

## 1Kings

## 1Kings 1

- ¶1. Now, King David was old and advanced in years, and they covered him with garments, but he could not keep warm.
2. Therefore, his servants said to him, “Let them seek a young virgin for my lord the king, and let her stand before the king, and let her be of service to him, and lie in your bosom so that my lord the king may be warm.”
3. So they sought for a beautiful young woman throughout all the territory of Israel, and they found Abishag the Shunammite, and they brought her to the king.
4. And the young woman was very beautiful, and she began attending to the king and ministered to him, but the king did not know her.
- ¶5. Now, Adonijah, son of Haggith, had exalted himself saying, “I will be king,” and he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him,
6. and his father had not grieved him at any time by saying, “Why have you done this?” He also was very handsome, and *his mother* bore him after Absalom.
7. Moreover, he conferred with Joab ben-Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest, and they followed Adonijah and helped *him*.
8. (But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah ben-Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and those who were David’s mighty men were not with Adonijah.)
9. And Adonijah sacrificed sheep, and cattle, and fatlings near the stone of Zohelath, which is beside Enrogel, and he called all his brothers, sons of the king, and all the men of Judah, servants of the king.
10. However, Nathan the prophet, or Benaiah, or the mighty men, or Solomon his brother, he did not call.
11. Then Nathan spoke to Bathsheba, Solomon’s mother, saying, “Have you not heard that Adonijah ben-Haggith has begun to reign and David our lord does not know?
12. Therefore, come! Let me, I beg you, give you counsel, that you may escape, and your son Solomon!
13. Go, and enter in to David the king and say to him, ‘O king, my lord, did you not swear to your handmaid saying, “Solomon your son shall certainly be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne?” Why, then, is Adonijah king?’
14. Behold, while you are still there, speaking with the king, I will come in after you and confirm your words.”
15. And Bathsheba went in to the king, to his chamber. (Now, the king was very old, and Abishag the Shunammite was ministering to the king.)
16. And Bathsheba bowed and prostrated herself before the king, and the king said, “What do you want?”
17. Then she said to him, “My lord, you swore to your handmaid by Jehovah your God, saying, ‘Solomon, your son, shall certainly be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne.’
18. But, behold, Adonijah has now become king, even though, my lord the king, you did not know.
19. Also, he has sacrificed a multitude of oxen, and fatlings, and sheep, and he has called all the king’s sons, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the army. But Solomon your servant, he did not call.

20. And you, my lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are upon you to make known to them who should sit upon the throne of my lord the king after him.
21. Otherwise, it shall come to pass that when my lord the king sleeps with his fathers, I and my son Solomon will be condemned as offenders.”
22. And behold, while she was still speaking with the king, Nathan the prophet came in.
23. And they announced to the king, “Behold, Nathan the prophet!” And he entered in before the king, and prostrated himself before the king, with his face to the ground.
24. And Nathan said, “My lord the king, have you said, ‘Adonijah will reign after me, and he will sit on my throne?’
25. For he has gone down today and is sacrificing a multitude of oxen, and fatlings, and sheep, and he has called all the king’s sons, and captains of the army, and Abiathar the priest. And behold, they are eating and drinking before him, and they are saying, ‘*Long live King Adonijah!*’
26. But me, your servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah ben-Jehoiada, and Solomon your servant, he did not call.
27. If this thing has been done by my lord the king, then you did not tell your servant who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.”
28. Then David the king answered and said, “Call Bathsheba to me!” And she came into the king’s presence, and she stood before the king.
29. And the king swore and said, “As Jehovah lives, who has redeemed my life from all distress,
30. just as I swore to you by Jehovah, the God of Israel, saying, ‘Surely, Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my stead, ’so I will certainly do this day!”
31. Then Bathsheba bowed her face to the earth and prostrated herself before the king, and said, “Let my lord David the king live forever!”
32. And King David said, “Call Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah ben-Jehoiada to me!” And they came in before the king.
33. Then the king said to them, “You take the servants of your lord with you, and have my son Solomon to ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon.
34. And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet shall anoint him there as king over Israel, and you shall blow with the shofar and declare, ‘*Long live King Solomon!*’
35. Then you shall go up after him, and he shall come in and sit upon my throne, and he shall reign in my stead, for him have I commanded to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.”
36. And Benaiah ben-Jehoiada answered the king and said, “Amen! May Jehovah, the God of my lord the king, say so!
37. As Jehovah has been with my lord the king, so may He be with Solomon and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord, King David!”
38. Then Zadok the priest went down, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah ben-Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and they mounted Solomon on King David’s mule and brought him to Gihon.
39. And Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the tent and anointed Solomon, and they blew with the shofar, and all the people said, “*Long live King Solomon!*”

40. And all the people came up after him, and the people were piping with pipes, and rejoicing with great joy such that the earth was rent with the sound of them.
41. Then Adonijah and all the guests with him heard it, and they stopped eating. And Joab heard the sound of the shofar and said, "Why is a sound of an uproar in the city?"
42. And while he was yet speaking, behold, Jonathan, son of Abiathar the priest, came in. Then Adonijah said, "Come in! For you are a valiant man and you bring good tidings."
43. And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, "Truly, our lord, David the king, has made Solomon king!
44. And the king has sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah ben-Jehoida, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and they made him to ride upon the king's mule.
45. And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anointed him king in Gihon, and they have gone up from there rejoicing, and the city is in an uproar. This is the sound that you heard.
46. And also, Solomon is sitting on the throne of the kingdom!
47. And also the king's servants have come to bless our lord, King David, saying, 'May your God make the name of Solomon better than your name, and his throne greater than your throne!' Then the king worshipped on the bed.
48. And the king also said this: 'Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Israel, who this day has granted a man to sit on my throne while my eyes can see it.'
49. And all who had been called, who were for Adonijah, were terrified, and they stood up and departed, each man going his own way.
50. Adonijah was also afraid because of Solomon, and he arose and departed, and he took hold of the horns of the altar.
51. Then it was reported to Solomon, saying, "Behold, Adonijah fears Solomon the king, and behold, he has taken hold of the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let King Solomon swear to me this day that he will not put his servant to death with the sword!'"
52. Then Solomon said, "If he is deserving, not a hair of his will fall to the ground, but if evil be found in him, then he will die."
53. And King Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar, and he came in and bowed himself to Solomon the king. Then Solomon said to him, "Go to your house!"

## 1Kings 2

- ¶1. Now, the days of David drew near that he should die, and he commanded Solomon his son, saying,
2. "I am going the way of all the earth. Therefore, be strong; yea, be a man
3. and keep the charge of Jehovah your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, and His Judgments, and His testimonies, just as it is written in the law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn,
4. so that Jehovah may establish His word which He spoke to me, saying, 'If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before me faithfully with all their heart and with all their soul, you will never fail,' He said, 'to have a man upon the throne of Israel.'
5. Moreover, you also know what Joab, the son of Zeruiah did to me, what he did to the two captains of the armies of Israel, to Abner ben-Ner and to Amasa ben-Jether, that he slew them and shed the

blood of war in peacetime, spilling blood of war on his belt that was about his loins and on his sandals that were on his feet.

6. Therefore, do according to your wisdom, and do not allow his gray hair go down to Sheol in peace.
7. But deal kindly with the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite and let them be among those who eat at your table, for thus they came to me when I fled from before Absalom your brother.
8. Behold, also with you is Shimei ben-Gera, the Benjamite from Bahurim who cursed me with a grievous curse on the day I fled to Mahanaim. But he came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by Jehovah, saying, ‘*May God damn me* if I put you to death by the sword!’<sup>1</sup>
9. But do not now leave him unpunished, for you are a wise man, and you will know what you should do to him, but bring down his gray head with blood to Sheol!”

¶10. Then David slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David.

11. Now the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years. He reigned seven years in Hebron, and he reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem.
12. And Solomon sat upon the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was greatly established.
13. And Adonijah the son of Haggith went to Bathsheba, mother of Solomon, and she said, “Do you come peacefully?” Then he said, “Peacefully.”
14. Then he said, “I have something to say to you.” And she said, “Speak.”
15. Then he said, “You know that the kingdom would have been mine and that all Israel had set their faces on me to be king, but the kingdom is turned about and has become my brother’s, for it was his from Jehovah.
16. So, as things are, I would make one request of you. Do not refuse me.” And she said to him, “Speak.”
17. Then he said, “If you will, speak to Solomon the king, for he will not refuse you, that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife.”
18. And Bathsheba said, “Very well. I will speak to the king for you.”
19. Then Bathsheba went in to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah. And the king stood up to greet her, and he bowed to her. Then he sat down upon his throne, and a throne was set for the king’s mother, and she sat at his right hand.
20. And she said, “I would make one small request of you. Do not refuse me.” And the king said to her, “Ask me, my mother, for I will not refuse you.”
21. Then she said, “Let *the king* give Abishag the Shunammite to your brother Adonijah to wife.”
22. And King Solomon answered and said to his mother, “And why are you asking Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Ask for him the kingdom also, for he is my elder brother, and he has both Abiathar the priest and Joab son of Zeruiah!”
23. Then King Solomon swore by Jehovah saying, “God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word at the expense of his own life!”

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<sup>1</sup> Literally, only “– if I put you to death by the sword.” The curse intended with this oath is so unthinkable – calling for one’s own death and damnation – that it is not even uttered.

