	18:14 When he had come to the king, the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth Gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?" He said, "Go up, and
22:14 Micaiah said, "As Yahweh lives, what Yahweh says to me, that I will speak."	
22:15 When he had come to the king, the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth Gilead to battle, or shall we forbear?" He answered him, "Go	

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up and prosper; and Yahweh will deliver it into the hand of the king.”	prosper. They shall be delivered into your hand.”
22:16 The king said to him, “How many times do I have to adjure you that you speak to me nothing but the truth in Yahweh’s name?”	18:15 The king said to him, “How many times shall I adjure you that you speak to me nothing but the truth in Yahweh’s name?”
22:17 He said, “I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. Yahweh said, ‘These have no master. Let them each return to his house in peace.’”	18:16 He said, “I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. Yahweh said, ‘These have no master. Let them each return to his house in peace.’”
22:18 The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “Didn’t I tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?”	18:17 The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “Didn’t I tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?”
22:19 Micaiah said, “Therefore hear Yahweh’s word. I saw Yahweh sitting on his throne, and all the army of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.	18:18 Micaiah said, “Therefore hear Yahweh’s word: I saw Yahweh sitting on his throne, and all the army of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left.
22:20 Yahweh said, ‘Who will entice Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth Gilead?’ One said one thing, and another said another.	18:19 Yahweh said, ‘Who will entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth Gilead?’ One spoke saying in this way, and another saying in that way.
22:21 A spirit came out and stood before Yahweh, and said, ‘I will entice him.’	18:20 A spirit came out, stood before Yahweh, and said, ‘I will entice him.’ “Yahweh said to him, ‘How?’
22:22 Yahweh said to him, ‘How?’ He said, ‘I will go out and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’ He said, ‘You will entice him, and will also prevail. Go out and do so.’	18:21 “He said, ‘I will go, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’ “He said, ‘You will entice him, and will prevail also. Go and do so.’
22:23 Now therefore, behold, Yahweh has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; and Yahweh has spoken evil concerning you.”	18:22 “Now therefore, behold, Yahweh has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these your prophets; and Yahweh has spoken evil concerning you.”
22:24 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, “Which way did Yahweh’s Spirit go from me to speak to you?”	18:23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, “Which way did Yahweh’s Spirit go from me to speak to you?”
22:25 Micaiah said, “Behold, you will see on that day when you go into an inner room to hide yourself.”	18:24 Micaiah said, “Behold, you shall see on that day, when you go into an inner room to hide yourself.”
22:26 The king of Israel said, “Take Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king’s son.	18:25 The king of Israel said, “Take Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king’s son;
22:27 Say, ‘The king says, “Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.”’”	18:26 and say, ‘The king says, “Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace.”’”
22:28 Micaiah said, “If you return at all in peace, Yahweh has not spoken by me.” He said, “Listen, all you people!”	18:27 Micaiah said, “If you return at all in peace, Yahweh has not spoken by me.” He said, “Listen, you people, all of you!”
22:29 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth Gilead.	18:28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth Gilead.
22:30 The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “I will disguise myself and go into the battle, but you put on your robes.” The king of Israel disguised himself and went into the battle.	18:29 The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “I will disguise myself, and go into the battle; but you put on your robes.” So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went into the battle.
22:31 Now the king of Syria had commanded the thirty-two captains of his chariots, saying, “Don’t fight with small nor great, except only with the king of Israel.”	18:30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of his chariots, saying, “Don’t fight with small nor great, except only with the king of Israel.”
	18:31 When the captains of the chariots saw

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22:32 When the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, they said, “Surely that is the king of Israel!” and they came over to fight against him. Jehoshaphat cried out. 22:33 When the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back from pursuing him. 22:34 A certain man drew his bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of the armor. Therefore he said to the driver of his chariot, “Turn around, and carry me out of the battle, for I am severely wounded.” 22:35 The battle increased that day. The king was propped up in his chariot facing the Syrians, and died at evening. The blood ran out of the wound into the bottom of the chariot. 22:36 A cry went throughout the army about the going down of the sun, saying, “Every man to his city, and every man to his country!” 22:37 So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria. 22:38 They washed the chariot by the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood where the prostitutes washed themselves, according to Yahweh’s word which he spoke. 22:39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he built, and all the cities that he built, aren’t they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 22:40 So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.	Jehoshaphat, they said, “It is the king of Israel!” Therefore they turned around to fight against him. But Jehoshaphat cried out, and Yahweh helped him; and God moved them to depart from him. 18:32 When the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back from pursuing him. 18:33 A certain man drew his bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of the armor. Therefore he said to the driver of the chariot, “Turn around and carry me out of the battle, for I am severely wounded.” 18:34 The battle increased that day. However, the king of Israel propped himself up in his chariot against the Syrians until the evening; and at about sunset, he died.

Jehoshaphat King of Judah

22:41 Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel. 22:42 Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother’s name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. 22:43 He walked in all the way of Asa his father. He didn’t turn away from it, doing that which was right in Yahweh’s eyes. However, the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.	17:1 Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place, and strengthened himself against Israel. 17:2 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. 17:3 Yahweh was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and didn’t seek the Baals, 17:4 but sought the God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not in the ways of Israel. 17:5 Therefore Yahweh established the kingdom in his hand. All Judah brought tribute to Jehoshaphat, and he had riches and honor in abundance. 17:6 His heart was lifted up in the ways of Yahweh. Furthermore, he took away the high places and the
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	17:7 Also in the third year of his reign he sent his princes, even Ben Hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Micaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah; 17:8 and with them Levites, even Shemaiah, Nathaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, the Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, the priests. 17:9 They taught in Judah, having the book of Yahweh's law with them. They went about throughout all the cities of Judah and taught among the people. 17:10 The fear of Yahweh fell on all the kingdoms of the lands that were around Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat. 17:11 Some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents and silver for tribute. The Arabians also brought him flocks: seven thousand seven hundred rams and seven thousand seven hundred male goats. 17:12 Jehoshaphat grew great exceedingly; and he built fortresses and store cities in Judah. 17:13 He had many works in the cities of Judah; and men of war, mighty men of valor, in Jerusalem. 17:14 This was the numbering of them according to their fathers' houses: From Judah, the captains of thousands: Adnah the captain, and with him three hundred thousand mighty men of valor; 17:15 and next to him Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred eighty thousand; 17:16 and next to him Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself to Yahweh, and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor. 17:17 From Benjamin: Eliada, a mighty man of valor, and with him two hundred thousand armed with bow and shield; 17:18 and next to him Jehozabad, and with him one hundred eighty thousand ready and prepared for war. 17:19 These were those who waited on the king, in addition to those whom the king put in the fortified cities throughout all Judah.
22:44 Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.	18:1 Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance; and he allied himself with Ahab. (for Jehoshaphat & Ahab's war at Ramoth-Gilead, see page 175) 19:1 Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem. 19:2 Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to King Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the wicked, and love those who hate

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	Yahweh? Because of this, wrath is on you from before Yahweh. 19:3 Nevertheless there are good things found in you, in that you have put away the Asheroth out of the land, and have set your heart to seek God.” 19:4 Jehoshaphat lived at Jerusalem; and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the hill country of Ephraim, and brought them back to Yahweh, the God of their fathers. 19:5 He set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city, 19:6 and said to the judges, “Consider what you do, for you don’t judge for man, but for Yahweh; and he is with you in the judgment. 19:7 Now therefore let the fear of Yahweh be on you. Take heed and do it; for there is no iniquity with Yahweh our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of bribes.” 19:8 Moreover in Jerusalem Jehoshaphat appointed certain Levites, priests, and heads of the fathers’ households of Israel to give judgment for Yahweh and for controversies. They returned to Jerusalem. 19:9 He commanded them, saying, “You shall do this in the fear of Yahweh, faithfully, and with a perfect heart. 19:10 Whenever any controversy comes to you from your brothers who dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and ordinances, you must warn them, that they not be guilty toward Yahweh, and so wrath come on you and on your brothers. Do this, and you will not be guilty. 19:11 Behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of Yahweh; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, in all the king’s matters. Also the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously, and may Yahweh be with the good.”
	<u>Rescue from Invasion</u> 20:1 After this, the children of Moab, the children of Ammon, and with them some of the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle. 20:2 Then some came who told Jehoshaphat, saying, “A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea from Syria. Behold, they are in Hazazon Tamar” (that is, En Gedi). 20:3 Jehoshaphat was alarmed, and set himself to seek Yahweh. He proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. 20:4 Judah gathered themselves together to seek help from Yahweh. They came out of all the cities of Judah to seek Yahweh.

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	20:5 Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in Yahweh's house, before the new court; 20:6 and he said, "Yahweh, the God of our fathers, aren't you God in heaven? Aren't you ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in your hand, so that no one is able to withstand you. 20:7 Didn't you, our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it to the offspring of Abraham your friend forever? 20:8 They lived in it, and have built you a sanctuary in it for your name, saying, 20:9 'If evil comes on us—the sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine—we will stand before this house, and before you (for your name is in this house), and cry to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save.' 20:10 Now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned away from them, and didn't destroy them; 20:11 behold, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit. 20:12 Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no might against this great company that comes against us. We don't know what to do, but our eyes are on you." 20:13 All Judah stood before Yahweh, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. 20:14 Then Yahweh's Spirit came on Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, the Levite, of the sons of Asaph, in the middle of the assembly; 20:15 and he said, "Listen, all Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat. Yahweh says to you, 'Don't be afraid, and don't be dismayed because of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. 20:16 Tomorrow, go down against them. Behold, they are coming up by the ascent of Ziz. You will find them at the end of the valley, before the wilderness of Jeruel. 20:17 You will not need to fight this battle. Set yourselves, stand still, and see the salvation of Yahweh with you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Don't be afraid, nor be dismayed. Go out against them tomorrow, for Yahweh is with you.'" 20:18 Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before Yahweh, worshipping Yahweh. 20:19 The Levites, of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites, stood up to

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	praise Yahweh, the God of Israel, with an exceedingly loud voice. 20:20 They rose early in the morning and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. As they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in Yahweh your God, so you will be established! Believe his prophets, so you will prosper." 20:21 When he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to Yahweh and give praise in holy array as they go out before the army, and say, "Give thanks to Yahweh, for his loving kindness endures forever." 20:22 When they began to sing and to praise, Yahweh set ambushers against the children of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were struck. 20:23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. When they had finished the inhabitants of Seir, everyone helped to destroy each other. 20:24 When Judah came to the place overlooking the wilderness, they looked at the multitude; and behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and there were none who escaped. 20:25 When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take their plunder, they found among them in abundance both riches and dead bodies with precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away. They took plunder for three days, it was so much. 20:26 On the fourth day, they assembled themselves in Beracah Valley, for there they blessed Yahweh. Therefore the name of that place was called "Beracah Valley" to this day. 20:27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, with Jehoshaphat in front of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for Yahweh had made them to rejoice over their enemies. 20:28 They came to Jerusalem with stringed instruments, harps, and trumpets to Yahweh's house. 20:29 The fear of God was on all the kingdoms of the countries when they heard that Yahweh fought against the enemies of Israel. 20:30 So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet, for his God gave him rest all around. 20:31 So Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah. He was thirty-five years old when he began to reign. He reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. 20:32 He walked in the way of Asa his father, and didn't turn away from it, doing that which was right in Yahweh's eyes.

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22:45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he showed, and how he fought, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 22:46 The remnant of the sodomites, that remained in the days of his father Asa, he put away out of the land. 22:47 There was no king in Edom. A deputy ruled. 22:48 Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold, but they didn't go, for the ships wrecked at Ezion Geber. 22:49 Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, "Let my servants go with your servants in the ships." But Jehoshaphat would not. 22:50 Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in his father David's city. Jehoram his son reigned in his place.	20:33 However the high places were not taken away, and the people had still not set their hearts on the God of their fathers. 20:34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they are written in the history of Jehu the son of Hanani, which is included in the book of the kings of Israel. 20:35 After this, Jehoshaphat king of Judah joined himself with Ahaziah king of Israel. The same did very wickedly. 20:36 He joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish. They made the ships in Ezion Geber. 20:37 Then Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Maresah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, "Because you have joined yourself with Ahaziah, Yahweh has destroyed your works." The ships were wrecked, so that they were not able to go to Tarshish. 21:1 Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in David's city; and Jehoram his son reigned in his place.
<u>Ahaziah King of Israel</u>	
22:51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he reigned two years over Israel. 22:52 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, in which he made Israel to sin. 22:53 He served Baal and worshiped him, and provoked Yahweh, the God of Israel, to anger in all the ways that his father had done so.	

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1:1 Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab. 1:2 Ahaziah fell down through the lattice in his upper room that was in Samaria, and was sick. So he sent messengers, and said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I will recover of this sickness." 1:3 But Yahweh's angel said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and tell them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you go to inquire of Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron?'" 1:4 Now therefore Yahweh says, "You will not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but you will surely die."'" Then Elijah departed. 1:5 The messengers returned to him, and he said to them, "Why is it that you have returned?" 1:6 They said to him, "A man came up to meet us, and said to us, 'Go, return to the king who sent you, and tell him, 'Yahweh says, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you send to inquire of Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you will not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but you will surely die.''" 1:7 He said to them, "What kind of man was he who came up to meet you and told you these words?" 1:8 They answered him, "He was a hairy man, and wearing a leather belt around his waist." He said, "It's Elijah the Tishbite." 1:9 Then the king sent a captain of fifty with his fifty to him. He went up to him; and behold, he was sitting on the top of the hill. He said to him, "Man of God, the king has said, 'Come down!'" 1:10 Elijah answered to the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from the sky and consume you and your fifty!" Then fire came down from the sky, and consumed him and his fifty. 1:11 Again he sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty. He answered him, "Man of God, the king has said, 'Come down quickly!'" 1:12 Elijah answered them, "If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from the sky and consume you and your fifty!" Then God's fire came down from the sky, and consumed him and his fifty. 1:13 Again he sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty. The third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and begged him, and said to him, "Man of God, please let my life and the life of these fifty of your servants be precious in your sight." 1:14 Behold, fire came down from the sky and consumed the last two captains of fifty with their fifties. But now let my life be precious in your sight."	

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1:15 Yahweh's angel said to Elijah, "Go down with him. Don't be afraid of him." Then he arose and went down with him to the king. 1:16 He said to him, "Yahweh says, 'Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of his word? Therefore you will not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but you will surely die.'" 1:17 So he died according to Yahweh's word which Elijah had spoken. Jehoram began to reign in his place in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, because he had no son. 1:18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?	
<u>Elijah Taken to Heaven</u>	
2:1 When Yahweh was about to take Elijah up by a whirlwind into heaven, Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. 2:2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Please wait here, for Yahweh has sent me as far as Bethel." Elisha said, "As Yahweh lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. 2:3 The sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that Yahweh will take away your master from over you today?" He said, "Yes, I know it. Hold your peace." 2:4 Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please wait here, for Yahweh has sent me to Jericho." He said, "As Yahweh lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. 2:5 The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that Yahweh will take away your master from over you today?" He answered, "Yes, I know it. Hold your peace." 2:6 Elijah said to him, "Please wait here, for Yahweh has sent me to the Jordan." He said, "As Yahweh lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." Then they both went on. 2:7 Fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood opposite them at a distance; and they both stood by the Jordan. 2:8 Elijah took his mantle, and rolled it up, and struck the waters; and they were divided here and there, so that they both went over on dry ground. 2:9 When they had gone over, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be on me." 2:10 He said, "You have asked a hard thing. If you	

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see me when I am taken from you, it will be so for you; but if not, it will not be so.” 2:11 As they continued on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.	
<u>Elisha as Elijah’s Successor</u>	
2:12 Elisha saw it, and he cried, “My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” He saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. 2:13 He also took up Elijah’s mantle that fell from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan. 2:14 He took Elijah’s mantle that fell from him, and struck the waters, and said, “Where is Yahweh, the God of Elijah?” When he also had struck the waters, they were divided apart, and Elisha went over. 2:15 When the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho facing him saw him, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” They came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him. 2:16 They said to him, “See now, there are with your servants fifty strong men. Please let them go and seek your master. Perhaps Yahweh’s Spirit has taken him up, and put him on some mountain or into some valley.” He said, “Don’t send them.” 2:17 When they urged him until he was ashamed, he said, “Send them.” Therefore they sent fifty men; and they searched for three days, but didn’t find him. 2:18 They came back to him while he stayed at Jericho; and he said to them, “Didn’t I tell you, ‘Don’t go’?” <u>The Poisonous Water Spring Restored</u> 2:19 The men of the city said to Elisha, “Behold, please, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water is bad, and the land is barren.” 2:20 He said, “Bring me a new jar, and put salt in it.” Then they brought it to him. 2:21 He went out to the spring of the waters, and threw salt into it, and said, “Yahweh says, ‘I have healed these waters. There shall not be from there any more death or barren wasteland.’” 2:22 So the waters were healed to this day, according to Elisha’s word which he spoke. 2:23 He went up from there to Bethel. As he was going up by the way, some youths came out of the city and mocked him, and said to him, “Go up, you baldy! Go up, you baldy!” 2:24 He looked behind him and saw them, and cursed them in Yahweh’s name. Then two female	

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bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of those youths. 2:25 He went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.	
<u>Jehoram King of Israel</u>	
3:1 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years. 3:2 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, but not like his father and like his mother, for he put away the pillar of Baal that his father had made. 3:3 Nevertheless he held to the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin. He didn't depart from them. 3:4 Now Mesha king of Moab was a sheep breeder; and he supplied the king of Israel with one hundred thousand lambs and the wool of one hundred thousand rams. 3:5 But when Ahab was dead, the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. 3:6 King Jehoram went out of Samaria at that time, and mustered all Israel. 3:7 He went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, "The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me against Moab to battle?" He said, "I will go up. I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses." 3:8 Then he said, "Which way shall we go up?" Jehoram answered, "The way of the wilderness of Edom." 3:9 So the king of Israel went with the king of Judah and the king of Edom, and they marched for seven days along a circuitous route. There was no water for the army or for the animals that followed them. 3:10 The king of Israel said, "Alas! For Yahweh has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab." 3:11 But Jehoshaphat said, "Isn't there a prophet of Yahweh here, that we may inquire of Yahweh by him?" One of the king of Israel's servants answered, "Elisha the son of Shaphat, who poured water on the hands of Elijah, is here." 3:12 Jehoshaphat said, "Yahweh's word is with him." So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him. 3:13 Elisha said to the king of Israel, "What have I to do with you? Go to the prophets of your father, and to the prophets of your mother." The king of Israel said to him, "No, for Yahweh has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab." 3:14 Elisha said, "As Yahweh of Armies lives, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I respect the	

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presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward you, nor see you. 3:15 But now bring me a musician.” When the musician played, Yahweh’s hand came on him. 3:16 He said, “Yahweh says, ‘Make this valley full of trenches.’ 3:17 For Yahweh says, ‘You will not see wind, neither will you see rain, yet that valley will be filled with water, and you will drink, both you and your livestock and your other animals. 3:18 This is an easy thing in Yahweh’s sight. He will also deliver the Moabites into your hand. 3:19 You shall strike every fortified city and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all springs of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.” 3:20 In the morning, about the time of offering the sacrifice, behold, water came by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water. 3:21 Now when all the Moabites heard that the kings had come up to fight against them, they gathered themselves together, all who were able to put on armor, young and old, and stood on the border. 3:22 They rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone on the water, and the Moabites saw the water opposite them as red as blood. 3:23 They said, “This is blood. The kings are surely destroyed, and they have struck each other. Now therefore, Moab, to the plunder!” 3:24 When they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and struck the Moabites, so that they fled before them; and they went forward into the land attacking the Moabites. 3:25 They beat down the cities; and on every good piece of land each man cast his stone, and filled it. They also stopped all the springs of water and cut down all the good trees, until in Kir Hareseth all they left was its stones; however the men armed with slings went around it and attacked it. 3:26 When the king of Moab saw that the battle was too severe for him, he took with him seven hundred men who drew a sword, to break through to the king of Edom; but they could not. 3:27 Then he took his oldest son who would have reigned in his place, and offered him for a burnt offering on the wall. There was great wrath against Israel; and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.	
<u>The Widow’s Container of Oil</u> 4:1 Now a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, “Your servant my husband is dead. You know that your servant feared Yahweh. Now the creditor has come	

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to take for himself my two children to be slaves.” 4:2 Elisha said to her, “What should I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?” She said, “Your servant has nothing in the house, except a pot of oil.” 4:3 Then he said, “Go, borrow empty containers from all your neighbors. Don’t borrow just a few containers. 4:4 Go in and shut the door on you and on your sons, and pour oil into all those containers; and set aside those which are full.” 4:5 So she went from him, and shut the door on herself and on her sons. They brought the containers to her, and she poured oil. 4:6 When the containers were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another container.” He said to her, “There isn’t another container.” Then the oil stopped flowing. 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.”	
<u>The Shunammite’s Son Restored to Life</u>	
4:8 One day Elisha went to Shunem, where there was a prominent woman; and she persuaded him to eat bread. So it was, that as often as he passed by, he turned in there to eat bread. 4:9 She said to her husband, “See now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God who passes by us continually. 4:10 Please, let’s make a little room on the roof. Let’s set a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp stand for him there. When he comes to us, he can stay there.” 4:11 One day he came there, and he went to the room and lay there. 4:12 He said to Gehazi his servant, “Call this Shunammite.” When he had called her, she stood before him. 4:13 He said to him, “Say now to her, ‘Behold, you have cared for us with all this care. What is to be done for you? Would you like to be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the army?’” She answered, “I dwell among my own people.” 4:14 He said, “What then is to be done for her?” Gehazi answered, “Most certainly she has no son, and her husband is old.” 4:15 He said, “Call her.” When he had called her, she stood in the door. 4:16 He said, “At this season next year, you will embrace a son.” She said, “No, my lord, you man of God, do not lie to your servant.” 4:17 The woman conceived, and bore a son at that season when the time came around, as Elisha had said to her.	

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4:18 When the child was grown, one day he went out to his father to the reapers. 4:19 He said to his father, "My head! My head!" He said to his servant, "Carry him to his mother." 4:20 When he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees until noon, and then died. 4:21 She went up and laid him on the man of God's bed, and shut the door on him, and went out. 4:22 She called to her husband and said, "Please send me one of the servants, and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and come again." 4:23 He said, "Why would you want to go to him today? It is not a new moon or a Sabbath." She said, "It's all right." 4:24 Then she saddled a donkey, and said to her servant, "Drive, and go forward! Don't slow down for me, unless I ask you to." 4:25 So she went, and came to the man of God to Mount Carmel. When the man of God saw her afar off, he said to Gehazi his servant, "Behold, there is the Shunammite. 4:26 Please run now to meet her, and ask her, 'Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with your child?'" She answered, "It is well." 4:27 When she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught hold of his feet. Gehazi came near to thrust her away; but the man of God said, "Leave her alone, for her soul is troubled within her; and Yahweh has hidden it from me, and has not told me." 4:28 Then she said, "Did I ask you for a son, my lord? Didn't I say, 'Do not deceive me?'" 4:29 Then he said to Gehazi, "Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand, and go your way. If you meet any man, don't greet him; and if anyone greets you, don't answer him again. Then lay my staff on the child's face." 4:30 The child's mother said, "As Yahweh lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So he arose, and followed her. 4:31 Gehazi went ahead of them, and laid the staff on the child's face; but there was no voice and no hearing. Therefore he returned to meet him, and told him, "The child has not awakened." 4:32 When Elisha had come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and lying on his bed. 4:33 He went in therefore, and shut the door on them both, and prayed to Yahweh. 4:34 He went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands. He stretched himself on him; and the child's flesh grew warm. 4:35 Then he returned, and walked in the house once back and forth, then went up and stretched himself out on him. Then the child sneezed seven times, and	

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the child opened his eyes. 4:36 He called Gehazi, and said, "Call this Shunammite!" So he called her. When she had come in to him, he said, "Take up your son." 4:37 Then she went in, fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground; then she picked up her son, and went out.	
<u>The Poisonous Stew Restored</u>	
4:38 Elisha came again to Gilgal. There was a famine in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him; and he said to his servant, "Get the large pot, and boil stew for the sons of the prophets." 4:39 One went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered a lap full of wild gourds from it, and came and cut them up into the pot of stew; for they didn't recognize them. 4:40 So they poured out for the men to eat. As they were eating some of the stew, they cried out and said, "Man of God, there is death in the pot!" And they could not eat it. 4:41 But he said, "Then bring meal." He threw it into the pot; and he said, "Serve it to the people, that they may eat." And there was nothing harmful in the pot.	
<u>A Crowd Fed from a Small Harvest</u>	
4:42 A man from Baal Shalishah came, and brought the man of God some bread of the first fruits: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give to the people, that they may eat." 4:43 His servant said, "What, should I set this before a hundred men?" But he said, "Give it to the people, that they may eat; for Yahweh says, 'They will eat, and will have some left over.'" 4:44 So he set it before them and they ate and had some left over, according to Yahweh's word.	
<u>Naaman Healed of Leprosy</u>	
5:1 Now Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him Yahweh had given victory to Syria; he was also a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. 5:2 The Syrians had gone out in bands, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little girl, and she waited on Naaman's wife. 5:3 She said to her mistress, "I wish that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! Then he would heal him of his leprosy." 5:4 Someone went in and told his lord, saying, "The girl who is from the land of Israel said this." 5:5 The king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." He departed, and took	

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with him ten talents of silver, six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of clothing. 5:6 He brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, "Now when this letter has come to you, behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy." 5:7 When the king of Israel had read the letter, he tore 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? But please consider and see how he seeks a quarrel against me." 5:8 It was so, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel." 5:9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariots, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. 5:10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall come again to you, and you shall be clean." 5:11 But Naaman was angry, and went away and said, "Behold, I thought, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of Yahweh his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leper.' 5:12 Aren't Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. 5:13 His servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had asked you do some great thing, wouldn't you have done it? How much rather then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'" 5:14 Then went he down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. 5:15 He returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him; and he said, "See now, I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel. Now therefore, please take a gift from your servant." 5:16 But he said, "As Yahweh lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none." He urged him to take it; but he refused. 5:17 Naaman said, "If not, then, please let two mules' load of earth be given to your servant; for your servant will from now on offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice to other gods, but to Yahweh. 5:18 In this thing may Yahweh pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand, and I bow	

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myself in the house of Rimmon. When I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, may Yahweh pardon your servant in this thing.” 5:19 He said to him, “Go in peace.” So he departed from him a little way. 5:20 But Gehazi the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, “Behold, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought. As Yahweh lives, I will run after him, and take something from him.” 5:21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. When Naaman saw one running after him, he came down from the chariot to meet him, and said, “Is all well?” 5:22 He said, “All is well. My master has sent me, saying, ‘Behold, even now two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothing.’” 5:23 Naaman said, “Be pleased to take two talents.” He urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothing, and laid them on two of his servants; and they carried them before him. 5:24 When he came to the hill, he took them from their hand, and stored them in the house. Then he let the men go, and they departed. 5:25 But he went in, and stood before his master. Elisha said to him, “Where did you come from, Gehazi?” He said, “Your servant went nowhere.” 5:26 He said to him, “Didn’t my heart go with you when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and olive groves and vineyards, and sheep and cattle, and male servants and female servants?” 5:27 Therefore the leprosy of Naaman will cling to you and to your offspring forever.” He went out from his presence a leper, as white as snow.	
<u>An Ax Head Floats</u> 6:1 The sons of the prophets said to Elisha, “See now, the place where we live and meet with you is too small for us. 6:2 Please let us go to the Jordan, and each man take a beam from there, and let’s make us a place there, where we may live.” He answered, “Go!” 6:3 One said, “Please be pleased to go with your servants.” He answered, “I will go.” 6:4 So he went with them. When they came to the Jordan, they cut down wood. 6:5 But as one was cutting down a tree, the ax head fell into the water. Then he cried out and said, “Alas, my master! For it was borrowed.” 6:6 The man of God asked, “Where did it fall?” He showed him the place. He cut down a stick, threw it	

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in there, and made the iron float. 6:7 He said, "Take it." So he put out his hand and took it.	
<u>The Syrian Army Blinded and Captured</u>	
6:8 Now the king of Syria was at war against Israel; and he took counsel with his servants, saying, "My camp will be in such and such a place." 6:9 The man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that you not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there." 6:10 The king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of; and he saved himself there, not once or twice. 6:11 The king of Syria's heart was very troubled about this. He called his servants, and said to them, "Won't you show me which of us is for the king of Israel?" 6:12 One of his servants said, "No, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom." 6:13 He said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and get him." He was told, "Behold, he is in Dothan." 6:14 Therefore he sent horses, chariots, and a great army there. They came by night and surrounded the city. 6:15 When the servant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was around the city. His servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" 6:16 He answered, "Don't be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 6:17 Elisha prayed, and said, "Yahweh, please open his eyes, that he may see." Yahweh opened the young man's eyes, and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire around Elisha. 6:18 When they came down to him, Elisha prayed to Yahweh, and said, "Please strike this people with blindness." He struck them with blindness according to Elisha's word. 6:19 Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, neither is this the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." He led them to Samaria. 6:20 When they had come into Samaria, Elisha said, "Yahweh, open these men's eyes, that they may see." Yahweh opened their eyes, and they saw; and behold, they were in the middle of Samaria. 6:21 The king of Israel said to Elisha, when he saw them, "My father, shall I strike them? Shall I strike them?" 6:22 He answered, "You shall not strike them. Would	

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you strike those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, then go to their master.” 6:23 He prepared a great feast for them. After they ate and drank, he sent them away and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria stopped raiding the land of Israel.	
<u>Samaria under Siege</u>	
6:24 After this, Benhadad king of Syria gathered all his army, and went up and besieged Samaria. 6:25 There was a great famine in Samaria. Behold, they besieged it until a donkey’s head was sold for eighty pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a kab of dove’s dung for five pieces of silver. 6:26 As the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried to him, saying, “Help, my lord, O king!” 6:27 He said, “If Yahweh doesn’t help you, where could I get help for you? From the threshing floor, or from the wine press?” 6:28 Then the king asked her, “What is your problem?” She answered, “This woman said to me, ‘Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.’ 6:29 So we boiled my son and ate him; and I said to her on the next day, ‘Give up your son, that we may eat him;’ and she has hidden her son.” 6:30 When the king heard the words of the woman, he tore his clothes. Now he was passing by on the wall, and the people looked, and behold, he had sackcloth underneath on his body. 6:31 Then he said, “God do so to me, and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat stays on him today.” 6:32 But Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. Then the king sent a man from before him; but before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, “Do you see how this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head? Behold, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and hold the door shut against him. Isn’t the sound of his master’s feet behind him?” 6:33 While he was still talking with them, behold, the messenger came down to him. Then he said, “Behold, this evil is from Yahweh. Why should I wait for Yahweh any longer?” 7:1 Elisha said, “Hear Yahweh’s word. Yahweh says, ‘Tomorrow about this time a seah of fine flour will be sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.’” 7:2 Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, “Behold, if	

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Yahweh made windows in heaven, could this thing be?" He said, "Behold, you will see it with your eyes, but will not eat of it."	
<u>The Siege Abandoned</u>	
7:3 Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate. They said to one another, "Why do we sit here until we die? 7:4 If we say, 'We will enter into the city,' then the famine is in the city, and we will die there. If we sit still here, we also die. Now therefore come, and let's surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they save us alive, we will live; and if they kill us, we will only die." 7:5 They rose up in the twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians. When they had come to the outermost part of the camp of the Syrians, behold, no man was there. 7:6 For the Lord had made the army of the Syrians to hear the sound of chariots and the sound of horses, even the noise of a great army; and they said to one another, "Behold, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to attack us." 7:7 Therefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, their horses, and their donkeys, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life. 7:8 When these lepers came to the outermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and ate and drank, then carried away silver, gold, and clothing and went and hid it. Then they came back, and entered into another tent and carried things from there also, and went and hid them. 7:9 Then they said to one another, "We aren't doing right. Today is a day of good news, and we keep silent. If we wait until the morning light, punishment will overtake us. Now therefore come, let's go and tell the king's household." 7:10 So they came and called to the city gatekeepers; and they told them, "We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there, not even a man's voice, but the horses tied, and the donkeys tied, and the tents as they were." 7:11 Then the gatekeepers called out and told it to the king's household within. 7:12 The king arose in the night, and said to his servants, "I will now show 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 field, saying, 'When they come out of the city, we shall take them alive, and get into the city.'" 7:13 One of his servants answered, "Please let some people take five of the horses that remain, which are	

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left in the city. Behold, they are like all the multitude of Israel who are left in it. Behold, they are like all the multitude of Israel who are consumed. Let's send and see." 7:14 Therefore they took two chariots with horses; and the king sent them out to the Syrian army, saying, "Go and see." 7:15 They went after them to the Jordan; and behold, all the path was full of garments and equipment which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. The messengers returned and told the king. 7:16 The people went out and plundered the camp of the Syrians. So a seah of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to Yahweh's word. 7:17 The king had appointed the captain on whose hand he leaned to be in charge of the gate; and the people trampled over him in the gate, and he died as the man of God had said, who spoke when the king came down to him. 7:18 It happened as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, "Two seahs of barley for a shekel, and a seah of fine flour for a shekel, shall be tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria;" 7:19 and that captain answered the man of God, and said, "Now, behold, if Yahweh made windows in heaven, might such a thing be?" and he said, "Behold, you will see it with your eyes, but will not eat of it." 7:20 It happened like that to him, for the people trampled over him in the gate, and he died.	
<u>The Woman's Property Restored</u> 8:1 Now Elisha had spoken to the woman whose son he had restored to life, saying, "Arise, and go, you and your household, and stay for a while wherever you can; for Yahweh has called for a famine. It will also come on the land for seven years." 8:2 The woman arose, and did according to the man of God's word. She went with her household, and lived in the land of the Philistines for seven years. 8:3 At the end of seven years, the woman returned from the land of the Philistines. Then she went out to beg the king for her house and for her land. 8:4 Now the king was talking with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, "Please tell me all the great things that Elisha has done." 8:5 As he was telling the king how he had restored to life him who was dead, behold, the woman whose son he had restored to life begged the king for her house and for her land. Gehazi said, "My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life." 8:6 When the king asked the woman, she told him.	