24. And now, as Jehovah lives, who established me and set me on the throne of David my father, and who made for me a house, just as he said, surely, Adonijah will be put to death this day!"
25. And King Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah ben-Jehoiada, and he fell upon him, and he died.
- ¶26. And the king said to Abiathar the priest, "Get you to Anathoth, to your fields, for you are a dead man! But I will not put you to death on this day because you carried the ark of the Lord Jehovah before David my father and because you were afflicted in all that my father was afflicted."
27. So, Solomon cast Abiathar out from being the LORD's priest, to fulfill the word of the LORD which He spoke concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.
- ¶28. And the report came to Joab (for Joab had turned after Adonijah, although he had not turned after Absalom). Then Joab fled to the tent of the LORD and grasped the horns of the altar.
29. And it was reported to King Solomon that Joab had fled to the tent of the LORD and that, behold, *he was* at the altar. And Solomon sent Benaiah ben-Jehoiada, saying, "Go! Fall upon him!"
30. So, Benaiah went to the tent of the LORD and said to him, "Thus says the king, 'Come out!'" But he said, "No, but I will die here." Therefore, Benaiah returned word to the king, saying, "Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me."
31. And the king said to him, "Do as he has said, and fall upon him and bury him, that you remove the blood from me and from my father's house which Joab shed without cause.
32. And Jehovah shall return his blood upon his own head who fell upon two men more just and better than he, and slew them with the sword (my father David not knowing): Abner ben-Ner, captain of the army of Israel, and Amasa ben-Jether, captain of the army of Judah.
33. So, their blood will return upon the head of Joab and upon the head of his seed forever. But for David and for his seed, and for his house, and for his throne, there shall be peace forever from Jehovah."
34. Then Benaiah ben-Jehoiada went up and fell upon him, and he killed him, and he was buried in his place in the wilderness.
35. And the king appointed Benaiah ben-Jehoiada in his stead over the army, and the king appointed Zadok the priest in the stead of Abiathar.
36. And the king sent and called for Shimei, and he said to him, "Build a house for yourself in Jerusalem, and there shall you dwell. And from there, you shall not go forth anywhere whatsoever.
37. For on the day that you go out and cross over the brook Kidron, know for certain that you shall surely die. Your blood will be upon your own head."
38. Then Shimei said to the king, "The saying is good. As my lord the king has spoken, so will your servant do." And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days.
39. But it came to pass at the end of three years, two servants of Shimei ran away to Achish ben-Maachah, king of Gath. And men told Shimei, saying, "Behold, your servants are in Gath."
40. Then Shimei rose up, and saddled his donkey, and departed for Gath, to Achish, to look for his servants. And Shimei went and brought his servants from Gath.
41. And it was reported to Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and had returned.
42. And the king sent and called for Shimei. Then he said to him, "Did I not make you swear by Jehovah, and solemnly warn you, saying, 'In the day you go forth, and go anywhere whatsoever, know for certain that you will surely die'? And you said, 'The saying is good. I understand.'"

43. Therefore, why have you not kept the oath of Jehovah and the commandment that I commanded you?"
44. The king also said to Shimei, "You know all the evil that your heart knows, which you did to David my father; therefore, Jehovah will return your evil upon your own head.
45. But King Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before Jehovah forever."
46. Then the King commanded Benaiah ben-Jehioada, and he went out and fell upon him, and he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

## 1Kings 3

- ¶1. And Solomon made an alliance with Pharaoh, King of Egypt, and took the daughter of Pharaoh. Then he brought her to the city of David until he had completed building his house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall around Jerusalem.
2. Only, the people were sacrificing in the high places because a house for the name of the LORD had not been built before those days.
3. And Solomon loved Jehovah, walking in the statutes of his father David, only he sacrificed and burned incense in the high places.
- ¶4. And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for it was the great high place, and Solomon offered one-thousand burnt offerings upon that altar.
5. In Gibeon, Jehovah appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask. What shall I give you?"
6. Then Solomon said, "You showed great kindness to your servant David my father, inasmuch as he walked before you in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with you. And you have preserved for him this great kindness, that you have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.
7. Indeed, O Jehovah my God, you have now made your servant to reign in David my father's stead. But I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in,
8. and your servant is in the midst of your people that you have chosen, a great people that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.
9. Therefore, give to your servant an understanding heart, that I might judge your people, discerning between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great nation of yours?"
10. And it was good in the eyes of the Lord that Solomon asked this.
11. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this thing and have not asked for yourself long life, nor asked for yourself riches, nor asked for the life of your enemies, but you have asked for yourself understanding to perceive justice.
12. Behold, I have done according to your words. Behold, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that no one like you has been before you, nor after you will any like you arise.
13. Moreover, I have also given you that which you have not asked for, both riches and honor, so that among the kings, there will not be any like you all your days.
14. And if you walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will prolong your days."

15. And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and he offered up burnt offerings and made peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.
- ¶16. Then two women, harlots, came to the king and stood before him.
17. And the one woman said, "If you please, my lord! This woman and I live in the same house, and I gave birth, with her in the house.
18. And it came to pass on the third day after I gave birth that this woman also bore a child, and we were together. No one else was with us in the house; only we two were in the house.
19. And this woman's son died during the night because she lay upon him,
20. and she got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your maid-servant was asleep, and she laid him on her bosom and laid her dead son on my bosom.
21. And I got up in the morning to nurse my son, and behold, he was dead! But when I really looked at him in the morning, behold, it was not the son that I gave birth to!"
22. Then the other woman said, "No! My son is the live one, and the dead one is your son!" And this one said, "No! Your son is the dead one, and my son is the living one!" Thus, they spoke before the king.
23. And the king said, "This woman says, 'This living one is my son, and the dead one is your son. But this one says, 'No! Your son is the dead one, and my son is the living one.'"
24. And the king said, "Bring me a sword." And they brought the sword before the king.
25. Then the king said, "Divide the living boy in two, and give half to one and half to the other."
26. And the woman whose son was alive spoke to the king, for she was moved with compassion for her son and said, "If you please, my lord! Give the living child to her! Please do not put him to death!" But the other one kept saying, "He should be neither mine nor yours. You men cut him in two!"
27. Then the king answered and said, "Give the living child to her, and by no means kill him. She is his mother."
28. And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had made, and they feared the king because they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to execute judgment.

## 1Kings 4

- ¶1. So, King Solomon was king over all Israel.
2. And these were his chief officials: Azariah ben-Zadok the priest,
3. Elihoreph and Ahijah, sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat ben-Ahilud, the recorder;
4. and Benaiah ben-Jehoiada, over the army; and Zadok and Abiathar, priests;
5. and Azariah ben-Nathan, over the officers; and Zabud ben-Nathan, a priest and friend of the King;
6. and Ahishar, over the household; and Adoniram ben-Abda, over the forced labor.
7. And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, and they provided food for the King and his house. One month each year, it was one man's responsibility to make provision,
8. and these are their names: Ben-Hur in Mount Ephraim;
9. Ben-Dekar in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and in Bethshemesh, and Elon Beth-Hanan;
10. Ben-Hesed in the Arubboth had Sochoh and all the land of Hepher;
11. Ben-Abinadab, all of Naphath-Dor (he had Taphath, daughter of Solomon, as his wife);

12. Baana ben-Ahilud, Taanach, and Megiddo, and all Bethshean (which is near Zarethan) below Jezreel, from Bethshean to Abel-meholah, as far as the other side of Jokmeam;
  13. Ben-Geber in Ramoth-Gilead had the villages of Jair<sup>2</sup> ben-Manasseh, which are in Gilead. He had the region of Argob that is in Bashan, sixty great cities with wall and bronze bar;
  14. Ahinadab ben-Iddo, Mahanaim;
  15. Ahimaaz, in Naphtali (he also took Basmath, daughter of Solomon, for a wife);
  16. Baana ben-Hushai, in Asher and in Aloth;
  17. Jehoshaphat ben-Paruah, in Issachar;
  18. Shimei ben-Ela, in Benjamin;
  19. Geber ben-Uri, in the land of Gilead, territory of Sihon, King of the Amorites, and Og, King of Bashan, (and he was the only officer in that territory).
  20. Judah and Israel were as numerous as the sand that is by the sea in abundance, eating and drinking, and they were joyful.
  21. And so it was that Solomon reigned over all the kingdoms, from the River to the land of the Philistines, even to the border of Egypt. They brought tribute, and served Solomon all the days of his life.
- ¶22. Now, Solomon's provision for one day was thirty cors of fine flour and sixty cors of meal,
23. ten fat oxen, and twenty cattle out of the pasture, and one hundred sheep, besides deer, and gazelle, and roebuck, and fattened fowl,
  24. for he had dominion over all the region across the River, from Tiphseh even unto Gaza, over all the kings beyond the River. And he had peace around him on all sides.
  25. So, Judah and Israel lived securely, each man beneath his vine and beneath his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.
  26. And Solomon had forty-thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve-thousand horsemen.
  27. And these officers supported King Solomon and all who came to King's Solomon's table, each man in his month. They lacked nothing.
  28. And men brought barley and straw for the horses and steeds to the place where the *officers* were, each man according to his quota.
  29. And God gave Solomon wisdom, and very great understanding, and breadth of heart, as the sand that is on the seashore.
  30. So, Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of any of the sons of the East and greater than all the wisdom of Egypt.
  31. Indeed, he was wiser than any man, *wiser* than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And his fame was in all the nations round about.
  32. Moreover, he spoke three-thousand proverbs and his songs were a thousand and five.
  33. And he spoke concerning the trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall. And he spoke of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fish.
  34. And they came from all nations to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all the kings of the earth who heard of his wisdom.