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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.”	
<u>Benhadad Murdered</u>	
8:7 Elisha came to Damascus; and Benhadad the king of Syria was sick. He was told, “The man of God has come here.” 8:8 The king said to Hazael, “Take a present in your hand, and go meet the man of God, and inquire of Yahweh by him, saying, ‘Will I recover from this sickness?’” 8:9 So Hazael went to meet him and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels’ burden, and came and stood before him and said, “Your son Benhadad king of Syria has sent me to you, saying, ‘Will I recover from this sickness?’” 8:10 Elisha said to him, “Go, tell him, ‘You will surely recover;’ however Yahweh has shown me that he will surely die.” 8:11 He settled his gaze steadfastly on him, until he was ashamed. Then the man of God wept. 8:12 Hazael said, “Why do you weep, my lord?” He answered, “Because I know the evil that you will do to the children of Israel. You will set their strongholds on fire, and you will kill their young men with the sword, and will dash their little ones in pieces, and rip up their pregnant women.” 8:13 Hazael said, “But what is your servant, who is but a dog, that he could do this great thing?” Elisha answered, “Yahweh has shown me that you will be king over Syria.” 8:14 Then he departed from Elisha, and came to his master, who said to him, “What did Elisha say to you?” He answered, “He told me that you would surely recover.” 8:15 On the next day, he took a thick cloth, dipped it in water, and spread it on the king’s face, so that he died. Then Hazael reigned in his place.	
<u>Jehoram King of Judah</u>	
8:16 In the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat being king of Judah then, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign.	21:2 He had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Azariah, Michael, and Shephatiah. All these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. 21:3 Their father gave them great gifts of silver, of gold, and of precious things, with fortified cities in

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8:17 He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign. He reigned eight years in Jerusalem. 8:18 He walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did Ahab's house, for he married Ahab's daughter. He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight. 8:19 However, Yahweh would not destroy Judah, for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give to him a lamp for his children always. 8:20 In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves. 8:21 Then Joram crossed over to Zair, and all his chariots with him; and he rose up by night and struck the Edomites who surrounded him with the captains of the chariots; and the people fled to their tents. 8:22 So Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.	Judah; but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram, because he was the firstborn. 21:4 Now when Jehoram had risen up over the kingdom of his father, and had strengthened himself, he killed all his brothers with the sword, and also some of the princes of Israel. 21:5 Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. 21:6 He walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did Ahab's house, for he had Ahab's daughter as his wife. He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight. 21:7 However Yahweh would not destroy David's house, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a lamp to him and to his children always. 21:8 In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves. 21:9 Then Jehoram went there with his captains and all his chariots with him. He rose up by night and struck the Edomites who surrounded him, along with the captains of the chariots. 21:10 So Edom has been in revolt from under the hand of Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time from under his hand, because he had forsaken Yahweh, the God of his fathers. 21:11 Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and made the inhabitants of Jerusalem play the prostitute, and led Judah astray. 21:12 A letter came to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, "Yahweh, the God of David your father, says, 'Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah, 21:13 but have walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and have made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to play the prostitute like Ahab's house did, and also have slain your brothers of your father's house, who were better than yourself, 21:14 behold, Yahweh will strike your people with a great plague, including your children, your wives, and all your possessions; 21:15 and you will have great sickness with a disease of your bowels, until your bowels fall out by reason of the sickness, day by day.'" 21:16 Yahweh stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and of the Arabians who are beside the Ethiopians; 21:17 and they came up against Judah, broke into it, and carried away all the possessions that were found in the king's house, including his sons and his wives, so that there was no son left to him except Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons. 21:18 After all this Yahweh struck him in his bowels

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8:23 The rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 8:24 Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in David's city; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.	with an incurable disease. 21:19 In process of time, at the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness, and he died of severe diseases. His people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers. 21:20 He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years. He departed with no one's regret. They buried him in David's city, but not in the tombs of the kings.
<u>Ahaziah King of Judah</u> 8:25 In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah began to reign. 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 daughter of Omri king of Israel. 8:27 He walked in the way of Ahab's house and did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, as did Ahab's house, for he was the son-in-law of Ahab's house. 8:28 He went with Joram the son of Ahab to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth Gilead, and the Syrians wounded Joram. 8:29 King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel from the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.	
9:1 Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said to him, "Put your belt on your waist, take this vial of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth Gilead.	22:1 The inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his place, because the band of men who came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the oldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned. 22:2 Ahaziah was forty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah the daughter of Omri. 22:3 He also walked in the ways of Ahab's house, because his mother was his counselor in acting wickedly. 22:4 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, as did Ahab's house, for they were his counselors after the death of his father, to his destruction. 22:5 He also followed their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth Gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram. 22:6 He returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which they had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. Azariah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick. 22:7 Now the destruction of Ahaziah was of God, in that he went to Joram; for when he had come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom Yahweh had anointed to cut off Ahab's house.
<u>Jehu's Rise to Power</u>	

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9:2 When you come there, find Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in and make him rise up from among his brothers, and take him to an inner room. 9:3 Then take the vial of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, 'Yahweh says, "I have anointed you king over Israel."' Then open the door, flee, and don't wait." 9:4 So the young man, the young prophet, went to Ramoth Gilead. 9:5 When he came, behold, the captains of the army were sitting. Then he said, "I have a message for you, captain." Jehu said, "To which one of us?" He said, "To you, O captain." 9:6 He arose, and went into the house. Then he poured the oil on his head, and said to him, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, 'I have anointed you king over the people of Yahweh, even over Israel. 9:7 You must strike your master Ahab's house, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of Yahweh, at the hand of Jezebel. 9:8 For the whole house of Ahab will perish. I will cut off from Ahab everyone who urinates against a wall, both him who is shut up and him who is left at large in Israel. 9:9 I will make Ahab's house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah. 9:10 The dogs will eat Jezebel on the plot of ground of Jezreel, and there shall be no one to bury her.'" Then he opened the door and fled. 9:11 When Jehu came out to the servants of his lord and one said to him, "Is all well? Why did this madman come to you?" He said to them, "You know the man and how he talks." 9:12 They said, "That is a lie. Tell us now." He said, "He said to me, 'Yahweh says, I have anointed you king over Israel.'" 9:13 Then they hurried, and each man took his cloak, and put it under him on the top of the stairs, and blew the trumpet, saying, "Jehu is king." 9:14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram was defending Ramoth Gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria; 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.) Jehu said, "If this is your thinking, then let no one escape and go out of the city to go to tell it in Jezreel." 9:16 So Jehu rode in a chariot and went to Jezreel, for Joram lay there. Ahaziah king of Judah had come	

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down to see Joram. 9:17 Now the watchman was standing on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, "I see a company." Joram said, "Take a horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, 'Is it peace?'" 9:18 So one went on horseback to meet him, and said, "the king says, 'Is it peace?'" Jehu said, "What do you have to do with peace? Fall in behind me!" The watchman said, "The messenger came to them, but he isn't coming back." 9:19 Then he sent out a second on horseback, who came to them and said, "The king says, 'Is it peace?'" Jehu answered, "What do you have to do with peace? Fall in behind me!" 9:20 The watchman said, "He came to them, and isn't coming back. The driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously." 9:21 Joram said, "Get ready!" They got his chariot ready. Then Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot; and they went out to meet Jehu, and found him on Naboth the Jezreelite's land. 9:22 When Joram saw Jehu, he said, "Is it peace, Jehu?" He answered, "What peace, so long as the prostitution of your mother Jezebel and her witchcraft abound?" 9:23 Joram turned his hands and fled, and said to Ahaziah, "This is treason, Ahaziah!" 9:24 Jehu drew his bow with his full strength, and struck Joram between his arms; and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot. 9:25 Then Jehu said to Bidkar his captain, "Pick him up, and throw him in the plot of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite; for remember how, when you and I rode together after Ahab his father, Yahweh laid this burden on him: 9:26 'Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons,' says Yahweh; 'and I will repay you in this plot of ground,' says Yahweh. Now therefore take and cast him onto the plot of ground, according to Yahweh's word." 9:27 But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. Jehu followed after him, and said, "Strike him also in the chariot!" They struck him at the ascent of Gur, which is by Ibleam. He fled to Megiddo, and died there. 9:28 His servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his tomb with his fathers in David's city. 9:29 In the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab, Ahaziah began to reign over Judah. 9:30 When Jehu had come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her eyes, and adorned her head,	22:9 He sought Ahaziah, and they caught him (now he was hiding in Samaria), and they brought him to Jehu and killed him; and they buried him, for they said, "He is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought Yahweh with all his heart." The house of Ahaziah had no power to hold the kingdom.

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and looked out at the window. 9:31 As Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, "Do you come in peace, Zimri, you murderer of your master?" 9:32 He lifted up his face to the window, and said, "Who is on my side? Who?" Two or three eunuchs looked out at him. 9:33 He said, "Throw her down!" So they threw her down; and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses. Then he trampled her under foot. 9:34 When he had come in, he ate and drank. Then he said, "See now to this cursed woman, and bury her; for she is a king's daughter." 9:35 They went to bury her, but they found no more of her than the skull, the feet, and the palms of her hands. 9:36 Therefore they came back, and told him. He said, "This is Yahweh's word, which he spoke by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 'The dogs will eat the flesh of Jezebel on the plot of Jezreel, 9:37 and the body of Jezebel will be as dung on the surface of the field on Jezreel's land, so that they won't say, "This is Jezebel."'" 10:1 Now Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. Jehu wrote letters and sent them to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel, even the elders, and to those who brought up Ahab's sons, saying, 10:2 "Now as soon as this letter comes to you, since your master's sons are with you, and you have chariots and horses, a fortified city also, and armor, 10:3 select the best and fittest of your master's sons, set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house." 10:4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, "Behold, the two kings didn't stand before him! How then shall we stand?" 10:5 He who was over the household, and he who was over the city, the elders also, and those who raised the children, sent to Jehu, saying, "We are your servants, and will do all that you ask us. We will not make any man king. You do that which is good in your eyes." 10:6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, "If you are on my side, and if you will listen to my voice, take the heads of the men who are your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by tomorrow this time." Now the king's sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, who brought them up. 10:7 When the letter came to them, they took the king's sons and killed them, even seventy people, and put their heads in baskets, and sent them to him to Jezreel.	

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10:8 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 gate until the morning." 10:9 In the morning, he went out and stood, and said to all the people, "You are righteous. Behold, I conspired against my master and killed him, but who killed all these?" 10:10 Know now that nothing will fall to the earth of Yahweh's word, which Yahweh spoke concerning Ahab's house. For Yahweh has done that which he spoke by his servant Elijah." 10:11 So Jehu struck all that remained of Ahab's house in Jezreel, with all his great men, his familiar friends, and his priests, until he left him no one remaining. 10:12 He arose and departed, and went to Samaria. As he was at the shearing house of the shepherds on the way, 10:13 Jehu met with the brothers of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, "Who are you?" They answered, "We are the brothers of Ahaziah. We are going down to greet the children of the king and the children of the queen." 10:14 He said, "Take them alive!" They took them alive, and killed them at the pit of the shearing house, even forty-two men. He didn't leave any of them. 10:15 When he had departed from there, he met Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him. He greeted him, and said to him, "Is your heart right, as my heart is with your heart?" Jehonadab answered, "It is." "If it is, give me your hand." He gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot. 10:16 He said, "Come with me, and see my zeal for Yahweh." So they made him ride in his chariot. 10:17 When he came to Samaria, he struck all who remained to Ahab in Samaria, until he had destroyed them, according to Yahweh's word which he spoke to Elijah.	22:8 When Jehu was executing judgment on Ahab's house, he found the princes of Judah and the sons of the brothers of Ahaziah serving Ahaziah, and killed them.
<u>Jehu Destroys Baal Worship</u> 10:18 Jehu gathered all the people together, and said to them, "Ahab served Baal a little, but Jehu will serve him much. 10:19 Now therefore call to me all the prophets of Baal, all of his worshipers, and all of his priests. Let no one be absent, for I have a great sacrifice to Baal. Whoever is absent, he shall not live." But Jehu did deceptively, intending to destroy the worshipers of Baal. 10:20 Jehu said, "Sanctify a solemn assembly for	

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Baal!” So they proclaimed it. 10:21 Jehu sent through all Israel; and all the worshipers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that didn’t come. They came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was filled from one end to another. 10:22 He said to him who kept the wardrobe, “Bring out robes for all the worshipers of Baal!” So he brought robes out to them. 10:23 Jehu went with Jehonadab the son of Rechab into the house of Baal. Then he said to the worshipers of Baal, “Search, and see that none of the servants of Yahweh are here with you, but only the worshipers of Baal.” 10:24 So they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had appointed for himself eighty men outside, and said, “If any of the men whom I bring into your hands escape, he who lets him go, his life shall be for the life of him.” 10:25 As soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, “Go in and kill them! Let no one escape.” So they struck them with the edge of the sword. The guard and the captains threw the bodies out, and went to the inner shrine of the house of Baal. 10:26 They brought out the pillars that were in the house of Baal and burned them. 10:27 They broke down the pillar of Baal, and broke down the house of Baal, and made it a latrine, to this day. 10:28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel. 10:29 However, Jehu didn’t depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin—the golden calves that were in Bethel and that were in Dan.	
<u>God’s Promise to Jehu</u> 10:30 Yahweh said to Jehu, “Because you have done well in executing that which is right in my eyes, and have done to Ahab’s house according to all that was in my heart, your descendants shall sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation.” 10:31 But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of Yahweh, the God of Israel, with all his heart. He didn’t depart from the sins of Jeroboam, with which he made Israel to sin. 10:32 In those days Yahweh began to cut away parts of Israel; and Hazael struck them in all the borders of Israel 10:33 from the Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the valley of the Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan.	

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10:34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 10:35 Jehu slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria. Jehoahaz his son reigned in his place. 10:36 The time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty-eight years.	

Athaliah Ruler of Judah

11:1 Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal offspring. 11:2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons who were slain, even him and his nurse, and put them in the bedroom; and they hid him from Athaliah, so that he was not slain. 11:3 He was with her hidden in Yahweh's house six years while Athaliah reigned over the land.	22:10 Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal offspring of the house of Judah. 22:11 But Jehoshabeath, the king's daughter, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stealthily rescued him from among the king's sons who were slain, and put him and his nurse in the bedroom. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah), hid him from Athaliah, so that she didn't kill him. 22:12 He was with them hidden in God's house six years while Athaliah reigned over the land.
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Jehoiada Acts to Restore the Rightful King

11:4 In the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the captains over hundreds of the Carites and of the guard, and brought them to him into Yahweh's house; and he made a covenant with them, and made a covenant with them in Yahweh's house, and showed them the king's son. 11:5 He commanded them, saying, "This is what you must do: a third of you, who come in on the Sabbath, shall be keepers of the watch of the king's house; 11:6 a third of you shall be at the gate Sur; and a third of you at the gate behind the guard. So you shall keep the watch of the house, and be a barrier. 11:7 The two companies of you, even all who go out on the Sabbath, shall keep the watch of Yahweh's house around the king. 11:8 You shall surround the king, every man with his weapons in his hand; and he who comes within the ranks, let him be slain. Be with the king when he goes out, and when he comes in."	23:1 In the seventh year, Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds—Azariah the son of Jeroham, Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, Azariah the son of Obed, Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri—into a covenant with him. 23:2 They went around in Judah and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the heads of fathers' households of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. 23:3 All the assembly made a covenant with the king in God's house. Jehoiada said to them, "Behold, the king's son must reign, as Yahweh has spoken concerning the sons of David. 23:4 This is the thing that you must do: a third part of you, who come in on the Sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be gatekeepers of the thresholds. 23:5 A third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation. All the people will be in the courts of Yahweh's house. 23:6 But let no one come into Yahweh's house except the priests and those who minister of the Levites. They shall come in, for they are holy, but all the people shall follow Yahweh's instructions. 23:7 The Levites shall surround the king, every man with his weapons in his hand. Whoever comes into the house, let him be slain. Be with the king when he comes in and when he goes out."
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11:9 The captains over hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded; and they each took his men, those who were to come in on the Sabbath with those who were to go out on the Sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest. 11:10 The priest delivered to the captains over hundreds the spears and shields that had been King David's, which were in Yahweh's house. 11:11 The guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, along by the altar and the house, around the king. 11:12 Then he brought out the king's son, and put the crown on him, and gave him the covenant; and they made him king and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, "Long live the king!" 11:13 When Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people into Yahweh's house; 11:14 and she looked, and behold, the king stood by the pillar, as the tradition was, with the captains and the trumpets by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew trumpets. Then Athaliah tore her clothes and cried, "Treason! Treason!" 11:15 Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, and said to them, "Bring her out between the ranks. Kill anyone who follows her with the sword." For the priest said, "Don't let her be slain in Yahweh's house." 11:16 So they seized her; and she went by the way of the horses' entry to the king's house, and she was slain there. 11:17 Jehoiada made a covenant between Yahweh and the king and the people, that they should be Yahweh's people; also between the king and the people. 11:18 All the people of the land went to the house of Baal, and broke it down. They broke his altars and his images in pieces thoroughly, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. The priest appointed officers over Yahweh's house. 11:19 He took the captains over hundreds, and the Carites, and the guard, and all the people of the land;	23:8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. They each took his men, those who were to come in on the Sabbath, with those who were to go out on the Sabbath, for Jehoiada the priest didn't dismiss the shift. 23:9 Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds the spears, bucklers, and shields that had been king David's, which were in God's house. 23:10 He set all the people, every man with his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, near the altar and the house, around the king. 23:11 Then they brought out the king's son, put the crown on him, gave him the covenant, and made him king. Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and they said, "Long live the king!" 23:12 When Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into Yahweh's house. 23:13 Then she looked, and behold, the king stood by his pillar at the entrance, with the captains and the trumpeters by the king. All the people of the land rejoiced and blew trumpets. The singers also played musical instruments, and led the singing of praise. Then Athaliah tore her clothes, and said, "Treason! treason!" 23:14 Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, and said to them, "Bring her out between the ranks; and whoever follows her, let him be slain with the sword." For the priest said, "Don't kill her in Yahweh's house." 23:15 So they made way for her. She went to the entrance of the horse gate to the king's house; and they killed her there. 23:16 Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, all the people, and the king, that they should be Yahweh's people. 23:17 All the people went to the house of Baal, broke it down, broke his altars and his images in pieces, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. 23:18 Jehoiada appointed the officers of Yahweh's house under the hand of the Levitical priests, whom David had distributed in Yahweh's house, to offer the burnt offerings of Yahweh, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as David had ordered. 23:19 He set the gatekeepers at the gates of Yahweh's house, that no one who was unclean in anything should enter in. 23:20 He took the captains of hundreds, the nobles, the governors of the people, and all the people of the

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and they brought down the king from Yahweh's house, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. He sat on the throne of the kings. 11:20 So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. They had slain Athaliah with the sword at the king's house.	land, and brought the king down from Yahweh's house. They came through the upper gate to the king's house, and set the king on the throne of the kingdom. 23:21 So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. They had slain Athaliah with the sword.
<u>Joash King of Judah</u>	
11:21 Jehoash was seven years old when he began to reign. 12:1 Jehoash began to reign in the seventh year of Jehu, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba. 12:2 Jehoash did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes all his days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him. 12:3 However, the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places.	24:1 Joash was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah, of Beersheba. 24:2 Joash did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes all the days of Jehoiada the priest. 24:3 Jehoiada took for him two wives, and he became the father of sons and daughters.
<u>The Temple Repaired</u>	
12:4 Jehoash said to the priests, "All the money of the holy things that is brought into Yahweh's house, in current money, the money of the people for whom each man is evaluated, and all the money that it comes into any man's heart to bring into Yahweh's house, 12:5 let the priests take it to them, each man from his donor; and they shall repair the damage to the house, wherever any damage is found." 12:6 But it was so, that in the twenty-third year of King Jehoash the priests had not repaired the damage to the house. 12:7 Then King Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and for the other priests, and said to them, "Why aren't you repairing the damage to the house? Now therefore take no more money from your treasurers, but deliver it for repair of the damage to the house." 12:8 The priests consented that they should take no more money from the people, and not repair the damage to the house. 12:9 But Jehoiada the priest took a chest and bored a hole in its lid, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one comes into Yahweh's house; and the priests who kept the threshold put all the money that was brought into Yahweh's house into it.	24:4 After this, Joash intended to restore Yahweh's house. 24:5 He gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, "Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather money to repair the house of your God from all Israel from year to year. See that you expedite this matter." However the Levites didn't do it right away. 24:6 The king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said to him, "Why haven't you required of the Levites to bring in the tax of Moses the servant of Yahweh, and of the assembly of Israel, out of Judah and out of Jerusalem, for the Tent of the Testimony?" 24:7 For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up God's house; and they also gave all the dedicated things of Yahweh's house to the Baals. 24:8 So the king commanded, and they made a chest, and set it outside at the gate of Yahweh's house. 24:9 They made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in for Yahweh the tax that Moses the servant of God laid on Israel in the wilderness. 24:10 All the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had filled it.

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12:10 When they saw that there was much money in the chest, the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put it in bags and counted the money that was found in Yahweh's house.	24:11 Whenever the chest was brought to the king's officers by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, the king's scribe and the chief priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to its place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.
12:11 They gave the money that was weighed out into the hands of those who did the work, who had the oversight of Yahweh's house; and they paid it out to the carpenters and the builders who worked on Yahweh's house,	24:12 The king and Jehoiada gave it to those who did the work of the service of Yahweh's house. They hired masons and carpenters to restore Yahweh's house, and also those who worked iron and bronze to repair Yahweh's house.
12:12 and to the masons and the stone cutters, and for buying timber and cut stone to repair the damage to Yahweh's house, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair it.	24:13 So the workmen worked, and the work of repairing went forward in their hands. They set up God's house as it was designed, and strengthened it.
12:13 But there were not made for Yahweh's house cups of silver, snuffers, basins, trumpets, any vessels of gold or vessels of silver, of the money that was brought into Yahweh's house;	24:14 When they had finished, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, from which were made vessels for Yahweh's house, even vessels with which to minister and to offer, including spoons and vessels of gold and silver. They offered burnt offerings in Yahweh's house continually all the days of Jehoiada.
12:14 for they gave that to those who did the work, and repaired Yahweh's house with it.	24:15 But Jehoiada grew old and was full of days, and he died. He was one hundred thirty years old when he died.
12:15 Moreover they didn't demand an accounting from the men into whose hand they delivered the money to give to those who did the work; for they dealt faithfully.	24:16 They buried him in David's city among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, and toward God and his house.
12:16 The money for the trespass offerings and the money for the sin offerings was not brought into Yahweh's house. It was the priests'.	<u>Joash's Disloyalty</u>
	24:17 Now after the death of Jehoiada, the princes of Judah came and bowed down to the king. Then the king listened to them.
	24:18 They abandoned the house of Yahweh, the God of their fathers, and served the Asherah poles and the idols, so wrath came on Judah and Jerusalem for this their guiltiness.
	24:19 Yet he sent prophets to them to bring them again to Yahweh, and they testified against them; but they would not listen.
	24:20 The Spirit of God came on Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest; and he stood above the people, and said to them, "God says, 'Why do you disobey Yahweh's commandments, so that you can't prosper? Because you have forsaken Yahweh, he has also forsaken you.'"

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12:17 Then Hazael king of Syria went up and fought against Gath, and took it; and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem. 12:18 Jehoash king of Judah took all the holy things that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own holy things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of Yahweh's house, and of the king's house, and sent it to Hazael king of Syria; and he went away from Jerusalem. 12:20 His servants arose and made a conspiracy, and struck Joash at the house of Millo, on the way that goes down to Silla. 12:21 For Jozacar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, struck him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in David's city; and Amaziah his son reigned in his place. 12:19 Now the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?	24:21 They conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of Yahweh's house. 24:22 Thus Joash the king didn't remember the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but killed his son. When he died, he said, "May Yahweh look at it, and repay it." 24:23 At the end of the year, the army of the Syrians came up against him. They came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all their plunder to the king of Damascus. 24:24 For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men; and Yahweh delivered a very great army into their hand, because they had forsaken Yahweh, the God of their fathers. So they executed judgment on Joash. 24:25 When they had departed from him (for they left him seriously wounded), his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and killed him on his bed, and he died. They buried him in David's city, but they didn't bury him in the tombs of the kings. 24:26 These are those who conspired against him: Zabad the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith the Moabitess. 24:27 Now concerning his sons, the greatness of the burdens laid on him, and the rebuilding of God's house, behold, they are written in the commentary of the book of the kings. Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

Jehoahaz King of Israel

13:1 In the twenty-third year of Joash the son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria for seventeen years.

13:2 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin. He didn't depart from it.

13:3 Yahweh's anger burned against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael, continually.

13:4 Jehoahaz begged Yahweh, and Yahweh listened to him; for he saw the oppression of Israel, how the king of Syria oppressed them.

13:5 (Yahweh gave Israel a savior, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians; and the children of Israel lived in their tents as before.

13:6 Nevertheless they didn't depart from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, with which he made Israel to

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sin, but walked in them; and the Asherah also remained in Samaria.) 13:7 For he didn't leave to Jehoahaz of the people any more than fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria destroyed them and made them like the dust in threshing. 13:8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 13:9 Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria; and Joash his son reigned in his place.	
<u>Jehoash King of Israel</u>	
13:10 In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah, Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz began to reign over Israel in Samaria for sixteen years. 13:11 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight. He didn't depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin; but he walked in them. 13:12 Now the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might with which he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 13:13 Joash slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat on his throne. Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. 13:14 Now Elisha became sick with the illness of which he died; and Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over him, and said, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" 13:15 Elisha said to him, "Take bow and arrows;" and he took bow and arrows for himself. 13:16 He said to the king of Israel, "Put your hand on the bow;" and he put his hand on it. Elisha laid his hands on the king's hands. 13:17 He said, "Open the window eastward;" and he opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot!" and he shot. He said, "Yahweh's arrow of victory, even the arrow of victory over Syria; for you will strike the Syrians in Aphek until you have consumed them." 13:18 He said, "Take the arrows;" and he took them. He said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground;" and he struck three times, and stopped. 13:19 The man of God was angry with him, and said, "You should have struck five or six times. Then you would have struck Syria until you had consumed it, but now you will strike Syria just three times." 13:20 Elisha died, and they buried him. Now the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the	

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coming in of the year. 13:21 As they were burying a man, behold, they saw a band of raiders; and they threw the man into Elisha's tomb. As soon as the man touched Elisha's bones, he revived, and stood up on his feet. 13:22 Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. 13:23 But Yahweh was gracious to them, and had compassion on them, and favored them because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them and he didn't cast them from his presence as yet. 13:24 Hazael king of Syria died; and Benhadad his son reigned in his place. 13:25 Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael the cities which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Joash struck him three times, and recovered the cities of Israel. 14:1 In the second year of Joash, son of Joahaz, king of Israel, Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah began to reign.	

Amaziah King of Judah

14:2 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddin of Jerusalem. 14:3 He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, yet not like David his father. He did according to all that Joash his father had done. 14:4 However the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. 14:5 As soon as the kingdom was established in his hand, he killed his servants who had slain the king his father, 14:6 but the children of the murderers he didn't put to death, according to that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, as Yahweh commanded, saying, "The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall die for his own sin."	25:1 Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddan, of Jerusalem. 25:2 He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, but not with a perfect heart. 25:3 Now when the kingdom was established to him, he killed his servants who had killed his father the king. 25:4 But he didn't put their children to death, but did according to that which is written in the law in the book of Moses, as Yahweh commanded, saying, "The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers; but every man shall die for his own sin." 25:5 Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together and ordered them according to their fathers' houses, under captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, even all Judah and Benjamin. He counted them from twenty years old and upward, and found that there were three hundred thousand chosen men, able to go out to war, who could handle spear and shield. 25:6 He also hired one hundred thousand mighty men of valor out of Israel for one hundred talents of
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14:7 He killed ten thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt, and took Sela by war, and called its name Joktheel, to this day.	silver. 25:7 A man of God came to him, saying, "O king, don't let the army of Israel go with you, for Yahweh is not with Israel, with all the children of Ephraim. 25:8 But if you will go, take action, and be strong for the battle. God will overthrow you before the enemy; for God has power to help, and to overthrow." 25:9 Amaziah said to the man of God, "But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel?" The man of God answered, "Yahweh is able to give you much more than this." 25:10 Then Amaziah separated them, the army that had come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again. Therefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in fierce anger. 25:11 Amaziah took courage, and led his people out and went to the Valley of Salt, and struck ten thousand of the children of Seir. 25:12 The children of Judah carried away ten thousand alive, and brought them to the top of the rock, and threw them down from the top of the rock, so that they all were broken in pieces. 25:13 But the men of the army whom Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell on the cities of Judah from Samaria even to Beth Horon, and struck of them three thousand, and took much plunder. 25:14 Now after Amaziah had come from the slaughter of the Edomites, he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them and burned incense to them. 25:15 Therefore Yahweh's anger burned against Amaziah, and he sent to him a prophet who said to him, "Why have you sought after the gods of the people, which have not delivered their own people out of your hand?" 25:16 As he talked with him, the king said to him, "Have we made you one of the king's counselors? Stop! Why should you be struck down?" Then the prophet stopped, and said, "I know that God has determined to destroy you, because you have done this and have not listened to my counsel."
<u>Israel Defeats Judah</u>	
14:8 Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "Come, let's look one another in the face."	25:17 Then Amaziah king of Judah consulted his advisers, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "Come! Let's look one another in the face."
14:9 Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, 'Give	25:18 Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, 'Give your

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your daughter to my son as wife.’ Then a wild animal that was in Lebanon passed by, and trampled down the thistle. 14:10 You have indeed struck Edom, and your heart has lifted you up. Enjoy the glory of it, and stay at home; for why should you meddle to your harm, that you fall, even you, and Judah with you?” 14:11 But Amaziah would not listen. So Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth Shemesh, which belongs to Judah. 14:12 Judah was defeated by Israel; and each man fled to his tent. 14:13 Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth Shemesh and came to Jerusalem, then broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits. 14:14 He took all the gold and silver and all the vessels that were found in Yahweh’s house and in the treasures of the king’s house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria. 14:15 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, aren’t they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 14:16 Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his place. 14:17 Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel, fifteen years. 14:18 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, aren’t they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 14:19 They made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there. 14:20 They brought him on horses, and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in David’s city.	daughter to my son as his wife. Then a wild animal that was in Lebanon passed by and trampled down the thistle. 25:19 You say to yourself that you have struck Edom; and your heart lifts you up to boast. Now stay at home. Why should you meddle with trouble, that you should fall, even you and Judah with you?” 25:20 But Amaziah would not listen; for it was of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, because they had sought after the gods of Edom. 25:21 So Joash king of Israel went up, and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth Shemesh, which belongs to Judah. 25:22 Judah was defeated by Israel; so every man fled to his tent. 25:23 Joash 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 gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits. 25:24 He took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in God’s house with Obed-Edom, and the treasures of the king’s house, and the hostages, and returned to Samaria. 25:25 Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, lived for fifteen years after the death of Joash, son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel. 25:26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, aren’t they written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel? 25:27 Now from the time that Amaziah turned away from following Yahweh, they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem. He fled to Lachish, but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there. 25:28 They brought him on horses and buried him with his fathers in the City of Judah.
<u>Jeroboam II King of Israel</u> 14:23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria for forty-one years. 14:24 He did that which was evil in Yahweh’s sight. He didn’t depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin.	

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14:25 He restored the border of Israel from the entrance of Hamath to the sea of the Arabah, according to Yahweh, the God of Israel's word, which he spoke by his servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was from Gath Hephher. 14:26 For Yahweh saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter for all, slave and free; and there was no helper for Israel. 14:27 Yahweh didn't say that he would blot out the name of Israel from under the sky; but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash. 14:28 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he fought, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which had belonged to Judah, for Israel, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 14:29 Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel; and Zechariah his son reigned in his place.	
<u>Uzziah King of Judah</u>	
14:21 All the people of Judah took Azariah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah. 14:22 He built Elath and restored it to Judah. After that the king slept with his fathers. 15:1 In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah began to reign. 15:2 He was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. 15:3 He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. 15:4 However, the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places.	26:1 All the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah. 26:2 He built Eloth and restored it to Judah. After that the king slept with his fathers. 26:3 Uzziah was sixteen years old when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jechiliah, of Jerusalem. 26:4 He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.
<u>Uzziah's Victories</u>	
	26:5 He set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the vision of God; and as long as he sought Yahweh, God made him prosper. 26:6 He went out and fought against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod; and he built cities in the country of Ashdod, and among the Philistines. 26:7 God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians who lived in Gur Baal, and the Meunim. 26:8 The Ammonites gave tribute to Uzziah. His name spread abroad even to the entrance of Egypt, for he grew exceedingly strong.

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	26:9 Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, at the valley gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them. 26:10 He built towers in the wilderness, and dug out many cisterns, for he had much livestock, both in the lowlands and in the plains. He had farmers and vineyard keepers in the mountains and in the fruitful fields, for he loved farming. 26:11 Moreover Uzziah had an army of fighting men who went out to war by bands, according to the number of their reckoning made by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the officer, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains. 26:12 The whole number of the heads of fathers' households, even the mighty men of valor, was two thousand six hundred. 26:13 Under their hand was an army, three hundred seven thousand five hundred, who made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy. 26:14 Uzziah prepared for them, even for all the army, shields, spears, helmets, coats of mail, bows, and stones for slinging. 26:15 In Jerusalem, he made devices, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and on the battlements, with which to shoot arrows and great stones. His name spread far abroad, because he was marvelously helped until he was strong.
15:5 Yahweh struck the king, so that he was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in a separate house. Jotham, the king's son, was over the household, judging the people of the land.	<u>Uzziah's Decline</u> 26:16 But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up, so that he did corruptly and he trespassed against Yahweh his God, for he went into Yahweh's temple to burn incense on the altar of incense. 26:17 Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him eighty priests of Yahweh, who were valiant men. 26:18 They resisted Uzziah the king, and said to him, "It isn't for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to Yahweh, but for the priests the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed. It will not be for your honor from Yahweh God." 26:19 Then Uzziah was angry. He had a censer in his hand to burn incense, and while he was angry with the priests, the leprosy broke out on his forehead before the priests in Yahweh's house, beside the altar of incense. 26:20 Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and behold, he was leprous in his forehead; and they thrust him out quickly from there. Indeed, he himself also hurried to go out, because Yahweh had struck him. 26:21 Uzziah the king was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in a separate house, being a leper;

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15:6 Now the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 15:7 Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in David's city; and Jotham his son reigned in his place.	for he was cut off from Yahweh's house. Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land. 26:22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, wrote. 26:23 So Uzziah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the field of burial which belonged to the kings, for they said, "He is a leper." Jotham his son reigned in his place.

Zechariah King of Israel

15:8 In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah, Zechariah the son of Jeroboam reigned over Israel in Samaria six months.

15:9 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, as his fathers had done. He didn't depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin.

15:10 Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and struck him before the people and killed him, and reigned in his place.

15:11 Now the rest of the acts of Zechariah, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

15:12 This was Yahweh's word which he spoke to Jehu, saying, "Your sons to the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel." So it came to pass.

Shallum King of Israel

15:13 Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziah king of Judah, and he reigned for a month in Samaria.

15:14 Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, came to Samaria, struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, killed him, and reigned in his place.

15:15 Now the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

Menahem King of Israel

15:16 Then Menahem attacked Tiphsah and all who were in it and its border areas, from Tirzah. He attacked it because they didn't open their gates to him, and he ripped up all their women who were with child.

15:17 In the thirty ninth year of Azariah king of Judah, Menahem the son of Gadi began to reign over Israel for ten years in Samaria.

15:18 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight. He didn't depart all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin.

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15:19 Pul the king of Assyria came against the land, and Menahem gave Pul one thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand. 15:20 Menahem exacted the money from Israel, even from all the mighty 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 didn't stay there in the land. 15:21 Now the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 15:22 Menahem slept with his fathers, and Pekahiah his son reigned in his place.	
<u>Pekahiah King of Israel</u>	
15:23 In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria for two years. 15:24 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight. He didn't depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin. 15:25 Pekah the son of Remaliah, his captain, conspired against him and attacked him in Samaria, in the fortress of the king's house, with Argob and Arie; and with him were fifty men of the Gileadites. He killed him, and reigned in his place. 15:26 Now the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.	
<u>Pekah King of Israel</u>	
15:27 In the fifty-second year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria for twenty years. 15:28 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight. He didn't depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin. 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 he carried them captive to Assyria. 15:30 Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, attacked him, killed him, and reigned in his place, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah. 15:31 Now the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.	
<u>Jotham King of Judah</u>	
15:32 In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel, Jotham the son of Uzziah	

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king of Judah began to reign. 15:33 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jerusha the daughter of Zadok. 15:34 He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes. He did according to all that his father Uzziah had done. 15:35 However the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. He built the upper gate of Yahweh's house. 15:36 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 15:37 In those days, Yahweh began to send Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah against Judah. 15:38 Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in his father David's city; and Ahaz his son reigned in his place.	27:1 Jotham was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jerushah the daughter of Zadok. 27:2 He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, according to all that his father Uzziah had done. However he didn't enter into Yahweh's temple. The people still acted corruptly. 27:3 He built the upper gate of Yahweh's house, and he built much on the wall of Ophel. 27:4 Moreover he built cities in the hill country of Judah, and in the forests he built fortresses and towers. 27:5 He also fought with the king of the children of Ammon, and prevailed against them. The children of Ammon gave him the same year one hundred talents of silver, ten thousand cors of wheat, and ten thousand cors of barley. The children of Ammon also gave that much to him in the second year, and in the third. 27:6 So Jotham became mighty, because he ordered his ways before Yahweh his God. 27:7 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars and his ways, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. 27:8 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. 27:9 Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in David's city; and Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

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<u>Ahaz King of Judah</u>		
16:1 In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign.		
16:2 Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. He didn't do that which was right in Yahweh his God's eyes, like David his father.	28:1 Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. He didn't do that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, like David his father,	
16:3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and even made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom Yahweh cast out from before the children of Israel.	28:2 but he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and also made molten images for the Baals. 28:3 Moreover he burned incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burned his children in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom Yahweh cast out before the children of Israel.	
16:4 He sacrificed and burned incense in the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree.	28:4 He sacrificed and burned incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. 28:5 Therefore Yahweh his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria. They struck him, and carried away from him a great multitude of captives, and brought them to Damascus. He was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who struck him with a great slaughter.	
<u>Judah Captures and Returns Slaves from Israel</u>		
	28:6 For Pekah the son of Remaliah killed in Judah one hundred twenty thousand in one day, all of them valiant men, because they had forsaken Yahweh, the God of their fathers. 28:7 Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah the king's son, Azrikam the ruler of the house, and Elkanah who was next to the king. 28:8 The children of Israel carried away captive of their brothers two hundred thousand women, sons, and daughters, and also took away much plunder from them, and brought the plunder to Samaria.	