## 1Kings 5

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<sup>2</sup> That is, Havoth-Jair.



- ¶1. And Hiram, King of Tyre, sent his servants to Solomon because he had heard that they anointed him king in place of his father, for Hiram always loved David.
2. And Solomon sent to Hiram saying,
3. “You know that David my father was not able to build a house for the name of Jehovah his God because of the warfare with which *his enemies* surrounded him, until Jehovah put them under the soles of his feet.
4. But now, Jehovah my God has given me rest on every side. There is neither adversary nor adverse circumstance.
5. And behold, I intend to build a house for the name of Jehovah my God, as Jehovah spoke to David my father, saying, ‘Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your stead, he will build the house for my name.’
6. Therefore, command now that cedars from Lebanon be cut down for me. And my servants will be with your servants, and I will give wages to your servants according to all that you say, for you know there is not a man among us who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians.”
7. And it came to pass when Hiram heard the words of Solomon that he was exceedingly glad, and he said, “Blessed be Jehovah this day, who has given to David a wise son over this great people!”
8. And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, “I have heard that which you sent to me. I will do all that you desire concerning cedar trees and concerning cypress<sup>3</sup> trees.
9. My servants will bring them down from Lebanon to the sea, and in the sea, I will make them rafts *to go* to the place that you designate for me, and I will take them apart there, and you will take them. And you will satisfy my requirement to provide food for my house.”
10. And so, Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and cypress trees, all his desire.
11. And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand cors of wheat as food for his house, and twenty cors of beaten oil. Solomon gave this to Hiram year by year.
12. And the LORD gave wisdom to Solomon as He said to him. And there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a covenant.
- ¶13. Then King Solomon conscripted forced labor out of all Israel, and the labor force consisted of thirty thousand men.
14. And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month in shifts. They were in Lebanon a month, then two months at home. And Adoniram was over the labor force.
15. And so it was that Solomon had seventy thousand men to bear burdens and eighty thousand to hew in the mountain,
16. apart from Solomon’s chief officers who were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, who had charge over the people who were doing the work.
17. And the King commanded, and they quarried great stones, costly stones, in order to lay the foundation of the house *with* hewn stones.
18. And Solomon’s builders, and Hiram’s builders, and the Giblites hewed them and prepared the timber and the stones to build the house.

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<sup>3</sup> Possibly “fir”.

- ¶1. And it came to pass, in the four hundred and eightieth year after the sons of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Ziv, the second month, he *began to build the house of the LORD.*
2. And the length of the house that King Solomon built for the LORD was sixty cubits, and twenty cubits was its width, and thirty cubits was its height.
  3. And the length of the porch in front of the temple, the house, was twenty cubits, corresponding to the width of the house; its depth in front of the house was ten cubits.
  4. And he made windows with narrowing frames for the house.
  5. And he built a structure against the wall of the house all around, walls for the house round about, for the temple and the oracle, and he made chambers all around.
  6. The lowest story was five cubits wide, and the middle, six cubits wide, and the third, seven cubits wide, for around the outside of the house, he made offsets so that they would not be fastened to the walls of the house.
  7. And when the house was being built, it was built with finished stone from the quarry. Neither hammer nor ax, nor any tool of iron, was heard in the house while it was being built.
  8. The entrance for the middle chamber was on the right side of the house, and they went up by winding steps to the middle *story*, and from the middle *story* to the third.
  9. So, he built the house and completed it. And he covered the house with beams and rows of cedar.
  10. And he built the structure against all the house, five cubits was its height, and it was fastened to the house with timbers of cedar.

¶11. And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying,

12. "As for this house which you are building, if you walk in my statutes, and carry out my judgments, and keep all my commandments and walk in them, then with you will I establish my word which I spoke to David your father,
13. and I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel, and not forsake my people Israel."
14. So, Solomon built the house and completed it.
15. And he built walls inside the house with cedar boards. Both the floor of the house and the walls of the ceiling, he covered with wood within, and he covered the floors of the house with cypress boards.
16. And he built twenty cubits of the rear of the house with cedar boards, both the floor and the walls, and he built it within for an oracle, for the Most Holy Place,
17. and the house in front of it, that is, the temple, was forty cubits.
18. And the facing of the cedar for the house was carved with knops and blossoming flowers. Everything was cedar; not a stone could be seen.
19. And he prepared the oracle within the house to put the ark of the covenant of the LORD there.
20. And the length of the oracle within was twenty cubits, and its width was twenty cubits, and its height was twenty cubits. And he overlaid it with pure gold. He also overlaid the altar of cedar.
21. And Solomon overlaid the inside of the house with pure gold, and he made chains of gold to pass across the front of the oracle, which he also overlaid with pure gold.
22. And he overlaid the whole house with gold until the entire house was finished. Also, the entire altar that was by the oracle, he overlaid with gold.
23. And within the oracle, he made two cherubim of olive wood, ten cubits high.
24. And five cubits was one wing of the cherub, and five cubits was the second wing of the cherub, ten cubits from the tip of its wing to the tip of its *other* wing.
25. And the second cherub was ten cubits. The two cherubim had one measure and one form.

26. The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and likewise, the second cherub.
27. And he set the cherubim in the midst of the inner house, and they spread the wings of the cherubim so that the wing of the one touched the wall, and the wing of the second cherub touched the other wall, and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.
28. And he overlaid the cherubim with gold.
29. And he carved all the surrounding walls of the house with engravings: carvings of cherubim, and palms, and blossoming flowers, from the inner *parts* to the outer *part*.
30. And the floor of the house, he overlaid with gold, within and without.
31. And for the entrance of the oracle, he made doors of olive-wood, the pilaster, doorposts, a fifth part.
32. And on the two doors of olive wood, he carved carvings of cherubim, and palms, and blossoming flowers, and he overlaid them with gold, and he beat out the gold upon the cherubim and upon the palms.
33. And likewise, he made for the entrance of the temple doorposts of olive-wood from a fourth part.
34. And the two doors were of cypress wood. The two leaves of the one door were hinged, and the two leaves<sup>4</sup> of the second door were hinged.
35. And he carved cherubim, and palms, and blossoming flowers, and he overlaid the carved work evenly with gold.
36. And he built the inner court with three courses of hewn *stone*, and a course of hewn cedars.
37. In the fourth year, in the month of Zif, was the foundation of the house of the LORD laid.
38. And in the eleventh year, in the month of Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was completed according to all His commands, and according to all His specifications. And he was seven years in building it.

#### 1Kings 7

- ¶1. And Solomon built his own house, and his entire house was completed in thirteen years.
2. And he built the House of the Forest of Lebanon. Its length was one hundred cubits, and its width was fifty cubits, and its height was thirty cubits, with four rows of cedar pillars and hewn cedars upon the pillars.
3. And it was paneled with cedar above, over the side-chambers that lay atop forty-five pillars, fifteen per row.
4. And there were three rows of *window* frames, with light toward light in three ranks.
5. And all the entrances and posts were made square with frame-work, with light facing toward light in three ranks.
6. And he made a porch of pillars. Its length was fifty cubits, and its width was thirty cubits, and a porch was in front of them with pillars, and a canopy was over them.
7. And he made a porch for the throne where he would judge, the Porch of Judgment, and it was covered with cedar from floor to floor.
8. And his house where he was to live had another court within the porch which was of similar workmanship. He also made a house like this porch for the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Solomon had taken.
9. All these were of costly stones, according to the measurements of hewed stones, sawed with a saw, within and without, even from the foundation to the coping, and from the outside to the Great Court.

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<sup>4</sup> Hebrew: "hangings".

10. And the foundation was of costly stones, great stones, stones of ten cubits and stones of eight cubits.
11. And above were costly stones according to the measure of hewed *stones*, and cedar,
12. and the Great Court round about had three courses of hewn *stone* and a course of hewn cedars, for both the inner court of the house of the LORD and the porch of this house.
- ¶13. And King Solomon sent, and brought Hiram from Tyre,
14. (the son of a widow from the tribe of Naphtali, whose father had been a man of Tyre), an engraver of bronze, and he was filled with wisdom and understanding, and skill for making any work of bronze. And he came to King Solomon and wrought all his work.
15. And he fashioned the two pillars of bronze; the one pillar was eighteen cubits high, and a line of twelve cubits encompassed the second pillar.
16. And he made two chapiters of cast bronze to set on the tops of the pillars. The height of the one chapter was five cubits, and the height of the second chapter was five cubits,
17. and networks of lattice-work, festoons of chain-work for the chapiters that were on top of the pillars: seven for the one chapter and seven for the second chapter.
18. And he made the pillars with two rows of pomegranates all around on the one lattice-work to cover the chapiters that were on the top, and thus he did for the second chapter.
19. And the chapiters that were on top of the pillars on the porch had lily-work of four cubits.
20. Moreover, there were also two hundred pomegranates in rows round about upon the second chapter, even above the chapiters on the two pillars, next to the belly which was across the lattice-work.
21. And he raised up the pillars for the porch of the temple. And he raised up the right pillar and called its name Jachin, then he raised up the left pillar and called its name Boaz.
22. And on top of the pillars was lily-work. And the work of the pillars was completed.
23. And he made the molten sea, circular, ten cubits from its brim to its brim all around. And its height was five cubits, and a line of thirty cubits compassed it about.
24. And beneath its brim all around, there were knops encompassing it, ten in a cubit, surrounding the sea in a circuit. Two rows of knops were cast when it was cast.
25. It stood on twelve oxen, three facing north, and three facing west, and three facing south, and three facing east. And the sea was above them, and all their back parts were inward.
26. And its thickness was a handbreadth, and its rim was made like the rim of a cup, *like* a lily flower. It contained two-thousand baths.
- ¶27. And he made ten bronze bases: each base was four cubits long, and its width was four cubits, and its height, three cubits.
28. And this was the workmanship of each base: they had borders, and the borders were between the ledges.
29. And on the borders that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubim, and upon the ledges was a stand above. And below the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging work.
30. And each base had four bronze wheels with bronze bosses, and they had four feet as supports. Underneath the laver were supports cast with wreaths on each side.
31. And its opening within the chapter and above was a cubit, and its opening was round. The work of the stand was a cubit and a half, and also at its opening were carvings, and their borders were square, not round.
32. And underneath the borders were four wheels, and the sides of the wheels were in the base, and the height of one wheel was one and a half cubit.
33. And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel. Their sides, and their rims, and their spokes, and their hubs were all cast.