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	28:9 But a prophet of Yahweh was there, whose name was Oded; and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria, and said to them, “Behold, because Yahweh, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he has delivered them into your hand, and you have slain them in a rage which has reached up to heaven. 28:10 Now you intend to degrade the children of Judah and Jerusalem as male and female slaves for yourselves. Aren’t there even with you trespasses of your own against Yahweh your God? 28:11 Now hear me therefore, and send back the captives that you have taken captive from your brothers, for the fierce wrath of Yahweh is on you.” 28:12 Then some of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who came from the war, 28:13 and said to them, “You must not bring in the captives here, for you intend that which will bring on us a trespass against Yahweh, to add to our sins and to our guilt; for our guilt is great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.” 28:14 So the armed men left the captives and the plunder before the princes and all the assembly. 28:15 The men who have been mentioned by name rose up and took the captives, and with the plunder clothed all who were naked among them, dressed them, gave them sandals, gave them something to eat and to drink, anointed them, carried all the feeble of them on donkeys, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brothers. Then they returned to Samaria.	
16:5 Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of	<u>Syria and Israel Invade Judah</u>	7:1 In the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of

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Israel came up to Jerusalem to wage war. They besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him. 16:6 At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath; and the Syrians came to Elath, and lived there to this day.		Judah, Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it. 7:2 David's house was told, "Syria is allied with Ephraim." His heart trembled, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest tremble with the wind. 7:3 Then Yahweh said to Isaiah, "Go out now to meet Ahaz, you, and Shearjashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway of the fuller's field. 7:4 Tell him, 'Be careful, and keep calm. Don't be afraid, neither let your heart be faint because of these two tails of smoking torches, for the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and of the son of Remaliah. 7:5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have plotted evil against you, saying, 7:6 "Let's go up against Judah, and tear it apart, and let's divide it among ourselves, and set up a king within it, even the son of Tabeel." 7:7 This is what the Lord Yahweh says: "It shall not stand, neither shall it happen." 7:8 For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin. Within sixty-five years Ephraim shall be broken in pieces, so that it shall not be a people. 7:9 The head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If you will not believe, surely you shall not be established." 7:10 Yahweh spoke again to Ahaz, saying, 7:11 "Ask a sign of Yahweh your God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above." 7:12 But Ahaz said, "I won't ask. I won't tempt Yahweh."
<u>Ahaz Appeals to Assyria for Rescue</u>		
16:7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria,	28:16 At that time King Ahaz sent to the kings of Assyria to help him.	

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saying, “I am your servant and your son. Come up and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria and out of the hand of the king of Israel, who rise up against me.” 16:8 Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in Yahweh’s house, and in the treasures of the king’s house, and sent it for a present to the king of Assyria. 16:9 The king of Assyria listened to him; and the king of Assyria went up against Damascus and took it, and carried its people captive to Kir, and killed Rezin. 16:10 King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria, and saw the altar that was at Damascus; and King Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest a drawing of the altar and plans to build it. 16:11 Urijah the priest built an altar. According to all that King Ahaz had sent from Damascus, so Urijah the priest made it for the coming of King Ahaz from Damascus. 16:12 When the king had come from Damascus, the king saw the altar; and the king came near to the altar, and offered on it. 16:13 He burned his burnt offering and his meal offering, poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings on the altar. 16:14 The bronze altar, which was before Yahweh, he brought from	28:17 For again the Edomites had come and struck Judah, and carried away captives. 28:18 The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the lowland and of the South of Judah, and had taken Beth Shemesh, Aijalon, Gederoth, Soco with its villages, Timnah with its villages, and also Gimzo and its villages; and they lived there. 28:19 For Yahweh brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel, because he acted without restraint in Judah and trespassed severely against Yahweh. 28:20 Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came to him and gave him trouble, but didn’t strengthen him. 28:21 For Ahaz took away a portion out of Yahweh’s house, and out of the house of the king and of the princes, and gave it to the king of Assyria; but it didn’t help him. 28:22 In the time of his distress, he trespassed yet more against Yahweh, this same King Ahaz. 28:23 For he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus which had defeated him. He said, “Because 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.	

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the front of the house, from between his altar and Yahweh's house, and put it on the north side of his altar. 16:15 King Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, "On the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, the evening meal offering, the king's burnt offering and his meal offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, their meal offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle on it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice; but the bronze altar will be for me to inquire by." 16:16 Urijah the priest did so, according to all that King Ahaz commanded. 16:17 King Ahaz cut off the panels of the bases, and removed the basin from off them, and took down the sea from off the bronze oxen that were under it, and put it on a pavement of stone. 16:18 He removed the covered way for the Sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's outer entrance to Yahweh's house, because of the king of Assyria. 16:19 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 16:20 Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in David's city; and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.	28:24 Ahaz gathered together the vessels of God's house, cut the vessels of God's house in pieces, and shut up the doors of Yahweh's house; and he made himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem. 28:25 In every city of Judah he made high places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked Yahweh, the God of his fathers, to anger. 28:26 Now the rest of his acts, and all his ways, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 28:27 Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem, because they didn't bring him into the tombs of the kings of Israel; and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.	

Hoshea King of Israel

17:1 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, Hoshea the son of Elah began to reign in Samaria over Israel for nine years.

17:2 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, yet not as the kings of Israel who were before him.

17:3 Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against him; and Hoshea became his servant, and brought him tribute.

The Assyrian Captivity

17:4 The king of Assyria discovered a conspiracy 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 seized him, and bound him in prison.

17:5 Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years.

17:6 In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

17:7 It was so because the children of Israel had sinned against Yahweh their God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, 17:8 and walked in the statutes of the nations whom Yahweh cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they made.

17:9 The children of Israel secretly did things that were not right against Yahweh their God; and they built high places for themselves in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city;

17:10 and they set up for themselves pillars and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every green tree;

17:11 and there they burned incense in all the high places, as the nations whom Yahweh carried away before them did; and they did wicked things to provoke Yahweh to anger;

17:12 and they served idols, of which Yahweh had said to them, "You shall not do this thing."

17:13 Yet Yahweh testified to Israel and to Judah, by every prophet and every seer, 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."

17:14 Notwithstanding, they would not listen, but hardened their neck like the neck of their fathers who didn't believe in Yahweh their God.

17:15 They rejected his statutes and his covenant that

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he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified to them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and followed the nations that were around them, concerning whom Yahweh had commanded them that they should not do like them. 17:16 They abandoned all the commandments of Yahweh their God, and made molten images for themselves, even two calves, and made an Asherah, and worshiped all the army of the sky, and served Baal. 17:17 They caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, to provoke him to anger. 17:18 Therefore Yahweh was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight. There was none left but the tribe of Judah only. 17:19 Also Judah didn't keep the commandments of Yahweh their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. 17:20 Yahweh rejected all the offspring of Israel, afflicted them, and delivered them into the hands of raiders, until he had cast them out of his sight. 17:21 For he tore Israel from David's house; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king; and Jeroboam drove Israel from following Yahweh, and made them sin a great sin. 17:22 The children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they didn't depart from them 17:23 until Yahweh removed Israel out of his sight, as he said by all his servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away out of their own land to Assyria to this day. 17:24 The king of Assyria brought people from Babylon, from Cuthah, from Avva, and from Hamath and Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel; and they possessed Samaria and lived in its cities. 17:25 So it was, at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they didn't fear Yahweh. Therefore Yahweh sent lions among them, which killed some of them. 17:26 Therefore they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, "The nations which you have carried away and placed in the cities of Samaria don't know the law of the god of the land. Therefore he has sent lions among them; and behold, they kill them, because they don't know the law of the god of the land." 17:27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, "Carry there one of the priests whom you brought from there; and let him go and dwell there, and let him teach them the law of the god of the land." 17:28 So one of the priests whom they had carried	

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away from Samaria came and lived in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear Yahweh. 17:29 However every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities in which they lived. 17:30 The men of Babylon made Succoth Benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima, 17:31 and the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak; and the Sepharvites burned their children in the fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. 17:32 So they feared Yahweh, and also made from among themselves priests of the high places for themselves, who sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places. 17:33 They feared Yahweh, and also served their own gods, after the ways of the nations from among whom they had been carried away. 17:34 To this day they do what they did before. They don't fear Yahweh, and they do not follow the statutes, or the ordinances, or the law, or the commandment which Yahweh commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel; 17:35 with whom Yahweh had made a covenant and commanded them, saying, "You shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them; 17:36 but you shall fear Yahweh, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and with an outstretched arm, and you shall bow yourselves to him, and you shall sacrifice to him. 17:37 The statutes and the ordinances, and the law and the commandment which he wrote for you, you shall observe to do forever more. You shall not fear other gods. 17:38 You shall not forget the covenant that I have made with you. You shall not fear other gods. 17:39 But you shall fear Yahweh your God, and he will deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies." 17:40 However they didn't listen, but they did what they did before. 17:41 So these nations feared Yahweh, and also served their engraved images. Their children did likewise, and so did their children's children. They do as their fathers did to this day.	

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<u>Hezekiah King of Judah</u> 18:1 Now in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. 18:2 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah. 18:3 He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, according to all that David his father had done.		
	<u>Revival</u> 29:1 Hezekiah began to reign when he was twenty-five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. 29:2 He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, according to all that David his father had done. <u>Revival</u> 29:3 In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of Yahweh's house and repaired them. 29:4 He brought in the priests and the Levites and gathered them together into the wide place on the east, 29:5 and said to them, "Listen to me, you Levites! Now sanctify yourselves, and sanctify the house of Yahweh, the God of your fathers, and carry the filthiness out of the holy place. 29:6 For our fathers were unfaithful, and have done that which was evil in Yahweh our God's sight, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of Yahweh, and turned their backs. 29:7 Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel. 29:8 Therefore Yahweh's wrath was on Judah and Jerusalem, and he has delivered them to be tossed back and forth, to be an astonishment and a hissing, as you see with your eyes. 29:9 For behold, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this.	

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	29:10 Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with Yahweh, the God of Israel, that his fierce anger may turn away from us. 29:11 My sons, don't be negligent now; for Yahweh has chosen you to stand before him, to minister to him, and that you should be his ministers and burn incense." 29:12 Then the Levites arose: Mahath, the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; and of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah; 29:13 and of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeuel; and of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah; 29:14 and of the sons of Heman, Jehuel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel. 29:15 They gathered their brothers, sanctified themselves, and went in, according to the commandment of the king by Yahweh's words, to cleanse Yahweh's house. 29:16 The priests went into the inner part of Yahweh's house to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in Yahweh's temple into the court of Yahweh's house. The Levites took it from there to carry it out to the brook Kidron. 29:17 Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month they came to Yahweh's porch. They sanctified Yahweh's house in eight days, and on the sixteenth day of the first month they finished. 29:18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king within the palace and said, "We have cleansed all Yahweh's house, including the altar of burnt offering with all its vessels, and the table of show bread with all its vessels.	

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	29:19 Moreover, we have prepared and sanctified all the vessels which King Ahaz threw away in his reign when he was unfaithful. Behold, they are before Yahweh's altar." 29:20 Then Hezekiah the king arose early, gathered the princes of the city, and went up to Yahweh's house. 29:21 They brought seven bulls, seven rams, seven lambs, and seven male goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom, for the sanctuary, and for Judah. He commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer them on Yahweh's altar. 29:22 So they killed the bulls, and the priests received the blood and sprinkled it on the altar. They killed the rams and sprinkled the blood on the altar. They also killed the lambs and sprinkled the blood on the altar. 29:23 They brought near the male goats for the sin offering before the king and the assembly; and they laid their hands on them. 29:24 Then the priests killed them, and they made a sin offering with their blood on the altar, to make atonement for all Israel; for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all Israel. 29:25 He set the Levites in Yahweh's house with cymbals, with stringed instruments, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet; for the commandment was from Yahweh by his prophets. 29:26 The Levites stood with David's instruments, and the priests with the trumpets. 29:27 Hezekiah commanded them to offer the burnt offering on the altar. When the burnt offering began, Yahweh's song also began, along with the trumpets and instruments of David king of Israel. 29:28 All the assembly worshiped, the singers sang, and the	

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	trumpeters sounded. All this continued until the burnt offering was finished. 29:29 When they had finished offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed themselves and worshiped. 29:30 Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praises to Yahweh with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. They sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshiped. 29:31 Then Hezekiah answered, "Now you have consecrated yourselves to Yahweh. Come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into Yahweh's house." The assembly brought in sacrifices and thank offerings, and as many as were of a willing heart brought burnt offerings. 29:32 The number of the burnt offerings which the assembly brought was seventy bulls, one hundred rams, and two hundred lambs. All these were for a burnt offering to Yahweh. 29:33 The consecrated things were six hundred head of cattle and three thousand sheep. 29:34 But the priests were too few, so that they could not skin all the burnt offerings. Therefore their brothers the Levites helped them until the work was ended, and until the priests had sanctified themselves, for the Levites were more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests. 29:35 Also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings and with the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of Yahweh's house was set in order. 29:36 Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced because of that which God had prepared for the people; for the thing was done suddenly.	
	<u>The Passover Celebration</u> 30:1 Hezekiah sent to all Israel and	

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	Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to Yahweh's house at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover to Yahweh, the God of Israel. 30:2 For the king had taken counsel with his princes and all the assembly in Jerusalem to keep the Passover in the second month. 30:3 For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves in sufficient number, and the people had not gathered themselves together to Jerusalem. 30:4 The thing was right in the eyes of the king and of all the assembly. 30:5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the Passover to Yahweh, the God of Israel, at Jerusalem, for they had not kept it in great numbers in the way it is written. 30:6 So the couriers went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, according to the commandment of the king, saying, "You children of Israel, turn again to Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that he may return to the remnant of you that have escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria. 30:7 Don't be like your fathers and like your brothers, who trespassed against Yahweh, the God of their fathers, so that he gave them up to desolation, as you see. 30:8 Now don't be stiff-necked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to Yahweh, and enter into his sanctuary, which he has sanctified forever, and serve Yahweh your God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you. 30:9 For if you turn again to Yahweh, your brothers and your children will find compassion with those who led them captive, and will come again into this land,	

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	because Yahweh your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you if you return to him.” 30:10 So the couriers passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, even to Zebulun, but people ridiculed them and mocked them. 30:11 Nevertheless some men of Asher, Manasseh, and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem. 30:12 Also the hand of God came on Judah to give them one heart, to do the commandment of the king and of the princes by Yahweh’s word. 30:13 Many people assembled at Jerusalem to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great assembly. 30:14 They arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and they took away all the altars for incense and threw them into the brook Kidron. 30:15 Then they killed the Passover on the fourteenth day of the second month. The priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought burnt offerings into Yahweh’s house. 30:16 They stood in their place after their order, according to the law of Moses the man of God. The priests sprinkled the blood which they received of the hand of the Levites. 30:17 For there were many in the assembly who had not sanctified themselves; therefore the Levites were in charge of killing the Passovers for everyone who was not clean, to sanctify them to Yahweh. 30:18 For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover other than the way it is written. For Hezekiah had prayed for them, saying, “May	

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	the good Yahweh pardon everyone 30:19 who sets his heart to seek God, Yahweh, the God of his fathers, even if they aren't clean according to the purification of the sanctuary.” 30:20 Yahweh listened to Hezekiah, and healed the people. 30:21 The children of Israel who were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness. The Levites and the priests praised Yahweh day by day, singing with loud instruments to Yahweh. 30:22 Hezekiah spoke encouragingly to all the Levites who had good understanding in the service of Yahweh. So they ate throughout the feast for the seven days, offering sacrifices of peace offerings and making confession to Yahweh, the God of their fathers. 30:23 The whole assembly took counsel to keep another seven days, and they kept another seven days with gladness. 30:24 For Hezekiah king of Judah gave to the assembly for offerings one thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the assembly a thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep; and a great number of priests sanctified themselves. 30:25 All the assembly of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the assembly who came out of Israel, and the foreigners who came out of the land of Israel and who lived in Judah, rejoiced. 30:26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem; for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was nothing like this in Jerusalem. 30:27 Then the Levitical priests arose and blessed the people. Their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy habitation, even to heaven.	
<u>Further Revival</u>		
18:4 He removed the high places,	31:1 Now when all this was	

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broke the pillars, and cut down the Asherah. He also broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, because in those days the children of Israel burned incense to it; and he called it Nehushtan. 18:5 He trusted in Yahweh, the God of Israel, so that after him was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among them that were before him.	finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah and broke the pillars in pieces, cut down the Asherah poles, and broke down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, also in Ephraim and Manasseh, until they had destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities. 31:2 Hezekiah appointed the divisions of the priests and the Levites after their divisions, every man according to his service, both the priests and the Levites, for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of Yahweh's camp. 31:3 He also appointed the king's portion of his possessions for the burnt offerings: for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths, for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in Yahweh's law. 31:4 Moreover he commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might give themselves to Yahweh's law. 31:5 As soon as the commandment went out, the children of Israel gave in abundance the first fruits of grain, new wine, oil, honey, and of all the increase of the field; and they brought in the tithe of all things abundantly. 31:6 The children of Israel and Judah, who lived in the cities of Judah, also brought in the tithe of cattle and sheep, and the tithe of dedicated things which were consecrated to Yahweh their God, and laid them in heaps. 31:7 In the third month, they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month. 31:8 When Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps,	

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	they blessed Yahweh and his people Israel. 31:9 Then Hezekiah questioned the priests and the Levites about the heaps. 31:10 Azariah the chief priest, of the house of Zadok, answered him and said, "Since people began to bring the offerings into Yahweh's house, we have eaten and had enough, and have plenty left over, for Yahweh has blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store." 31:11 Then Hezekiah commanded them to prepare rooms in Yahweh's house, and they prepared them. 31:12 They brought in the offerings, the tithes, and the dedicated things faithfully. Conaniah the Levite was ruler over them, and Shimei his brother was second. 31:13 Jehiel, Azariah, Nahath, Asahel, Jerimoth, Jozabad, Eliel, Ismachiah, Mahath, and Benaiah were overseers under the hand of Conaniah and Shimei his brother, by the appointment of Hezekiah the king and Azariah the ruler of God's house. 31:14 Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the gatekeeper at the east gate, was over the free will offerings of God, to distribute Yahweh's offerings and the most holy things. 31:15 Under him were Eden, Miniamin, Jeshua, Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in their office of trust, to give to their brothers by divisions, to the great as well as to the small; 31:16 in addition to those who were listed by genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, even everyone who entered into Yahweh's house, as the duty of every day required, for their service in their offices according to their divisions; 31:17 and those who were listed	

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18:6 For he joined with Yahweh. He didn't depart from following him, but kept his commandments, which Yahweh commanded Moses. 18:7 Yahweh was with him. Wherever he went, he prospered. He rebelled against the king of Assyria, and didn't serve him. 18:8 He struck the Philistines to Gaza and its borders, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city. 18:9 In the fourth year of King Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria and besieged it. 18:10 At the end of three years they took it. In the sixth year of Hezekiah, which was the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken. 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, 18:12 because they didn't obey	by genealogy of the priests by their fathers' houses, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their offices by their divisions; 31:18 and those who were listed by genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation; for in their office of trust they sanctified themselves in holiness. 31:19 Also for the sons of Aaron the priests, who were in the fields of the pasture lands of their cities, 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 listed by genealogy among the Levites. 31:20 Hezekiah did so throughout all Judah; and he did that which was good, right, and faithful before Yahweh his God. 31:21 In every work that he began in the service of God's house, in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart and prospered.	