34. And four supports were at the four corners of each base, and its supports were part of the base.
35. And on the top of the base was an encircling compass, half a cubit high, and on the top of the base its stays and its borders were one piece.
36. And on the surfaces of its sides and on its borders, he engraved cherubim, lions, and palms according to the space for each one, with wreaths round about.
37. He made ten bases like this, all of them had one casting, one size, *and* one shape.
- ¶38. And he made ten lavers of bronze. One laver contained forty baths. Each laver was four cubits, and on each of the ten bases was one laver.
39. And he placed five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house, and he placed the sea on the right side of the house, toward the southeast.
- ¶40. And Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basins. And Hiram finished doing all the work that he made for King Solomon for the house of the LORD:
41. two pillars, and two bowls of the chapiters that were on the top of the two pillars; and the two lattice-works for covering the two bowls of the chapiters that were on the top of the pillars;
42. and the four hundred pomegranates for the two lattice-works; two rows of pomegranates for one lattice-work for covering the two bowls of the chapiters that were on the faces of the pillars;
43. and the ten bases; and the ten lavers on the bases;
44. and the one sea; and the twelve oxen underneath the sea;
45. and the pans, and the shovels, and the basins – and all these vessels that Hiram made for King Solomon for the house of the LORD were burnished bronze.
46. The King cast them in the area of the Jordan, in the clayey ground between Succoth and Zarethan.
47. And Solomon left all the vessels *unweighed* because they were very, very many. The weight of the bronze was never ascertained.
- ¶48. And Solomon made all the vessels that were in the house the LORD: the altar of gold; and the golden table upon which was the Bread of the Presence;
49. and the five menorahs of pure gold, five on the right and five on the left before the oracle, and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, of gold;
50. and the cups; and the snuffers; and the basins, and the spoons, and the fire-pans, of pure gold; and the sockets for the doors of the innermost house, for the Most Holy Place, and for the doors of the house for the temple, of gold.
51. So, all the work that King Solomon did for the house of the LORD was completed. And Solomon brought in the things his father David had consecrated. He put the silver, and the gold, and the vessels into the treasuries of the house of the LORD.

## 1Kings 8

- ¶1. Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, all the heads of the tribes, the chiefs of the fathers of the sons of Israel, to King Solomon in Jerusalem to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the city of David, that is, Zion.
2. And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to King Solomon for the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month.
3. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.
4. And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent, and the priests and the Levites brought them up.

5. And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel that were gathered to him were with him before the ark began sacrificing sheep and oxen which could not be counted or numbered for multitude.
6. And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, the oracle of the house, the Most Holy Place, beneath the wings of the cherubim,
7. for the cherubim spread two wings for the place of the ark, and from above, the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles.
8. And the poles were extended so that the ends of the poles could be seen from the holy place before the oracle, but they could not be seen outside. And they are there to this day.
9. Nothing was in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses placed there at Horeb when Jehovah made a covenant with the sons of Israel when they came out from the land of Egypt.
10. And it came to pass when the priests came out from the holy place that the cloud filled the house of the LORD.
11. And the priests were not able to stand to minister before the cloud because the LORD's glory filled the house of the LORD.
- ¶12. Then Solomon said, "Jehovah said that He would dwell in thick darkness.
13. I have indeed built you a majestic house, a fixed place for you to dwell in forever."
14. And the King turned his face about, and blessed all the Assembly of Israel, and the whole Assembly of Israel stood up.
15. And he said, "Blessed be Jehovah, God of Israel, who spoke by His mouth to David, my father, and by His hand has fulfilled it, saying,
16. 'From the day that I brought my people Israel out from Egypt, I chose no city from 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.'
17. And it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of Jehovah, God of Israel.
18. And Jehovah said to David my father, 'Forasmuch as it was in your heart to build a house for my name, you have done well, in that it was in your heart.
19. Yet, you will not build the house, but your son, who will come forth from your loins; he will build the house for my name.'
20. And Jehovah caused His word to stand which He spoke, for I have risen up in the place of my father David, and I sit on the throne of Israel, as Jehovah said, and I have built the house for the name of Jehovah, God of Israel.
21. And there, I have provided a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of Jehovah that He made with our fathers when He brought them out from the land of Egypt."
22. And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the Assembly of Israel, and he spread his hands toward heaven.
23. And he said, "O Jehovah, God of Israel, there is no god like you in the heavens above or on the earth beneath, preserving the covenant and lovingkindness for your servants who walk before you with all their heart,
24. you who has kept for your servant David my father what you spoke to him. Yea, you spoke with your mouth, and with your hand you have fulfilled it, as at this day.
25. And now, O Jehovah, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father that which you spoke to him, saying, 'You will not lack a man before me to sit upon the throne of Israel – if only your sons take heed to their way, to walk before me as you have walked.'

26. And now, O God of Israel, let your word, I pray, be established which you spoke to your servant David, my father.
27. But will God indeed dwell on earth? Behold, heaven – even the heaven of heavens – cannot contain you! How much less this house that I have built?
28. Yet, you have regarded the prayer of your servant and his supplication, O Jehovah, my God, that you would hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying before you today,
29. that your eyes be open toward this house night and day, toward the place of which you said, ‘My name will be there,’ that you hear the prayer that your servant prays toward this place,
30. and hear the supplication of your servant and your people Israel when they pray toward this place, that you hear in your dwelling-place in heaven; yea, hear and forgive.
31. *If* a man sins against his fellow, and an oath be laid upon him that he is made to swear, and the oath comes before your altar in this house,
32. may you hear in heaven, and act, and judge your servants, condemning the wicked, setting his wicked way upon his head, and justifying the righteous, to give to him according to his righteousness.
33. When your people Israel are smitten before an enemy because they have sinned against you, and they turn back to you and confess your name, and they pray and plead with you for mercy in this house,
34. then hear from heaven, and forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them back to the land that you gave to their fathers.
35. When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain because they have sinned against you, and they pray toward this place, and they confess your name, and turn from their sin when you afflict them,
36. then hear from heaven, and forgive the sin of your servants, even your people Israel, that you may teach them the good way in which they should walk and give rain to your land that you gave to your people for an inheritance.
37. If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, blight, mildew, swarming locust, destroying locust, if it come to pass that their enemy presses hard on them in the land at their gates – whatever affliction, whatever illness –
38. any prayer, any supplication by any man or by all your people Israel if they confess, each man, the affliction of his heart, and he spreads out his hands toward this house,
39. then hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to all his ways, for you will know his heart (for you, you alone, know the heart of all the sons of man),
40. that they may fear you all the days that they live on the face of the land that you gave to our fathers.
41. And *hear* also the foreigner who is not of your people Israel when he comes from a distant land because of your renown,
42. for they will hear of your great renown, and of your mighty hand, and of your out-stretched arm. When he comes and prays toward this house,
43. hear *from* heaven, your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner cries out to you, so that all peoples of the earth may know your name, to fear you as do your people Israel, and to know that this house which I have built is called by your name.
44. When your people go out to battle against an enemy in the way that you send them, and they pray to Jehovah toward the city that you have chosen and the house that I have built for your name,
45. then hear *from* heaven their prayer and their supplication, and uphold their cause.
46. When they sin against you (for there is no man who does not sin), and you become angry with them and deliver them before an enemy, and they take them away as their captives to the land of the enemy, far or near,

47. but they turn back their heart in the land in which they were taken captive, and they repent and make supplication in the land of their captors, saying, ‘We have sinned and committed iniquity! We have done wickedness!’,
48. and they return to you with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who took them captive, and they pray to you toward their land that you gave to their fathers, the city which you have chosen, and the house that you have built for your name,
49. then from heaven, your dwelling place, hear their prayer and their supplication, and uphold their cause.
50. And forgive your people who have sinned against you, and all their transgressions which they have transgressed against you, and grant them compassion in the presence of their captors so that they will have compassion on them,
51. because they are your people and your inheritance whom you brought out from Egypt, out of the midst of the iron furnace.
52. Let your eyes be open to the supplication of your servant and to the supplication of your people Israel, to hear them in all *for which* they cry out to you.
53. For you separated them for yourself from all peoples of the earth for an inheritance, as you said, by the hand of Moses your servant when you brought our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD.”
- ¶54. And it came to pass, when Solomon finished praying to Jehovah all this prayer and supplication, he arose from before the altar of Jehovah, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread out toward heaven.
55. And he stood, and he blessed all the Assembly of Israel *with* a loud voice, saying,
56. “Blessed is Jehovah, who has given His people Israel a resting place, according to all that He said. Not one word has fallen of all His good word which He spoke by the hand of His servant Moses.
57. May Jehovah our God be with us as He was with our fathers. May He not leave us or forsake us,
58. that He may incline our hearts to Him to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments, and His statutes, and His judgments which He commanded our fathers.
59. And let these words with which I have sought favor before Jehovah, be near Jehovah our God day and night, that He may execute judgment for His servant and judgment for His people Israel, *as the matter requires*, day by day,
60. that all the peoples of the earth may know that Jehovah, He is God, *and* there is no other.
61. Let *your* heart be perfect with Jehovah our God, to walk in His statutes and to keep His commandments, as at this day.”
- ¶62. Then the King and all Israel with him offered sacrifice before Jehovah.
63. And Solomon offered sacrifice for a peace offering, which he slaughtered before Jehovah, twenty-two thousand oxen and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. And so, the King and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.
64. On that day, the King consecrated the middle of the court that is before the house of the LORD, for there he made the burnt offering, and the grain offering, and the fat of the peace offerings because the bronze altar before Jehovah was too small to hold the burnt offering, and the grain offering, and the fat of the peace offerings.
65. And at that time, Solomon made a feast, and all Israel with him, a great Assembly from the entering in of Hamath to the Brook of Egypt, before Jehovah our God, seven days, then seven *more* days, *even* fourteen days.



66. On the eighth day, he sent the people away, and they blessed the King and went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the good that Jehovah had done for David, His servant, and for His people Israel.

## 1Kings 9

- ¶1. And it came to pass, when Solomon finished building the house of the LORD, and the house of the King, and all Solomon's desire that he was pleased to do,
2. that Jehovah appeared to Solomon a second *time* as He had appeared to him at Gibeon.
3. And Jehovah said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your supplication which you have made before me. I have sanctified this house that you have built, to put my name there forever, and my eyes and my heart will always be there."
4. Now, if you walk before me as your father David walked with a heart of integrity and with uprightness to do according to all that I have commanded you *and* will keep my statutes and my judgments,
5. then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I spoke concerning David your father, saying, "You will not lack a man upon the throne of Israel."
6. But, if you or your sons indeed turn away from following me, and do not keep my commandments *and* my statutes that I set before you, but depart and serve other gods and worship them,
7. then I will cut off Israel from before the land that I have given them, and the house that I have consecrated for my name I will cast out from before me, and Israel will become a byword and a mockery among all nations.
8. As to this house *which* is high, all that pass by will be astounded, and hiss, and say, 'Why has Jehovah done thus to this land and to this house?'
9. Then they will say, 'For they have forsaken Jehovah their God who brought their fathers from the land of Egypt, and they have laid hold on other gods, and bowed themselves to them, and have served them. Therefore, Jehovah has brought all this evil upon them.'"
10. And it came to pass, at the end of twenty years; Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD and the house of the King.
11. Hiram, King of Tyre supplied Solomon with timbers of cedar and cypress wood, and gold according to all his desire. Then King Solomon gave to Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.
12. And Hiram came from Tyre to see the cities that Solomon had given to him and they were not pleasing in his eyes.
13. Then he said, "What are these cities that you have given to me, my brother?" And he called them *the* land of Cabul to this day.
14. And Hiram sent to the King one hundred twenty talents of gold.
15. And this is the *reason* for the forced labor that King Solomon raised up: to build the house of the LORD and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer,
16. *for* Pharaoh, King of Egypt had gone up and seized Gezer, and burned it with fire, and slew the Canaanites that lived in the city, and he gave it as a parting gift to his daughter, Solomon's wife.
17. And Solomon built Gezer, and Lower Beth-horon,
18. and Balath, and Tamar (Tadmor) in the wilderness, in the land,

19. and all the storage cities that Solomon had, the cities of the chariotry, and the cities of the horsemen, and of *all* Solomon's desire that he longed to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.
20. And all the people who were left of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites who were not of the sons of Israel,
21. their sons that were left behind in the land whom the sons of Israel were not able to completely destroy, Solomon raised upon them a levy of bondservants unto this day.
22. But of the sons of Israel, Solomon did not put in place bondservants because they were men of war, and his servants, and his officials, and his officers, and his captains of the chariotry, and his horsemen.
23. These were the chief officers who were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty who had charge over the people who were doing the work.
24. But, Pharaoh's daughter went up from the city of David to her house that *Solomon* built for her; then he built Millo.
25. And three times a year, Solomon offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar that he built to Jehovah, and burned incense that was before Jehovah. So, he finished the house.
26. And King Solomon made a fleet of ships in Ezion-geber that is near Elath on the edge of the Red Sea in the land of Edom.
27. And Hiram sent along with the fleet his servants, shipmen who had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.
28. Then they came to Ophir and took from there four hundred twenty talents of gold and *brought* them to King Solomon.

## 1Kings 10

- ¶1. When the Queen of Sheba *upon* hearing of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with difficult questions.
2. And she came to Jerusalem with a great display of wealth, camels bearing spices, and an abundance of gold, and precious stone; and she came unto Solomon and spoke with him all that was in her heart.
3. And Solomon made known to her all her matters. There was not a thing hidden from the king that he could not reveal to her.
4. When the Queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built,
5. and the food of his table, and the assembly of his servants, and the attendance of his servers and their raiment, and his cup-bearers, and his burnt offerings that he caused to ascend in the house of the LORD, there was no more breath in her.
6. Then she said to the king, "The report that I heard in my land of your words and wisdom was true,
7. and I did not believe the reports until I came and saw with my own eyes, and behold! The half was not told to me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the report that I heard.
8. Happy are your men, *even* these your servants are blessed who stand continually before you, *and* who hear your wisdom.
9. Blessed be the LORD your God who delighted in you, to set you upon the throne of Israel, for the LORD has loved Israel for ever, and He has made you king to execute judgment and righteousness."
10. And she gave to the king one hundred twenty talents of gold, and a great abundance of spices, and precious stones. *There* never again came such an abundance of spices as these that the Queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

11. And also, ships of Hiram, that carried gold from Ophir, brought from Ophir a great abundance of almug-trees and precious stones.
12. And the king made of the alung-trees supports for the house of Jehovah and the house of the king, and lyres, and harps for the singers. No such almug-tress have come nor has been seen unto this day.
13. And King Solomon gave to the Queen of Sheba all that she desired and that which she asked, besides from that which he gave her by the hand of King Solomon. Then she turned and went to her own land, she and her servants.
14. And it came to pass, that the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold,
15. apart from the men who were merchantmen, and of the merchandise of the traders, and all the kings of Arabia, and governors of the land.
16. And King Solomon made two hundred shields of beaten gold, six hundred *shekles* of gold *went into* one shield,
17. and three hundred bucklers of beaten gold, three minas of gold upon one buckler. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.
18. The king also made a great ivory throne and overlaid it with refined gold.
19. The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round behind it, and *there were* supports on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions which stood beside the supports.
20. And twelve lions stood there upon the six steps, one on each side. Thus, the like of it has not been made for any other kingdom.
21. And all of 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, for it was not accounted for anything in the days of Solomon.
22. For the king had at sea a fleet of Tarshish *along* with Hiram's fleet. Once every three years the fleet of Tarshish came carrying gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.
23. Thus, King Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth *in* riches and *in* wisdom.
24. Moreover, all the earth was seeking the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom which God had put into his heart.
25. And every one of them brought his tribute, year after year on this matter: they brought vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and weaponry, and spices, horses, and mules.
26. And Solomon gathered chariots (singular) and horsemen, and he had fourteen hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he led forth *to* the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem.
27. And the king made silver likened to stones in Jerusalem, and the cedar trees he made likened to sycamore trees that are in the lowland, for abundance.
28. And Solomon's source for horses which *he had, came* from Egypt and from Kue, and the king's merchants received them from Kue at a price.
29. And a chariot came up, and came out from Egypt for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and a horse for one hundred and fifty, and thus by their hand they brought them out to all the kings of the Hittites and to the kings of Syria.