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Yahweh their God's voice, but transgressed his covenant, even all that Moses the servant of Yahweh commanded, and would not hear it or do it.		
<u>The Failed Bid for Independence</u>		
18:13 Now in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them. 18:14 Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria at Lachish, saying, "I have offended you. Withdraw from me. That which you put on me, I will bear." The king of Assyria appointed to Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. 18:15 Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in Yahweh's house and in the treasures of the king's house. 18:16 At that time, Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of Yahweh's temple, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.		36:1 Now in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria attacked all of the fortified cities of Judah and captured them.

The Successful Bid for Independence

32:1 After these things and this faithfulness, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, entered into Judah, encamped against the fortified cities, and intended to win them for himself.

32:2 When Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that he was planning to fight against Jerusalem,

32:3 he took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the springs which were outside of the city, and they helped him.

32:4 Then many people gathered together and they stopped all the springs and the brook that flowed through the middle of the land,

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	saying, “Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find abundant water?” 32:5 He took courage, built up all the wall that was broken down, and raised it up to the towers, with the other wall outside, and strengthened Millo in David’s city, and made weapons and shields in abundance. 32:6 He set captains of war over the people, gathered them together to him in the wide place at the gate of the city, and spoke encouragingly to them, saying, 32:7 “Be strong and courageous. Don’t be afraid or dismayed because of the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude who is with him; for there is a greater one with us than with him. 32:8 An arm of flesh is with him, but Yahweh our God is with us to help us and to fight our battles.” The people rested themselves on the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.	
18:17 The king of Assyria sent Tartan, Rabсарis, and Rabshakeh from Lachish to King Hezekiah with a great army to Jerusalem. They went up and came to Jerusalem. When they had come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller’s field.	32:9 After this, Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem, (now he was attacking Lachish, and all his forces were with him), to Hezekiah king of Judah, and to all Judah who were at Jerusalem, saying,	36:2 The king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem to King Hezekiah with a large army. He stood by the aqueduct from the upper pool in the fuller’s field highway.
18:18 When they had called to the king, Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder came out to them.		36:3 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph the recorder came out to him.
18:19 Rabshakeh said to them, “Say now to Hezekiah, ‘The great king, the king of Assyria, says, “What confidence is this in which you trust?	32:10 Sennacherib king of Assyria says, “In whom do you trust, that you remain under siege in Jerusalem?	36:4 Rabshakeh said to them, “Now tell Hezekiah, ‘The great king, the king of Assyria, says, “What confidence is this in which you trust?
18:20 You say (but they are but vain words), ‘There is counsel and strength for war.’ Now on whom do you trust, that you have rebelled against me?	32:11 Doesn’t Hezekiah persuade you to give you over to die by famine and by thirst, saying, ‘Yahweh our God will deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria’?	36:5 I say that your counsel and strength for the war are only vain words. Now in whom do you trust, that you have rebelled against me?
18:21 Now, behold, you trust in		36:6 Behold, you trust in the staff

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the staff of this bruised reed, even in Egypt. If a man leans on it, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust on him. 18:22 But if you tell me, ‘We trust in Yahweh our God,’ isn’t that he whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, ‘You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem’? 18:23 Now therefore, please give pledges to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses if you are able on your part to set riders on them. 18:24 How then can you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master’s servants, and put your trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? 18:25 Have I now come up without Yahweh against this place to destroy it? Yahweh said to me, ‘Go up against this land, and destroy it.’””” 18:26 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, Shebna, and Joah, said to Rabshakeh, “Please speak to your servants in the Syrian language, for we understand it. Don’t speak with us in the Jews’ language, in the hearing of the people who are on the wall.” 18:27 But Rabshakeh said to them, “Has my master sent me to your master and to you, to speak these words? Hasn’t he sent me to the men who sit on the wall, to eat their own dung, and to drink their own urine with you?” 18:28 Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews’ language, and spoke, saying, “Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria.	32:12 Hasn’t the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, ‘You shall worship before one altar, and you shall burn incense on it’? 32:13 Don’t you know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of the lands? Were the gods of the nations of those lands in any way able to deliver their land out of my hand? 32:14 Who was there among all the gods of those nations which my fathers utterly destroyed that could deliver his people out of my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of my hand? 32:18 They called out with a loud voice in the Jews’ language to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten them and to trouble them, that they might take the city.	of this bruised reed, even in Egypt, which if a man leans on it, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him. 36:7 But if you tell me, ‘We trust in Yahweh our God,’ isn’t that he whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, ‘You shall worship before this altar’?” 36:8 Now therefore, please make a pledge to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders on them. 36:9 How then can you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master’s servants, and put your trust in Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? 36:10 Have I come up now without Yahweh against this land to destroy it? Yahweh said to me, “Go up against this land, and destroy it.””” 36:11 Then Eliakim, Shebna and Joah said to Rabshakeh, “Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand it. Don’t speak to us in the Jews’ language in the hearing of the people who are on the wall.” 36:12 But Rabshakeh said, “Has my master sent me only to your master and to you, to speak these words, and not to the men who sit on the wall, who will eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you?” 36:13 Then Rabshakeh stood, and called out with a loud voice in the Jews’ language, and said, “Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria!

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18:29 The king says, ‘Don’t let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you out of his hand. 18:30 Don’t let Hezekiah make you trust in Yahweh, saying, “Yahweh will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.” 18:31 Don’t listen to Hezekiah.’ For the king of Assyria says, ‘Make your peace with me, and come out to me; and everyone of you eat from his own vine, and everyone from his own fig tree, and everyone drink water from his own cistern; 18:32 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive trees and of honey, that you may live and not die. Don’t listen to Hezekiah when he persuades you, saying, “Yahweh will deliver us.” 18:33 Has any of the gods of the nations ever delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? 18:34 Where are the gods of Hamath and of Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? 18:35 Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of my hand, that Yahweh should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?” 18:36 But the people stayed quiet, and answered him not a word; for the king’s commandment was, “Don’t answer him.” 18:37 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, came with Shebna the scribe and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder to Hezekiah with their clothes torn, and told him Rabshakeh’s words. 19:1 When King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went	32:15 Now therefore don’t let Hezekiah deceive you nor persuade you in this way. Don’t believe him, for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of my hand, and out of the hand of my fathers. How much less will your God deliver you out of my hand?” 32:16 His servants spoke yet more against Yahweh God and against his servant Hezekiah. 32:19 They spoke of the God of Jerusalem as of the gods of the peoples of the earth, which are the work of men’s hands. 32:20 Hezekiah the king and Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, prayed because of this, and cried to	36:14 The king says, ‘Don’t let Hezekiah deceive you; for he will not be able to deliver you. 36:15 Don’t let Hezekiah make you trust in Yahweh, saying, “Yahweh will surely deliver us. This city won’t be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.” 36:16 Don’t listen to Hezekiah, for the king of Assyria says, ‘Make your peace with me, and come out to me; and each of you eat from his vine, and each one from his fig tree, and each one of you drink the waters of his own cistern; 36:17 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards. 36:18 Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, “Yahweh will deliver us.” Have any of the gods of the nations delivered their lands from the hand of the king of Assyria? 36:19 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Have they delivered Samaria from my hand? 36:20 Who are they among all the gods of these countries that have delivered their country out of my hand, that Yahweh should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?” 36:21 But they remained silent, and said nothing in reply, for the king’s commandment was, “Don’t answer him.” 36:22 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph the recorder, came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn, and told him the words of Rabshakeh. 37:1 When King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went

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into Yahweh's house. 19:2 He sent Eliakim, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. 19:3 They said to him, "Hezekiah says, 'Today is a day of trouble, of rebuke, and of rejection; for the children have come to the point of birth, and there is no strength to deliver them.' 19:4 It may be Yahweh your God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to defy the living God, and will rebuke the words which Yahweh your God has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.'" 19:5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 19:6 Isaiah said to them, "Tell your master this: 'Yahweh says, "Don't be afraid of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. 19:7 Behold, I will put a spirit in him, and he will hear news, and will return to his own land. I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.'" 19:8 So Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah; for he had heard that he had departed from Lachish. 19:9 When he heard it said of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "Behold, he has come out to fight against you," he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying, 19:10 "Tell Hezekiah king of Judah this: 'Don't let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. 19:11 Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly. Will you be	heaven.	into Yahweh's house. 37:2 He sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz. 37:3 They said to him, "Hezekiah says, 'Today is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of rejection; for the children have come to the birth, and there is no strength to give birth.' 37:4 It may be Yahweh your God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to defy the living God, and will rebuke the words which Yahweh your God has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.'" 37:5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 37:6 Isaiah said to them, "Tell your master, 'Yahweh says, "Don't be afraid of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. 37:7 Behold, I will put a spirit in him and he will hear news, and will return to his own land. I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.'" 37:8 So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah, for he heard that he had departed from Lachish. 37:9 He heard news concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "He has come out to fight against you." When he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, 37:10 "Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, 'Don't let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem won't be given into the hand of the king of Assyria." 37:11 Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly. Shall you be

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delivered? 19:12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them, which my fathers have destroyed—Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the children of Eden who were in Telassar? 19:13 Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah?” 19:14 Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it. Then Hezekiah went up to Yahweh’s house, and spread it before Yahweh. 19:15 Hezekiah prayed before Yahweh, and said, “Yahweh, the God of Israel, who are enthroned above the cherubim, you are the God, even you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. 19:16 Incline your ear, Yahweh, and hear. Open your eyes, Yahweh, and see. Hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to defy the living God. 19:17 Truly, Yahweh, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands, 19:18 and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were no gods, but the work of men’s hands, wood and stone. Therefore they have destroyed them. 19:19 Now therefore, Yahweh our God, save us, I beg you, out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, Yahweh, are God alone.” 19:20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, “Yahweh, the God of Israel, says ‘You have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, and I have heard you. 19:21 This is the word that Yahweh has spoken concerning him: ‘The virgin daughter of Zion has despised you and ridiculed you. The daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you.	32:17 He also wrote letters insulting Yahweh, the God of Israel, and speaking against him, saying, “As the gods of the nations of the lands, which have not delivered their people out of my hand, so shall the God of Hezekiah not deliver his people out of my hand.”	delivered? 37:12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them, which my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the children of Eden who were in Telassar? 37:13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah?” 37:14 Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it. Then Hezekiah went up to Yahweh’s house, and spread it before Yahweh. 37:15 Hezekiah prayed to Yahweh, saying, 37:16 “Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, who is enthroned among the cherubim, you are the God, even you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. 37:17 Turn your ear, Yahweh, and hear. Open your eyes, Yahweh, and behold. Hear all of the words of Sennacherib, who has sent to defy the living God. 37:18 Truly, Yahweh, the kings of Assyria have destroyed all the countries and their land, 37:19 and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were no gods, but the work of men’s hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed them. 37:20 Now therefore, Yahweh our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you are Yahweh, even you only.” 37:21 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, “Yahweh, the God of Israel says, ‘Because you have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, 37:22 this is the word which Yahweh has spoken concerning him: ‘The virgin daughter of Zion has despised you and ridiculed you. The daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you.

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19:22 Whom have you defied and blasphemed? Against whom have you exalted your voice and lifted up your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel! 19:23 By your messengers, you have defied the Lord, and have said, “With the multitude of my chariots, I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the innermost parts of Lebanon, and I will cut down its tall cedars and its choice cypress trees; and I will enter into his farthest lodging place, the forest of his fruitful field. 19:24 I have dug and drunk strange waters, and I will dry up all the rivers of Egypt with the sole of my feet.” 19:25 Haven’t you heard how I have done it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? Now I have brought it to pass, that it should be yours to lay waste fortified cities into ruinous heaps. 19:26 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 grain blasted before it has grown up. 19:27 But I know your sitting down, your going out, your coming in, and your raging against me. 19:28 Because of your raging against me, and because your arrogance has come up into 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 by which you came.’ 19:29 “This will be the sign to you: This year, you will eat that which grows of itself, and in the second year that which springs from that; and in the third year sow and reap, and plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 19:30 The remnant that has escaped of the house of Judah will again take root downward, and		37:23 Whom have you defied and blasphemed? Against whom have you exalted your voice and lifted up your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel. 37:24 By your servants, you have defied the Lord, and have said, “With the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the innermost parts of Lebanon. I will cut down its tall cedars and its choice cypress trees. I will enter into its farthest height, the forest of its fruitful field. 37:25 I have dug and drunk water, and with the sole of my feet I will dry up all the rivers of Egypt.” 37:26 “‘Have you not heard how I have done it long ago, and formed it in ancient times? Now I have brought it to pass, that it should be yours to destroy fortified cities, turning them into ruinous heaps. 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 before its crop has grown. 37:28 But I know your sitting down, your going out, your coming in, and your raging against me. 37:29 Because of your raging against me, and because your arrogance has come up into 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 by which you came. 37:30 “‘This shall be the sign to you: You will eat this year that which grows of itself, and in the second year that which springs from it; and in the third year sow and reap and plant vineyards, and eat their fruit. 37:31 The remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah will again take root downward, and bear fruit

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bear fruit upward. 19:31 For out of Jerusalem a remnant will go out, and out of Mount Zion those who shall escape. Yahweh's zeal will perform this. 19:32 "Therefore Yahweh says concerning the king of Assyria, 'He will not come to this city, nor shoot an arrow there. He will not come before it with shield, nor cast up a mound against it. 19:33 He will return the same way that he came, and he will not come to this city,' says Yahweh. 19:34 'For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake and for my servant David's sake.'"		upward. 37:32 For out of Jerusalem a remnant will go out, and survivors will escape from Mount Zion. The zeal of Yahweh of Armies will perform this.' 37:33 "Therefore Yahweh says concerning the king of Assyria, 'He will not come to this city, nor shoot an arrow there, neither will he come before it with shield, nor cast up a mound against it. 37:34 He will return the way that he came, and he won't come to this city,' says Yahweh. 37:35 'For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.'"
<u>The Assyrian Army Destroyed</u>		
19:35 That night, Yahweh's angel went out and struck one hundred eighty-five thousand in the camp of the Assyrians. When men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies. 19:36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, went home, and lived at Nineveh. 19:37 As he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Esar Haddon his son reigned in his place.	32:21 Yahweh sent an angel, who cut off all the mighty men of valor, the leaders, and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. When he had come into the house of his god, those who came out of his own body killed him there with the sword. 32:22 Thus Yahweh saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria and from the hand of all others, and guided them on every side. 32:23 Many brought gifts to Yahweh to Jerusalem, and precious things to Hezekiah king of Judah, so that he was exalted in the sight of all nations from then on.	37:36 Then Yahweh's angel went out and struck one hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the camp of the Assyrians. When men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies. 37:37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, went away, returned to Nineveh, and stayed there. 37:38 As he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons struck him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Esar Haddon his son reigned in his place.
<u>Hezekiah's Illness</u>		
20:1 In those days Hezekiah was sick and dying. Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, "Yahweh says, 'Set your house in order; for you will die, and not live.'" 20:2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed to Yahweh, saying, 20:3 "Remember now, Yahweh, I beg you, how I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect	32:24 In those days Hezekiah was terminally ill, and he prayed to Yahweh; and he spoke to him, and gave him a sign.	38:1 In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, came to him, and said to him, "Yahweh says, 'Set your house in order, for you will die, and not live.'" 38:2 Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to Yahweh, 38:3 and said, "Remember now, Yahweh, I beg you, how I have walked before you in truth and

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heart, and have done that which is good in your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly. 20:4 Before Isaiah had gone out into the middle part of the city, Yahweh’s word came to him, saying, 20:5 “Turn back, and tell Hezekiah the prince of my people, ‘Yahweh, the God of David your father, says, “I have heard your prayer. I have seen your tears. Behold, I will heal you. On the third day, you will go up to Yahweh’s house. 20:6 I will add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city for my own sake, and for my servant David’s sake.”” 20:7 Isaiah said, “Take a cake of figs.” They took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered. 20:8 Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “What will be the sign that Yahweh will heal me, and that I will go up to Yahweh’s house the third day?” 20:9 Isaiah said, “This will be the sign to you from Yahweh, that Yahweh will do the thing that he has spoken: should the shadow go forward ten steps, or go back ten steps?” 20:10 Hezekiah answered, “It is a light thing for the shadow to go forward ten steps. No, but let the shadow return backward ten steps.” 20:11 Isaiah the prophet cried to Yahweh; and he brought the shadow ten steps backward, by which it had gone down on the sundial of Ahaz.		with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in your sight.” Then Hezekiah wept bitterly. 38:4 Then Yahweh’s word came to Isaiah, saying, 38:5 “Go, and tell Hezekiah, ‘Yahweh, the God of David your father, says, “I have heard your prayer. I have seen your tears. Behold, I will add fifteen years to your life. 38:6 I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city. 38:21 Now Isaiah had said, “Let them take a cake of figs, and lay it for a poultice on the boil, and he shall recover.” 38:22 Hezekiah also had said, “What is the sign that I will go up to Yahweh’s house?” 38:7 This shall be the sign to you from Yahweh, that Yahweh will do this thing that he has spoken. 38:8 Behold, I will cause the shadow on the sundial, which has gone down on the sundial of Ahaz with the sun, to return backward ten steps.”” So the sun returned ten steps on the sundial on which it had gone down.
<u>Hezekiah’s Psalm of Thanks</u>		
		38:9 The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and had recovered of his sickness: 38:10 I said, “In the middle of my life I go into the gates of Sheol. I am deprived of the residue of my years.”