## 1Kings 11

- ¶1. But king Solomon desired many foreign women, besides the daughter of Pharaoh, *and women of the* Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, *and* Hittites,

2. from the nations of which Jehovah said to the children of Israel not to go in to them, neither shall they come in to you, for certain, they will turn your hearts after their gods; *regardless*, Solomon clung to his desire for them.
3. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines. And his wives turned away his heart.
4. And so it was at the time of Solomon's old age, his wives turned his heart after strange gods, and his heart was not perfect with Jehovah his God like the heart of his father David.
5. For Solomon walked after Ashtoreth *goddess* of the Zidonians, and after Milcom *the* abomination of the Ammonites.
6. Therefore, Solomon did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and did not *walk* fully after Jehovah like David his father *had done*.
7. Furthermore, Solomon built a high place for Chemosh *the* abomination of Moab on a mount that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech *the* abomination of the children of Ammon.
8. And so, he did the *same* for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.
9. Therefore, Jehovah was angry with Solomon because he turned his heart away from Jehovah, God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice,
10. and had commanded him concerning this matter, that he should not walk after other gods, but he did not keep that which Jehovah had commanded.
11. Therefore, Jehovah spoke to Solomon, "Because you have done this *thing*, and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded you, I most certainly will tear the kingdom from you, and I will give it to your servant.
12. Yet, during your days I will not do it for the sake of your father David, *but* I will tear it out of the hand of your son.
13. Even so, I will not tear away the entire kingdom, *but* I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen."
14. So, Jehovah raised up an adversary to rise against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite. He was of the king's offspring in Edom.
15. For it had happened when David *took* Edom and Joab the captain of the army went up to bury the slain *after* he had killed every male in Edom,
16. that Joab continued there for six months, along with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom.
17. But Hadad fled, he and *certain* men of Edom, servants of his father went into Egypt with him. Hadad was yet a young boy.
18. And they arose from Midian and went to Paran; and they took men from Paran with them, and they came to Egypt unto pharaoh king of Egypt. And he gave to him a house, and commanded food for him, he also gave him land.
19. And Hadad found great favor in the eyes of pharaoh, and he gave to him his sister-in law for a wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.
20. So, the sister of Tahpenes bore him a son, Genubath whom Tahpenes weaned in the midst of pharaoh's house, and Genubath was in the house of pharaoh among the sons of pharaoh.
21. When Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers and that Joab, captain of the army had died, then Hadad said to pharaoh, "Send me away that I may go to my own land."
22. And pharaoh said to him, "But what have you lacked with me? So, behold! You now desire to depart to your own land?" And he said, "Nothing, but let me go anyway!"

23. And God caused *another* adversary to rise up against him, Rezon ben-Eliadad who had fled from his lord Hadadezer, king of Zobah.
24. And he assembled unto himself men and he became captain over a band (when David slew them *of Zobah*). And they went and dwelled within Damascus. And they reigned in Damascus.
25. And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, *along* with the evil that Hadad *did*; and he hated Israel, and reigned over Aram.
26. Moreover, Jeroboam ben-Nebat an Ephrathite from Zereda, a servant to Solomon, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman, also lifted his hand against the king.
27. And this is the matter for which he raised a hand against the king. Solomon had built Millo *and* closed the breaches of the city of David his father.
28. And the man Jeroboam *was* a mighty man of valor. And seeing that the young man was diligent in business, Solomon set him over all the burden bearers of the house of Joseph.
29. And it came to pass, at that time, Jeroboam had gone out from Jerusalem, and Ahijah the Shilonite the prophet found him along the way. And he had clothed himself with a new garment; and both of them *were* alone in a field.
30. Then Ahijah grasped the new garment that *was* on him, and tore it into twelve pieces.
31. Then he said to Jeroboam, "You take ten pieces, for thus says Jehovah, God of Israel, 'Behold, I will tear the kingdom from the hand of Solomon and give ten tribes to you.
32. But, one tribe will *remain* his for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen from among all the tribes of Israel.
33. Because they have forsaken me and bowed themselves to Ashtoreth, *goddess* of the Zidonians, to Chemesh god of the Moabites, to Milcom, god of the children of Ammon, and they have not walked in my ways to do what is right in my eyes, nor *kept* my statutes and my judgments like David his father had done.
34. However, I will not take the entire kingdom from his hand, for I will make him ruler (chief prince?) all the days of his life for my servant David's sake, whom I chose, *and* who kept my commandments and my statutes.
35. And I will take the kingdom from out of the hands of his son and give it to you, *even* ten tribes.
36. Moreover, for his son, I will give one tribe for there to be a lamp for my servant David always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen for myself to put my name there.
37. And I will take you, and you will rule according to all that your soul desires, and you shall be king over Israel.
38. It shall come to pass, if you obey all that I command you, and walk in my ways, and do what is right in my eyes, to keep my statutes and my commandments as my servant David did, then I will be with you, and I will build an established house for you as I built for David, moreover, I will give Israel to you.
39. Because of this, I will afflict the seed of David, howbeit not forever.'"
40. So, Solomon sought to put Jeroboam to death. But Jeroboam rose up and fled to Egypt unto Shishak, king of Egypt. And he was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.
41. And the remaining acts of Solomon, and all that he had done, and his wisdom, are they not written on the book of the acts of Solomon?
42. And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel *was* forty years.
43. And Solomon slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David his father, and his son Rehoboam reigned in his stead.

- ¶1. And Rehoboam went to Shechem for all Israel had gone to Shechem to make him king.
2. It came to pass, that Jeroboam ben-Nebat who was still in Egypt heard *this* for he had fled from the presence of King Solomon. And Jeroboam dwelled in Egypt).
3. And they sent and called him, and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came, and they spoke to Rehoboam saying,
4. “Your father made our yoke burdensome, and now lighten the burdensome service of your father, and his heavy yoke that he place upon us, and we will serve you.”
5. The he said to them, “Go *away* for three days, then return to me.” And the people left.
6. And Rehoboam the king consulted with the old men that stood in the presence of Solomon his father when he was yet alive saying, “How do you advise me to return an answer to this people”.
7. And they spoke to him saying, “If today you will be a servant to this people and will serve them, and answer them, even speaking good words to them, then they will be your servants forever.”
8. But, he forsook the counsel of the old men which they had advised him, and he consulted with the young men who had grown up with him, who *now* stood before him.
9. And he said to them, “What counsel do you give that we might return an answer to this people, who have spoken to me saying, ‘Make the yoke that your father put on us lighter.’”
10. And the young men that grew up with him spoke to him saying, “Thus you speak to this people that spoke to you saying, ‘Your father made our yoke heavy, but now you make it lighter on us’. Thus you say to them, ‘my little finger *will be* thicker than my father’s loins’.
11. ‘And now, *whereas* my father laid a heavy yoke on you, even I will add to your yoke; my father chastened you with whips, but I will chasten you with scorpions.’
12. Then Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day *just* as the king had spoken saying, “Return to me on the third day.”
13. And the king answered the people severely, and he *forsook* the counsel that the old men had given him.
14. And he spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men saying, “My father made the yoke upon you heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father chastened you with whips, but I will chasten you with scorpions.”
15. Therefore, the king would not listen to the people for it was a turn of affairs by Jehovah in order to establish His word that Jehovah spoke by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam ben-Nebat.
16. And all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them. Therefore, the people sent back word *to* the king saying, “What portion do we have in David? and neither do we have an inheritance in the son of Jesse.” “To your tents, O Israel! Now look to your own house, O David!” And Israel went to their tents.
17. However, Rehoboam reigned over the children of Israel that dwelled in the cities of Judah.
18. And king Rehoboam sent Adoram who was over the forced labor, but all Israel stoned him with stones and he died. Then king Rehoboam strengthened himself to get up to *his* chariot in order to escape to Jerusalem.
19. Therefore, Israel rebelled against the house of David *even* to this day.

20. And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned that they sent and called him to the congregation and made him to reign over all Israel. There was none that followed the house of David except the tribe of Judah alone.
21. And Rehoboam came to Jerusalem and assembled all the house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin, a hundred eighty thousand chosen men, to wage war against the house of Israel in order to bring back the kingdom to Rehoboam ben-Solomon.
22. But it came to pass, that the word of God *came* to Shemiah, a man of God saying,
23. “Speak to Rehoboam ben-Solomon, king of Judah and to all the house of Judah, and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,
24. Thus says Jehovah, ‘Do not go up, nor wage war against your brothers, the sons of Israel. Each man return to his house, for this thing is of me!’” So they obeyed the word of Jehovah and turned back *and* departed according to the word of Jehovah.
25. And Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim and dwelled there. He also went out from there and built Penuel.
26. And Jeroboam said in his heart, “Now the kingdom will return to the house of David,
27. If this people go up to make sacrifice at the house of Jehovah in Jerusalem, then will the heart of this people return to their lord *even* Rehoboam, king of Judah. Then they will kill me and return to Rehoboam, king of Judah.
28. So the King took counsel and made two golden calves. Then he said to them, “It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Behold your gods, O’ Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt!”
29. And he set the one in Bethel, and put the other in Dan.
30. And this thing became sin. And the people went before one *or the other, even* to Dan.
31. And he built temples on the high places, and he ordained priests from all the people, who were not of the sons of Levi.
32. And Jeroboam made a feast in the eighth month on the fifteenth day of the month like the feast that *is* in Judah, and he offered *sacrifices* on the altar. So, he did *it* in Bethel in order to sacrifice to the calves that he made, and he appointed at Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made.
33. Therefore, he offered *sacrifices* on the altar that he made at Bethel on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, a month that he devised from his heart. He also made a feast for the children of Israel and he offered on the altar to make sacrifices.

## 1Kings 13

- ¶1. And behold, a man of God came from Judah by the word of Jehovah to Bethel, and Jeroboam was standing against (before) the altar to make sacrifice.
2. And he called out against the altar by the word of Jehovah and said, “O Altar, altar, thus says Jehovah, ‘Behold! A son will be born to the house of David, Josiah *will be* his name, and upon you he will slaughter the priests of the high places that make sacrifice upon you, and a man’s bones will be burnt upon you!’ ”
3. And he gave a sign that day saying, “This is the sign which Jehovah has spoken. Behold, the altar will be rent, and the ashes that are upon it will be poured out.”

4. And it came to pass, when the king heard the word of the man of God which called out against the altar in Bethel, Jeroboam put forth his hand from *off the* altar saying, "Seize him!". But his hand that he put forth against him dried up and he was not able to draw it back to himself.
5. Then the altar was rent, and the ashes from the altar poured out according to the sign that the man of God had given by the word of Jehovah.
6. And the king answered and said to the man of God, "Entreat the face of the LORD your God and pray for me that my hand will draw back to me." And the man of God entreated the face of Jehovah, and the king's hand drew back to himself, and it became as it was before.
7. And the king said to the man of God, "Come to the house with me and refresh yourself, and let me give you a gift."
8. But the man of God said to the king, "Even if you would give me half your house, I will not come with you, nor will I eat bread or drink water in this place.
9. For thus was it commanded me by the word of Jehovah, saying, 'You shall not eat bread, and you shall not drink water, and you shall not return by the road that you came.'"
10. Therefore, he went another way and did not return by the way that he had come to Bethel.
11. And a certain old prophet was living in Bethel. And his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done in Bethel *that* day. They *also* recounted to their father the words that he spoken to the king.
12. And their father spoke to them, "Where is this way that he went?", for his sons saw the way that the man of God who came from Judah had gone.
13. Then he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So, they saddled the donkey for him and he mounted upon it.
14. And he went after the man of God and found him sitting under a terebinth. And he said to him, "Are you the man of God that came from Judah?" And he said, "Yes I am."
15. And he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread."
16. Then he said, "I am not able to return with you and go in with you, nor can I eat bread or drink water with you in this place.
17. For this thing *was spoken* to me by the word of Jehovah, 'You shall not eat bread and you shall not drink water there, nor shall you turn and go by the way that you came.'"
18. And he said to him, "I am also a prophet like you, and a messenger spoke to me by the word of Jehovah saying, 'Bring him back with *you* to your house and that he may eat bread and drink water.' But he was deceiving him."
19. So, he returned with him and ate bread in his house and drank water.
20. And it came to pass, as they were sitting at the table that a word *from* Jehovah *came* to the prophet that had brought him back.
21. And he called to the man of God that came from Judah saying, "Thus says Jehovah, because you have disobeyed the mouth of Jehovah and did not keep the commandment that Jehovah your God commanded you,



22. but you returned and ate bread and drank water in the place that He spoke to you, 'Eat no bread and drink no water.' *Therefore*, your corpse will not come to the sepulcher of your fathers."
23. And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, the prophet that had brought him back saddled the donkey for him.
24. And when he had gone, a lion found him on the way and killed him, and his corpse was cast on the road. And his donkey stood by it *while* the lion also stood near the corpse.
25. And behold, some men were passing by and saw the corpse cast on the road, and the lion standing near the corpse. Then they went and told *of it* in the city in which the old prophet lived.
26. And the prophet that brought him back from the way heard it and said, "*It is* the man of God that disobeyed the *word* of Jehovah. Therefore, Jehovah gave him to the lion and it has torn him and killed him according to the word of Jehovah that spoke to him."
27. Then he spoke to his sons saying, "Saddle the donkey for me." And they saddled *it*.
28. So, he went and found his corpse cast on the road, and the donkey and the lion were standing near the corpse. The lion had not eaten the corpse nor torn the donkey.
29. And the prophet lifted up the corpse of the man of God and put it on the donkey, and brought it back. And the old prophet came to the city to lament and to bury him.
30. And he placed his corpse in his own grave and they mourned over him, "Alas, my brother!"
31. And it came to pass, after he buried him that he spoke to his sons saying, "At my death, bury me in the sepulcher in which the man of God is buried. Place my bones beside his bones,
32. because the word that he called out by the word of Jehovah against the altar that is in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places that are in the cities of Samaria, will certainly come to pass."
33. After this thing, Jeroboam did not turn from his evil way, but made more priests of the lowest [cp. 12:31] of the people for the high places. Whoever wanted *it*, he consecrated to be a priest of the high places.
34. Therefore, this thing became sin unto the household of Jeroboam, even to cut *it* off and destroyed *it* from upon the face of the earth.

## 1Kings 14

- ¶1. At that time Abigah ben Jeroboam was sick.
2. And Jeroboam said to his wife, "Arise now, and disguise yourself and *let it* not be known that you are the wife of Jeroboam, and go to Shiloh. Behold, Ahijah the prophet *is* there. He spoke to me regarding *my being* king over this people.
3. Take ten loaves with you and some cakes and a flask of honey, and go to him. He will tell you what will become of the youth."
4. Then the wife of Jeroboam did so, she arose and went to Shiloh and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah was not able to see for his eyes were *sightless* because of his age.
5. And Jehovah said to Ahijah, "Behold, the wife of Jeroboam is coming to seek a word from you concerning her son because he is sick. Speak to her thus and thus. And it will be when she comes in that she will be making herself to be a stranger."
6. And so it was, *when* Ahijah heard the sound of her feet *as* she came in at the doorway that he said, "Come in, wife of Jeroboam. What is this that you make yourself a stranger? I have been sent to you with a hard *message*."

7. Go! Say to Jeroboam, 'Thus says Jehovah God of Israel, because that I have exalted you from among the people, and I made you *ruler* over my people Israel,
8. and tore the kingdom from the house of David, and gave it to you, but you have not been as my servant David who kept my commandments and who walked after me with all his heart doing only right in my eyes.
9. But you have done evil above all that were before you, and you have gone and made for yourself other gods and molten images to provoke me to anger, and you have cast me behind your back.
10. Therefore behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and I will cut off from Jeroboam everyone that pisses against the wall, *and* he that is restrained and left in Israel, and I will burn the house of Jeroboam as a man burns dung until it is consumed.
11. Anyone belonging to Jeroboam that dies in the city the dogs will devour, and anyone that dies in a field a fowl from the sky will eat, for Jehovah has spoken!' "
12. "And now, arise and go to your house. When your feet enter the city the child will die.
13. And all Israel will mourn for him, and bury him because this *one* of Jeroboam will come to the grave. For a good thing was found in him toward Jehovah God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.
14. Moreover, Jehovah will raise up for Himself a king over Israel who will destroy the house of Jeroboam this day—but what? even now.
15. And Jehovah will strike Israel like a reed *shaken* in the waters, and He will pluck up Israel from off this good land which He gave to their fathers and will scatter them beyond the river because they made their Asherim, provoking Jehovah.
16. And He will give up Israel because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and that he caused Israel to sin."
17. Then the wife of Jeroboam arose and left, and went to Tizrah. She came to the threshold of the house and the child died.
18. And they buried him, and all Israel mourned for him according to the word of Jehovah that He spoke by the hand of His servant Ahijah the prophet.
19. And now, the remaining acts of Jeroboam, how he waged war, and *how* he reigned, behold, they are written upon the book of the acts *and* days of the kings of Israel.
20. The days that Jeroboam reigned were twenty-two years, and he lay with his fathers. And Nadab his son reigned in his stead.
21. And Rehoboam ben Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem seventeen years, the city that Jehovah chose out of all the tribes of Israel to place His name there. And his mother's name was Naamah, the Ammonite.
22. And Judah did evil in the sight of Jehovah, and made Him jealous *above* all that their fathers had done by their sins that they had sinned.
23. And they also built for themselves high places, and pillars, and Asherim (shines?) on every high hill, and under every green tree.
24. And also there were temple prostitutes in the land *and* they did according to all the abominations of the nations that Jehovah had dispossessed from the presence of the sons of Israel.
25. And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, Sheghak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem.
26. And he took the treasures of the house of Jehovah and the treasures of the king's house. Yea, he took everything, he even took all the shields of gold that Solomon had made.

27. Then king Rehoboam made bronze shields in their stead. And he entrusted *them* to the hands of the chief officers (runners?) who guarded the entrance of the king's house.
28. And so it was, when the king went in the house of Jehovah, (runners?) carried them and brought them to the (runners'?) chamber.
29. And now, the remaining acts of Rehoboam and all that he did are they not written upon the book of the acts *and* days of the kings of Judah?
30. And there was war continually between Rehoboam and Jeroboam.
31. And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and he was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonite, and his son Abijam reigned in his stead.

## 1Kings 15

- ¶1. So, in the eighteen year of King Jeroboam ben Nebat, Abijam became king over Judah.
2. He reigned three years in Jerusalem, and his other's name was Maacah, daughter of Abishalom.
3. And he walked in all the sins of his father that he had done before him and his heart was not perfect with Jehovah his God, as the heart of David his father.
4. Yet for David's *sake*, Jehovah his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem to raise up a son after him, and to establish Jerusalem,
5. because David did what was right in the eyes of Jehovah, and he did not turn aside from all that He commanded him all the days of his life, except with the matter of Uriah the Hittite.
6. And there was war between Rehoboam and between Jeroboam all the days of his life.
7. And the remaining acts of Abijam and all he had done, are they not written in the book of the acts of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and between (?) Jeroboam.
8. And Abijam slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David, and Asa his son reigned in his stead.
9. Therefore, in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Asa reigned *over* Judah,
10. and he reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem, and his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.
11. And Asa did *what* was right in the eyes of Jehovah, like David his father.
12. And he removed the temple prostitutes from the land, and took away all the idols that his father had made.
13. Moreover, he also removed his mother, Maacah, from being queen-mother because she made an abomination for Asherah, and Asa cut down her abomination and burned it by the brook Kidron.
14. But the high places were not taken away; still, Asa's heart was perfect with Jehovah all his days.
15. Moreover, he brought in the consecrated things of his father and his own consecrated things *into* the house of Jehovah, *even* silver, and gold, and vessels.
16. And there was war between Asa and between Baasha, king of Israel, all the days.
17. And Baasha, king of Israel, went up against Judah. And he built Ramah in order not to *allow anyone* to go out or come in to Asa the king of Judah.
18. And Asa took all the silver and the gold remaining among the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures in the house of the king, and gave them into the hand of his servant. And King Asa sent them to Ben-Hadad, Tabrimmon ben-Hezion, king of Aram, who dwelt in Damascus saying,