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		38:11 I said, “I won’t see Yah, Yah in the land of the living. I will see man no more with the inhabitants of the world. 38:12 My dwelling is removed, and is carried away from me like a shepherd’s tent. I have rolled up my life like a weaver. He will cut me off from the loom. From day even to night you will make an end of me. 38:13 I waited patiently until morning. He breaks all my bones like a lion. From day even to night you will make an end of me. 38:14 I chattered like a swallow or a crane. I moaned like a dove. My eyes weaken looking upward. Lord, I am oppressed. Be my security.” 38:15 What will I say? He has both spoken to me, and himself has done it. I will walk carefully all my years because of the anguish of my soul. 38:16 Lord, men live by these things; and my spirit finds life in all of them. You restore me, and cause me to live. 38:17 Behold, for peace I had great anguish, but you have in love for my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption; for you have cast all my sins behind your back. 38:18 For Sheol can’t praise you. Death can’t celebrate you. Those who go down into the pit can’t hope for your truth. 38:19 The living, the living, he shall praise you, as I do today. The father shall make known your truth to the children. 38:20 Yahweh will save me. Therefore we will sing my songs with stringed instruments all the days of our life in Yahweh’s house.
	<u>Hezekiah’s Decline</u> 32:25 But Hezekiah didn’t reciprocate appropriate to the benefit done for him, because his heart was lifted up. Therefore there was wrath on him, Judah, and Jerusalem.	

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	32:26 However, Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that Yahweh's wrath didn't come on them in the days of Hezekiah. 32:27 Hezekiah had exceedingly great riches and honor. He provided himself with treasuries for silver, for gold, for precious stones, for spices, for shields, and for all kinds of valuable vessels; 32:28 also storehouses for the increase of grain, new wine, and oil; and stalls for all kinds of animals, and flocks in folds. 32:29 Moreover he provided for himself cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance; for God had given him abundant possessions. 32:30 This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper spring of the waters of Gihon, and brought them straight down on the west side of David's city. Hezekiah prospered in all his works.	
20:12 At that time Berodach Baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.	32:31 However, concerning the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent to him to inquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him to test him, that he might know all that was in his heart.	39:1 At that time, Merodach-baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that he had been sick, and had recovered.
20:13 Hezekiah listened to them, and showed them all the storehouse of his precious things—the silver, the gold, the spices, and the precious oil, and the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures. There was nothing in his house, or in all his dominion, that Hezekiah didn't show them. 20:14 Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah, and said to him, "What did these men say? From where did they come to you?" Hezekiah said, "They have come from a far country, even from Babylon." 20:15 He said, "What have they seen in your house?" Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that is in my house. There is nothing among my treasures that I have not		39:2 Hezekiah was pleased with them, and showed them the house of his precious things, the silver, the gold, the spices, and the precious oil, and all the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures. There was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah didn't show them. 39:3 Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah, and asked him, "What did these men say? From where did they come to you?" Hezekiah said, "They have come from a country far from me, even from Babylon." 39:4 Then he asked, "What have they seen in your house?" Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that is in my house. There is nothing among my treasures that

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shown them.” 20:16 Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear Yahweh’s word. 20:17 ‘Behold, the days come that all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have laid up in store to this day, will be carried to Babylon. Nothing will be left,’ says Yahweh. 20:18 ‘They will take away some of your sons who will issue from you, whom you will father; and they will be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.’” 20:19 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “Yahweh’s word which you have spoken is good.” He said moreover, “Isn’t it so, if peace and truth will be in my days?” 20:20 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made the pool, and the conduit, and brought water into the city, aren’t they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 20:21 Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and Manasseh his son reigned in his place.	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, in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 32:33 Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the ascent to the tombs of the sons of David. All Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem honored him at his death. Manasseh his son reigned in his place.	I have not shown them.” 39:5 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the word of Yahweh of Armies: 39:6 ‘Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have stored up until today, will be carried to Babylon. Nothing will be left,’ says Yahweh. 39:7 ‘They will take away your sons who will issue from you, whom you shall father, and they will be eunuchs in the king of Babylon’s palace.’” 39:8 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “Yahweh’s word which you have spoken is good.” He said moreover, “For there will be peace and truth in my days.”

Manasseh King of Judah

21:1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hephzibah.

21:2 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, after the abominations of the nations whom Yahweh cast out before the children of Israel.

21:3 For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he raised up altars for Baal, and made an Asherah, as Ahab king of Israel did, and worshiped all the army of the sky, and served them.

21:4 He built altars in Yahweh's house, of which Yahweh said, "I will put my name in Jerusalem."

21:5 He built altars for all the army of the sky in the two courts of Yahweh's house.

21:6 He made his son to pass through the fire, practiced sorcery, used enchantments, and dealt with those who had familiar spirits and with wizards. He did much evil in Yahweh's sight, to provoke him to anger.

21:7 He set the engraved image of Asherah that he had made in the house of which Yahweh said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my name forever;

21:8 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."

21:9 But they didn't listen, and Manasseh seduced them to do that which is evil more than the nations did whom Yahweh destroyed before the children of Israel.

21:10 Yahweh spoke by his servants the prophets, saying,

21:11 "Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations, and has done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, who were before him, and has also made Judah to sin with his idols;

21:12 therefore Yahweh the God of Israel says, 'Behold, I will bring such evil on Jerusalem and Judah that whoever hears of it, both his ears will tingle.

21:13 I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plumb line of Ahab's house; and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.

21:14 I will cast off the remnant of my inheritance and deliver them into the hands of their enemies.

33:1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem.

33:2 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, after the abominations of the nations whom Yahweh cast out before the children of Israel.

33:3 For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; and he raised up altars for the Baals, made Asheroth, and worshiped all the army of the sky, and served them.

33:4 He built altars in Yahweh's house, of which Yahweh said, "My name shall be in Jerusalem forever."

33:5 He built altars for all the army of the sky in the two courts of Yahweh's house.

33:6 He also made his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom. He practiced sorcery, divination, and witchcraft, and dealt with those who had familiar spirits and with wizards. He did much evil in Yahweh's sight, to provoke him to anger.

33:7 He set the engraved image of the idol, which he had made, in God's house, of which God said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my name forever.

33:8 I will not any more remove the foot of Israel from off the land which I have appointed for your fathers, if only they will observe to do all that I have commanded them, even all the law, the statutes, and the ordinances given by Moses."

33:9 Manasseh seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that they did more evil than did the nations whom Yahweh destroyed before the children of Israel.

33:10 Yahweh spoke to Manasseh and to his people, but they didn't listen.

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They will become a prey and a plunder to all their enemies, 21:15 because they have done that which is evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger since the day their fathers came out of Egypt, even to this day.” 21:16 Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, until he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; in addition to his sin with which he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in Yahweh’s sight.	

Manasseh Repents

	33:11 Therefore Yahweh brought on them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh in chains, bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. 33:12 When he was in distress, he begged Yahweh his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. 33:13 He prayed to him; and he was entreated by him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that Yahweh was God. 33:14 Now after this, he built an outer wall to David’s city on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entrance at the fish gate. He encircled Ophel with it, and raised it up to a very great height; and he put valiant captains in all the fortified cities of Judah. 33:15 He took away the foreign gods and the idol out of Yahweh’s house, and all the altars that he had built in the mountain of Yahweh’s house and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city. 33:16 He built up Yahweh’s altar, and offered sacrifices of peace offerings and of thanksgiving on it, and commanded Judah to serve Yahweh, the God of Israel. 33:17 Nevertheless the people still sacrificed in the high places, but only to Yahweh their God. 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 Yahweh, the God of Israel, behold, they are written among the acts of the kings of Israel. 33:19 His prayer also, and how God listened to his request, and all his sin and his trespass, and the places in which he built high places and set up the Asherah poles and the engraved images before he humbled himself: behold, they are written in the history of Hozai. 33:20 So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house; and Amon his son
21:17 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, aren’t they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?	
21:18 Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden	

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of Uzza; and Amon his son reigned in his place.	reigned in his place.
<u>Amon King of Judah</u>	
21:19 Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Meshullemeth the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.	33:21 Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years in Jerusalem.
21:20 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, as Manasseh his father did.	33:22 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, as did Manasseh his father; and Amon sacrificed to all the engraved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them.
21:21 He walked in all the ways that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshiped them;	33:23 He didn't humble himself before Yahweh, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but this same Amon trespassed more and more.
21:22 and he abandoned Yahweh, the God of his fathers, and didn't walk in the way of Yahweh.	33:24 His servants conspired against him, and put him to death in his own house.
21:23 The servants of Amon conspired against him, and put the king to death in his own house.	33:25 But the people of the land killed all those who had conspired against King Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.
21:24 But the people of the land killed all those who had conspired against King Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.	
21:25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?	
21:26 He was buried in his tomb in the garden of Uzza, and Josiah his son reigned in his place.	
<u>Josiah King of Judah</u>	
22:1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath.	34:1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem.
22:2 He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, and walked in all the ways of David his father, and didn't turn away to the right hand or to the left.	34:2 He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, and walked in the ways of David his father, and didn't turn away to the right hand or to the left.
	34:3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, the Asherah poles, the engraved images, and the molten images.
	34:4 They broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence; and he cut down the incense altars that were on high above them. He broke the Asherah poles, the engraved images, and the molten images in pieces, made dust of them, and scattered it on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them.
	34:5 He burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and purged Judah and Jerusalem.
	34:6 He did this in the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, even to Naphtali, around in their ruins.
	34:7 He broke down the altars, beat the Asherah poles and the engraved images into powder, and cut down all the incense altars throughout all the land of Israel, then returned to Jerusalem.

The Temple Repaired

22:3 In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan, the son of Azaliah the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to Yahweh's house, saying,

22:4 "Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may count the money which is brought into Yahweh's house, which the keepers of the threshold have gathered of the people.

22:5 Let them deliver it into the hand of the workers who have the oversight of Yahweh's house; and let them give it to the workers who are in Yahweh's house, to repair the damage to the house,
22:6 to the carpenters, and to the builders, and to the masons, and for buying timber and cut stone to repair the house.

22:7 However, no accounting shall be asked of them for the money delivered into their hand, for they deal faithfully."

34:8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder to repair the house of Yahweh his God.

34:9 They came to Hilkiah the high priest and delivered the money that was brought into God's house, which the Levites, the keepers of the threshold, had gathered from the hands of Manasseh, Ephraim, of all the remnant of Israel, of all Judah and Benjamin, and of the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

34:10 They delivered it into the hands of the workmen who had the oversight of Yahweh's house; and the workmen who labored in Yahweh's house gave it to mend and repair the house.

34:11 They gave it to the carpenters and to the builders to buy cut stone and timber for couplings, and to make beams for the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

34:12 The men did the work faithfully. Their overseers were Jahath and Obadiah the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to give direction; and others of the Levites, who were all skillful with musical instruments.

34:13 Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and directed all who did the work in every kind of service. Of the Levites, there were scribes, officials, and gatekeepers.

The Book of the Law Discovered

22:8 Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the book of the law in Yahweh's house." Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

22:9 Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, "Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hands of the workmen who have the oversight of Yahweh's house."

22:10 Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, "Hilkiah the priest has delivered a book to me." Then Shaphan read it before the king.

22:11 When the king had heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes.

22:12 The king commanded Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Achbor the son of

34:14 When they brought out the money that was brought into Yahweh's house, Hilkiah the priest found the book of Yahweh's law given by Moses.

34:15 Hilkiah answered Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the book of the law in Yahweh's house." So Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan.

34:16 Shaphan carried the book to the king, and moreover brought back word to the king, saying, "All that was committed to your servants, they are doing.

34:17 They have emptied out the money that was found in Yahweh's house, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers and into the hand of the workmen."

34:18 Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, "Hilkiah the priest has delivered me a book." Shaphan read from it to the king.

34:19 When the king had heard the words of the law, he tore his clothes.

34:20 The king commanded Hilkiah, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Abdon the son of Micah, Shaphan the

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Micaiah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, 22:13 "Go inquire of Yahweh for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found; for great is Yahweh's wrath that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that which is written concerning us." 22:14 So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter); and they talked with her. 22:15 She said to them, "Yahweh the God of Israel says, 'Tell the man who sent you to me, 22:16 "Yahweh says, 'Behold, I will bring evil on this place and on its inhabitants, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read. 22:17 Because they have forsaken me and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched.'" 22:18 But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of Yahweh, tell him, "Yahweh the God of Israel says, 'Concerning the words which you have heard, 22:19 because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before Yahweh when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you,' says Yahweh. 22:20 'Therefore behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you will be gathered to your grave in peace. Your eyes will not see all the evil which I will bring on this place.'"" So they brought this message back to the king.	scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, 34:21 "Go inquire of Yahweh for me, and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found; for great is Yahweh's wrath that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept Yahweh's word, to do according to all that is written in this book." 34:22 So Hilkiah and those whom the king had commanded went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter), and they spoke to her to that effect. 34:23 She said to them, "Yahweh, the God of Israel says: 'Tell the man who sent you to me, 34:24 "Yahweh says, 'Behold, I will bring evil on this place and on its inhabitants, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah. 34:25 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands, therefore my wrath is poured out on this place, and it will not be quenched.'" 34:26 But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of Yahweh, you shall tell him this, 'Yahweh, the God of Israel says: "About the words which you have heard, 34:27 because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God when you heard his words against this place and against its inhabitants, and have humbled yourself before me, and have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you," says Yahweh. 34:28 "Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you will be gathered to your grave in peace. Your eyes won't see all the evil that I will bring on this place and on its inhabitants.'"" They brought back this message to the king. 34:29 Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.
Revival	
23:1 The king sent, and they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. 23:2 The king went up to Yahweh's house, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him—with the priests, the prophets, and all the people, both small and great; and he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in Yahweh's house. 23:3 The king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before Yahweh to walk after Yahweh and to	34:30 The king went up to Yahweh's house with all the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem—the priests, the Levites, and all the people, both great and small—and he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in Yahweh's house. 34:31 The king stood in his place and made a covenant before Yahweh, to walk after Yahweh, and

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keep his commandments, his testimonies, and his statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to confirm the words of this covenant that were written in this book; and all the people agreed to the covenant. 23:4 The king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the threshold, to bring out of Yahweh's temple all the vessels that were made for Baal, for the Asherah, and for all the army of the sky; and he burned them outside of Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel. 23:5 He got rid of the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah and in the places around Jerusalem; those also who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, to the moon, to the planets, and to all the army of the sky. 23:6 He brought out the Asherah from Yahweh's house, outside of Jerusalem, to the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and beat it to dust, and cast its dust on the graves of the common people. 23:7 He broke down the houses of the male shrine prostitutes that were in Yahweh's house, where the women wove hangings for the Asherah. 23:8 He brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba; and he broke down the high places of the gates that were at the entrance of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city. 23:9 Nevertheless the priests of the high places didn't come up to Yahweh's altar in Jerusalem, but they ate unleavened bread among their brothers. 23:10 He defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech. 23:11 He took away the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun, at the entrance of Yahweh's house, by the room of Nathan Melech the officer who was in the court; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire. 23:12 The king broke down the altars that were on the roof of the upper room of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of Yahweh's house, and beat them down from there, and cast their dust into the brook Kidron. 23:13 The king defiled the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mountain of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abomination of	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 were written in this book. 34:32 He caused all who were found in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand. The inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. 34:33 Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that belonged to the children of Israel, and made all who were found in Israel to serve, even to serve Yahweh their God. All his days they didn't depart from following Yahweh, the God of their fathers.

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the Sidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon. 23:14 He broke in pieces the pillars, cut down the Asherah poles, and filled their places with men's bones. 23:15 Moreover the altar that was at Bethel and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, even that altar and the high place he broke down; and he burned the high place and beat it to dust, and burned the Asherah. 23:16 As Josiah turned himself, he spied the tombs that were there in the mountain; and he sent, and took the bones out of the tombs, and burned them on the altar, and defiled it, according to Yahweh's word which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these things. 23:17 Then he said, "What monument is that which I see?" The men of the city told him, "It is the tomb of the man of God who came from Judah and proclaimed these things that you have done against the altar of Bethel." 23:18 He said, "Let him be! Let no one move his bones." So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet who came out of Samaria. 23:19 All the houses also of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke Yahweh to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Bethel. 23:20 He killed all the priests of the high places that were there, on the altars, and burned men's bones on them; and he returned to Jerusalem.	

The Passover Celebration

23:21 The king commanded all the people, saying, "Keep the Passover to Yahweh your God, as it is written in this book of the covenant."	35:1 Josiah kept a Passover to Yahweh in Jerusalem. They killed the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month. 35:2 He set the priests in their offices and encouraged them in the service of Yahweh's house. 35:3 He said to the Levites who taught all Israel, who were holy to Yahweh, "Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel built. It will no longer be a burden on your shoulders. Now serve Yahweh your God and his people Israel. 35:4 Prepare yourselves after your fathers' houses by your divisions, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son. 35:5 Stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of your brothers the children of the people, and let there be for each a
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	portion of a fathers' house of the Levites. 35:6 Kill the Passover lamb, sanctify yourselves, and prepare for your brothers, to do according to Yahweh's word by Moses." 35:7 Josiah gave to the children of the people, of the flock, lambs and young goats, all of them for the Passover offerings, to all who were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bulls. These were of the king's substance. 35:8 His princes gave a free will offering to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites. Hilkiyah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, the rulers of God's house, gave to the priests for the Passover offerings two thousand six hundred small livestock, and three hundred head of cattle. 35:9 Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethanel, his brothers, and Hashabiah, Jeiel, and Jozabad, the chiefs of the Levites, gave to the Levites for the Passover offerings five thousand small livestock and five hundred head of cattle. 35:10 So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites by their divisions, according to the king's commandment. 35:11 They killed the Passover lambs, and the priests sprinkled the blood which they received from their hands, and the Levites skinned them. 35:12 They removed the burnt offerings, that they might give them according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of the children of the people, to offer to Yahweh, as it is written in the book of Moses. They did the same with the cattle. 35:13 They roasted the Passover with fire according to the ordinance. They boiled the holy offerings in pots, in cauldrons, and in pans, and carried them quickly to all the children of the people. 35:14 Afterward they prepared for themselves and for the priests, because the priests the sons of Aaron were busy with offering the burnt offerings and the fat until night. Therefore the Levites prepared for themselves and for the priests the sons of Aaron. 35:15 The singers, the sons of Asaph, were in their place, according to the commandment of David, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the gatekeepers were at every gate. They didn't need to depart from their service, because their brothers the Levites prepared for them. 35:16 So all the service of Yahweh was prepared the same day, to keep the Passover, and to offer burnt offerings on Yahweh's altar, according to the commandment of King Josiah. 35:17 The children of Israel who were present kept the Passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days.
23:22 Surely there was not kept such a Passover	35:18 There was no Passover like that kept in Israel

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from the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah;	from the days of Samuel the prophet, nor did any of the kings of Israel keep such a Passover as Josiah kept—with the priests, the Levites, and all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
23:23 but in the eighteenth year of King Josiah, this Passover was kept to Yahweh in Jerusalem.	35:19 This Passover was kept in the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah.
23:24 Moreover, Josiah removed those who had familiar spirits, the wizards, and the teraphim, and the idols, and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might confirm the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in Yahweh's house.	
23:25 There was no king like him before him, who turned to Yahweh with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; and there was none like him who arose after him.	
23:26 Notwithstanding, Yahweh didn't turn from the fierceness of his great wrath, with which his anger burned against Judah, because of all the provocation with which Manasseh had provoked him.	
23:27 Yahweh said, "I will also remove Judah out of my sight, as I have removed Israel; and I will cast off this city which I have chosen, even Jerusalem, and the house of which I said, 'My name shall be there.'"	

The Death of Josiah

35:20 After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Neco king of Egypt went up to fight against Carchemish by the Euphrates, and Josiah went out against him.

35:21 But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, "What have I to do with you, you king of Judah? I come not against you today, but against the house with which I have war. God has commanded me to make haste. Beware that it is God who is with me, that he not destroy you."

35:22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and didn't listen to the words of Neco from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.

35:23 The archers shot at King Josiah; and the king said to his servants, "Take me away, because I am seriously wounded!"

35:24 So his servants took him out of the chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had, and brought him to Jerusalem; and he died, and was buried in the tombs of his fathers. All Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

35:25 Jeremiah lamented for Josiah, and all the

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23:28 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 23:29 In his days Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates; and King Josiah went against him, but Pharaoh Necho killed him at Megiddo when he saw him. 23:30 His 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 took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's place.	singing men and singing women spoke of Josiah in their lamentations to this day; and they made them an ordinance in Israel. Behold, they are written in the lamentations. 35:26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and his good deeds, according to that which is written in Yahweh's law, 35:27 and his acts, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. 36:1 Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's place in Jerusalem.
<u>Jehoahaz King of Judah</u>	
23:31 Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 23:32 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, according to all that his fathers had done. 23:33 Pharaoh Necho put him in bonds at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put the land to a tribute of one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. 23:34 Pharaoh Necho made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the place of Josiah his father, and changed his name to Jehoiakim; but he took Jehoahaz away, and he came to Egypt and died there. 23:35 Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh. He exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, from everyone according to his assessment, to give it to Pharaoh Necho.	36:2 Joahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. 36:3 The king of Egypt removed him from office at Jerusalem, and fined the land one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. 36:4 The king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. Neco took Joahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

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<u>Jehoiakim King of Judah</u>		
23:36 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zebidah the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah. 23:37 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, according to all that his fathers had done.	36:5 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. He did that which was evil in Yahweh his God's sight.	26:20 There was also a man who prophesied in Yahweh's name, Uriah the son of Shemaiah of Kiriath Jearim; and he prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah. 26:21 When Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men and all the princes heard his words, the king sought to put him to death; but when Uriah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt. 26:22 Then Jehoiakim the king sent Elnathan the son of Achbor and certain men with him into Egypt. 26:23 They fetched Uriah out of Egypt and brought him to Jehoiakim the king, who killed him with the sword and cast his dead body into the graves of the common people. 26:24 But the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, so that they didn't give him into the hand of the people to put him to death. 36:21 So the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll [of Jeremiah], and he took it out of the room of Elishama the scribe. Jehudi read it in the hearing of the king, and in the hearing of all the princes who stood beside the king. 36:22 Now the king was sitting in the winter house in the ninth month, and there was a fire in the brazier burning before him. 36:23 When Jehudi had read three or four columns, the king cut it

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24:1 In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years. Then he turned and rebelled against him. 24:2 Yahweh sent against him bands of the Chaldeans, bands of the Syrians, bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to Yahweh's word which he spoke by his servants the prophets. 24:3 Surely at the commandment of Yahweh this came on Judah, to remove them out of his sight for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did, 24:4 and also for the innocent blood that he shed; for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and Yahweh would not pardon. 24:5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of	36:6 Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against him, and bound him in fetters to carry him to Babylon. 36:7 Nebuchadnezzar also carried some of the vessels of Yahweh's house to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon. 36:8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was	with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was in the brazier, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier. 36:24 The king and his servants who heard all these words were not afraid, and didn't tear their garments. 36:25 Moreover Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the scroll; but he would not listen to them. 36:26 The king commanded Jerahmeel the king's son, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to arrest Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet; but Yahweh hid them.

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the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 24:6 So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers, and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place. 24:7 The king of Egypt didn't come out of his land any more; for the king of Babylon had taken, from the brook of Egypt to the river Euphrates, all that belonged to the king of Egypt.	found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah; and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.	
<u>Jehoiachin King of Judah</u>		
24:8 Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. His mother's name was Nehushta the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. 24:9 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, according to all that his father had done. 24:10 At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up to Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. 24:11 Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to the city while his servants were besieging it, 24:12 and Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon—he, his mother, his servants, his princes, and his officers; and the king of Babylon captured him in the eighth year of his reign. 24:13 He carried out from there all the treasures of Yahweh's house and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in Yahweh's temple, as Yahweh had said. 24:14 He carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valor, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths. No one remained except the poorest people of the land. 24:15 He carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, with the king's mother, the king's wives, his	36:9 Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem. He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight. 36:10 At the return of the year, King Nebuchadnezzar sent and brought him to Babylon, with the valuable vessels of Yahweh's house, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.	

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officers, and the chief men of the land. He carried them into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. 24:16 All the men of might, even seven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths one thousand, all of them strong and fit for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.		52:31 In the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the twenty-fifth day of the month, Evilmerodach king of Babylon, in the first year of his reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and released him from prison. 52:32 He spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings who were with him in Babylon, 52:33 and changed his prison garments. Jehoiachin ate bread before him continually all the days of his life. 52:34 For his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him by the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.
<u>Zedekiah King of Judah</u>		
24:17 The king of Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's father's brother, king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah. 24:18 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 24:19 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 24:20 For through the anger of Yahweh, this happened in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence. Then Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.	36:11 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. 36:12 He did that which was evil in Yahweh his God's sight. He didn't humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from Yahweh's mouth.	52:1 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign. He reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 52:2 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 52:3 For through Yahweh's anger this happened in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence. Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

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	<u>Jerusalem Under Siege</u> 36:13 He also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God; but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart against turning to Yahweh, the God of Israel. 36:14 Moreover all the chiefs of the priests and the people trespassed very greatly after all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted Yahweh's house which he had made holy in Jerusalem. 36:15 Yahweh, the God of their fathers, sent to them by his messengers, rising up early and sending, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place; 36:16 but they mocked the messengers of God, despised his words, and scoffed at his prophets, until Yahweh's wrath arose against his people, until there was no remedy.	
25:1 In the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it; and they built forts against it around it.		39:1 In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem, and besieged it. 21:1 The word which came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, when King Zedekiah sent to him Pashhur the son of Malchijah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, saying, 21:2 "Please inquire of Yahweh for us; for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon makes war against us. Perhaps Yahweh will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may withdraw from us." 21:3 Then Jeremiah said to them, "Tell Zedekiah: 21:4 'Yahweh, the God of Israel says, "Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, with which you fight

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		against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans who besiege you outside the walls; and I will gather them into the middle of this city. 21:5 I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, in wrath, and in great indignation. 21:6 I will strike the inhabitants of this city, both man and animal. They will die of a great pestilence. 21:7 Afterward," says Yahweh, "I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, his servants, and the people, even those who are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life. He will strike them with the edge of the sword. He will not spare them, have pity, or have mercy." 32:1 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. 32:2 Now at that time the king of Babylon's army was besieging Jerusalem. Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard, which was in the king of Judah's house. 32:3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, "Why do you prophesy, and say, 'Yahweh says, "Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will take it; 34:8 The word came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, after King Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people who were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty to them, 34:9 that every man should let his male servant, and every man his female servant, who is a Hebrew or a Hebrewess, go free, that no

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		one should make bondservants of them, of a Jew his brother. 34:10 All the princes and all the people obeyed who had entered into the covenant, that everyone should let his male servant and everyone his female servant go free, that no one should make bondservants of them any more. They obeyed and let them go, 34:11 but afterwards they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids whom they had let go free to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids. 37:1 Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned as king instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah. 37:2 But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, listened to Yahweh's words, which he spoke by the prophet Jeremiah. 37:3 Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "Pray now to Yahweh our God for us." 37:4 Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people, for they had not put him into prison. 37:16 When Jeremiah had come into the dungeon house and into the cells, and Jeremiah had remained there many days, 37:17 then Zedekiah the king sent and had him brought out. The king asked him secretly in his house, "Is there any word from Yahweh?" Jeremiah said, "There is." He also said, "You will be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon." 37:18 Moreover Jeremiah said to King Zedekiah, "How have I sinned against you, against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me in prison?

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		37:19 Now where are your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, ‘The king of Babylon will not come against you, nor against this land’? 37:20 Now please hear, my lord the king; please let my supplication be presented before you, that you not cause me to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there.” 37:21 Then Zedekiah the king commanded, and they committed Jeremiah into the court of the guard. They gave him daily a loaf of bread out of the bakers’ street, until all the bread in the city was gone. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard. 38:4 Then the princes said to the king, “Please let this man [Jeremiah] be put to death, because he weakens the hands of the men of war who remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words to them; for this man doesn’t seek the welfare of this people, but harm.” 38:5 Zedekiah the king said, “Behold, he is in your hand; for the king can’t do anything to oppose you.” 38:6 Then they took Jeremiah and threw him into the dungeon of Malchijah the king’s son, that was in the court of the guard. They let down Jeremiah with cords. In the dungeon there was no water, but mire; and Jeremiah sank in the mire. 38:7 Now when Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, a eunuch, who was in the king’s house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon (the king was then sitting in Benjamin’s gate), 38:8 Ebedmelech went out of the king’s house, and spoke to the king, saying, 38:9 “My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet,

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		whom they have cast into the dungeon. He is likely to die in the place where he is, because of the famine; for there is no more bread in the city.” 38:10 Then the king commanded Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, “Take from here thirty men with you, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he dies.” 38:11 So Ebedmelech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took from there rags and worn-out garments, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah. 38:12 Ebedmelech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, “Now put these rags and worn-out garments under your armpits under the cords.” Jeremiah did so. 38:13 So they lifted Jeremiah up with the cords, and took him up out of the dungeon; and Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard. 38:14 Then Zedekiah the king sent and took Jeremiah the prophet to himself into the third entry that is in Yahweh’s house. Then the king said to Jeremiah, “I will ask you something. Hide nothing from me.” 38:15 Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, “If I declare it to you, will you not surely put me to death? If I give you counsel, you will not listen to me.” 38:16 So Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, “As Yahweh lives, who made our souls, I will not put you to death, neither will I give you into the hand of these men who seek your life.” 38:17 Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, “Yahweh, the God of Armies, the God of Israel, says: ‘If you will go out to the king of Babylon’s princes, then your soul will live, and this city will not be burned with fire. You will live, along with your house.

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		38:18 But if you will not go out to the king of Babylon's princes, then this city will be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they will burn it with fire, and you won't escape out of their hand." 38:19 Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, "I am afraid of the Jews who have defected to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me." 38:20 But Jeremiah said, "They won't deliver you. Obey, I beg you, Yahweh's voice, in that which I speak to you; so it will be well with you, and your soul will live. 38:21 But if you refuse to go out, this is the word that Yahweh has shown me: 38:22 'Behold, all the women who are left in the king of Judah's house will be brought out to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women will say, "Your familiar friends have turned on you, and have prevailed over you. Your feet are sunk in the mire, they have turned away from you." 38:23 They will bring out all your wives and your children to the Chaldeans. You won't escape out of their hand, but will be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon. You will cause this city to be burned with fire." 38:24 Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "Let no man know of these words, and you won't die. 38:25 But if the princes hear that I have talked with you, and they come to you, and tell you, 'Declare to us now what you have said to the king; don't hide it from us, and we will not put you to death; also tell us what the king said to you;' 38:26 then you shall tell them, 'I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there.'" 38:27 Then all the princes came to Jeremiah, and asked him; and he told them according to all these

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		words that the king had commanded. So they stopped speaking with him, for the matter was not perceived. 38:28 So Jeremiah stayed in the court of the guard until the day that Jerusalem was taken.
<u>The Babylonian Captivity</u>		
25:3 On the ninth day of the fourth month, the famine was severe in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. 25:4 Then a breach was made in the city, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden (now the Chaldeans were against the city around it); and the king went by the way of the Arabah. 25:5 But the Chaldean army pursued the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. 25:6 Then they captured the king and carried him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they passed judgment on him. 25:7 They killed Zedekiah's sons before his eyes, then put out Zedekiah's eyes, bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon. 25:8 Now in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of		39:2 In the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, a breach was made in the city. 39:3 All the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate: Nergal Sharezer, Samgarnebo, Sarsechim the Rabsaris, Nergal Sharezer the Rabmag, with all the rest of the princes of the king of Babylon. 39:4 When Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, then they fled and went out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, through the gate between the two walls; and he went out toward the Arabah. 39:5 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho. When they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; and he pronounced judgment on him. 39:6 Then the king of Babylon killed Zedekiah's sons in Riblah before his eyes. The king of Babylon also killed all the nobles of Judah. 39:7 Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. [52:11 He put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison until the day of his death.] 39:8 The Chaldeans burned the king's house and the people's houses with fire and broke down
	36:17 Therefore he brought on them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with	

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King Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. 25:9 He burned Yahweh's house, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem. He burned every great house with fire. 25:10 All the army of the Chaldeans, who were with the captain of the guard, broke down the walls around Jerusalem.	the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or infirm. He gave them all into his hand. 36:18 All the vessels of God's house, great and small, and the treasures of Yahweh's house, and the treasures of the king and of his princes, all these he brought to Babylon. 36:19 They burned God's house, broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all of its valuable vessels.	the walls of Jerusalem.
25:11 Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive the rest of the people who were left in the city and those who had deserted to the king of Babylon—all the rest of the multitude. 25:12 But the captain of the guard left some of the poorest of the land to work the vineyards and fields.	36:20 He carried those who had escaped from the sword away to Babylon, and they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia, 36:21 to fulfill Yahweh's word by Jeremiah's mouth, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. As long as it lay desolate, it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.	39:9 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the rest of the people who remained in the city, the deserters also who fell away to him, and the rest of the people who remained. 39:10 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, who had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.
25:13 The Chaldeans broke up the pillars of bronze that were in Yahweh's house and the bases and the bronze sea that were in Yahweh's house, and carried the bronze pieces to Babylon. 25:14 They took away the pots, the shovels, the snuffers, the spoons, and all the vessels of bronze with which they ministered. 25:15 The captain of the guard took away the fire pans, the basins, that which was of gold, for gold, and that which was of silver, for silver. 25:16 The two pillars, the one sea, and the bases, which Solomon had made for Yahweh's house, the bronze of all these vessels was not weighed. 25:17 The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and a capital of bronze was on it. The height of the capital was three cubits, with		

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network and pomegranates on the capital around it, all of bronze; and the second pillar with its network was like these. 25:18 The captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the threshold; 25:19 and out of the city he took an officer who was set over the men of war; and five men of those who saw the king's face, who were found in the city; and the scribe, the 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 city. 25:20 Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. 25:21 The king of Babylon attacked them and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away captive out of his land. 25:22 As for the people who were left in the land of Judah whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, governor. 25:23 Now when all the captains of the forces, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, Johanan the son of Kareah, Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men. 25:24 Gedaliah swore to them and to their men, and said to them, "Don't be afraid because of the servants of the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it will be well with you." 25:25 But in the seventh month, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal offspring came, and ten men with		

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him, and struck Gedaliah so that he died, with the Jews and the Chaldeans that were with him at Mizpah. 25:26 All the people, both small and great, and the captains of the forces arose and came to Egypt; for they were afraid of the Chaldeans. 25:27 In the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, Evilmerodach king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, released Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison, 25:28 and he spoke kindly to him and set his throne above the throne of the kings who were with him in Babylon, 25:29 and changed his prison garments. Jehoiachin ate bread before him continually all the days of his life; 25:30 and for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him from the king, every day a portion, all the days of his life.		

The Edict of Cyrus

36:22 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that Yahweh's word by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, Yahweh 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, saying,

36:23 "Cyrus king of Persia says, 'Yahweh, the God of heaven, has given all the kingdoms of the earth to me; and he has commanded me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, Yahweh his God be with him, and let him go up.'"