19. “*There is a covenant between me and you, and between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent a present to you of silver and gold. Go, break your covenant with Baasha, king of Israel, that he may go up (withdraw?) from me.*”
20. And Ben-Hadad listened to King Asa and sent captains of the armies that he had against the cities of Israel, and he struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-Beth-Maachah, and all Chinneret, *and* against all the land of Naphtali.
21. And it came to pass, that Baasha heard *about it*, so he ceased building Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.
22. Then King Asa *summoned* all Judah, none was exempt, and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the wood with which Baasha had been building. And with them, King Asa built Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.
23. And all the remaining acts of Asa and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities that he built, are they not written on the book of the acts of the kings of Judah? However, in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.
24. And Asa slept with his fathers, and he was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father, and Jehoshaphat his son became king.
25. And Nadab ben-Jeroboam became king over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and he reigned over Israel two years.
26. Moreover, he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and he walked in the way of his father, and in his sin which he caused Israel to sin.
27. And Baasha ben-Ahijah of the house of Issachar conspired against him. Then Baasha struck him in Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines. And Nadab and all Israel laid siege against Gibbethon.
28. Moreover, Baasha slew him in the third year of Asa king of Judah, and became king in his stead.
29. And it came to pass, while he reigned *that* he struck all the house of Jeroboam, he did not spare any to Jeroboam that breathed until he had destroyed him, according to the word of Jehovah that He spoke by the hand of his servant Ahajah the Shilonite;
30. for the sins of Jeroboam that he sinned, and which he caused Israel to sin, and because of the anger with which he provoked Jehovah, God of Israel.
31. And the remaining acts of Nadab and all that he had done, are they not written on the book of the acts of the kings of Israel?
32. And there was war between Asa and between Baasha king of Israel all their days.
33. In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha ben-Ahijah began to reign in Tirzah over all Israel for twenty-four years.
34. And he did *what* was evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin that he caused Israel to sin.

### 1Kings 16

- ¶1. And so it was, the word of Jehovah came to Jehu ben Hanani against Bassha, saying,
2. “Because that I have raised you up from the dust, and set you as ruler over my people Israel, but you have walked in the way of Jeroboam, and have caused my people Israel to sin *and* to prove me to anger with their sin,
3. behold, I will destroy the posterity(?) of Baasha, even the posterity(?) of his house, and I will give up your house as the house of Jeroboam ben Nebat.
4. He who dies of Baasha in the city the dogs will eat, him who dies of him in a field the fowl of the heavens will eat.”

5. And the remaining acts of Baasha, and that *which* he did, and his might, are they not written upon the books of the acts of the kings of Israel.
6. And Baasha slept with his fathers, and he was buried in Tirza, and Elah his son reigned in his stead.
7. And moreover, by the hand of Jehu ben Hanani the prophet the word the word of Jehovah against Baasha and against his house, and against all the evil that he did in the eyes of Jehovah, to provoke Him to anger by the work of his hand to become like the house of Jeroboam, and because that he killed him.
8. In the twenty-six year of Asa king of Judah, Elah ben Baasha reigned over Israel in Tirzah, two years.
9. And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariotry conspired against him when he was in Tirzah, and drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, who was over the house in Tirzah.
10. And Zimri came in and struck him even killing him in the twenty-seven year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.
11. And it came to pass, when he began to reign and sat on the throne, he slew all the house of Baasha. He left him not a single one that pisseth against a wall, or his kinsmen, or his friends.
12. So, Zimri destroyed all the house of Baasha according to the word of Jehovah that He spoke to Baasha by the hand of Jehu the prophet.
13. For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, that they sinned, and which they caused Israel to sin, to provoke Jehovah God of Israel by their vanities.
14. And now, the remaining acts of Elah, and all that he did, are they not written upon the book of he acts of the kings of Israel.
15. In the twenty-seven year of Asa king of Judah, Zimri reigned seven days in Tirza, and the people encamped against Gibbethon which belonged to the Philistines.
16. And the people who were encamped hear it said, "Zimri has conspired and has also killed the king." And all Israel made Omri, the captain of the army, to reign over Israel that day in the camp.
17. Then Omri and all Israel with him went up from Gibbethon and they besieged Tirza.
18. And it came to pass, *when* Zimri saw that the city was captured, he went into the citadel of the king's house and burned the king's house over himself with fire, and died,
19. because of his sins that he sinned, for doing evil in the eyes of Jehovah, *and* for walking in the way of Jeroboam, by the sin that he did causing Israel to sin.
20. And now the remaining acts of Zimri and the conspiracy that he had done, are they not written upon the book of the acts of the kings of Israel.
21. Then the people of Israel were divided in half: half the people went after Tibni ben Ginath to make him king, and half went after Omri.
22. And the people that went after Omri were stronger than the people that went after Tibni ben Ginath. So, Tibni died, and Omri became king.
23. In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah, Omri began to reign over Israel twelve years. He reigned six years in Tirzah.
24. And he purchased the hill (mount?) of Samaria from Shemer for two talents of Silver, and he built *on* the hill, and called the name of the city that he had built *after* the name of Shemer, lord of the hill of Samaria.
25. And Omri did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, even more evil than all who were before him,
26. for he walked in all the way of Jeroboam ben Nebat, and by his sin which he cause Israel to sin, to provoke Jehovah God of Israel by their vanities.
27. And now, the remaining acts of Omri which he did, and his mighty *works* that he did, are they not written upon the book of the acts of the kings of Israel.
28. Therefore, Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria, and Ahab his son, became king in his stead.

29. And Ahab ben-Omri began to reign over Israel in the thirty-eighth year of Asa, king of Judah, and Ahab ben-Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years.
30. And Ahab ben-Omri did more evil in the sight of Jehovah than all who were before him.
31. And it came to pass, as if it were a small thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam ben-Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Zidonians, and he went and served Baal, and worshipped him.
32. Yea, he erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal which he built in Samaria,
33. and Ahab made a sacred pole for Asherah. And Ahab did more to provoke Jehovah, God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.
34. In his days, Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho. He laid its foundation in (loss of or cost of) Abiram his first born, and in (loss of or cost of) Segub his youngest he set up its doors, according to the word of Jehovah that He spoke by the hand of Joshua ben Nun.

## 1Kings 17

1. And Elijah the Tishbite of the (inhabitants or Sojourners?) of Gilead said to Ahab, “As Jehovah, God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there will be no dew or rain these years, except according to my word.”
2. And the word of Jehovah came to him saying,
3. “Go from this *place* and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the wadi Chenrith that is before the Jordan.
4. And it will be *that* you will drink from the wadi. And I have commanded the ravens to provide for you there.”
5. The he went and did according to the word of Jehovah. And he went and sat by the wadi of Cherith that is before the Jordan.
6. So, the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening and he drank from the wadi.
7. And it came to pass, after a *certain* time ended, that the wadi became dry because there had been no rain in the land.
8. And the word of Jehovah came to him saying,
9. “Arise, go to Zerephath that *is* toward Zidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow woman to provide for you there.”
10. And he stood up and went to Zarephath, and came to the entrance of the city. And behold, there, a widow woman was gathering sticks. Then he called to her and said, “Bring to me, I pray you, a little water in a vessel that I may drink.”
11. And as she was going to bring it, he also called to her and said, “Bring to me, I pray you, a morsel of bread in your hand,
12. And she said, “As Jehovah your God lives, I have not a cake, but a handful of flour in a jar, and a little oil in a jug. And behold, I am gathering two sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son so that we may eat it, and die.
13. Then Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid, go do according to your word, but first make for me thereof a small cake and bring it to me. Then afterwards make *one* for yourself and your son.
14. For thus says Jehovah God of Israel, *the* jar of flour will not be spent, and *the* jug of oil will not lack until the day Jehovah *sends* rain upon the land.”

15. So she went and did according to the word of Elijah. And both she, and he, and her household ate *many* days.
16. The jar of flour was not spent, nor did the jug of oil become lacking according to the word of Jehovah that He spoke by the hand of Elijah.
17. And it came to pass after these things, the son of the woman, the mistress of the house became sick. And his sickness was very severe until there was no breath left in him.
18. And she said to Elijah, "What have I done to you, O man of God? Have you come to me to cause my iniquity to be remembered, and to cause the death of my son?"
19. Then he said to her, "Give me your son. And he took him from her bosom, and brought him up to the roof chamber *where* he dwelled, and lay him on his bed.
20. And he cried unto Jehovah and said, "O Jehovah my God, *will you* also on the widow with whom I sojourn *do* evil by killing her son?"
21. Then he stretched (?) himself upon the child three times, and called out to Jehovah saying, "O Jehovah my God, I beseech you, let this child's life return to him."
22. And Jehovah heard the voice of Elijah, and the child's life returned into him again, and he lived.
23. Then Elijah took the child and brought him down from the roof chamber of the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "Look, your child is alive!"
24. And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know *by* this that you are a man of God, and the word of Jehovah in your mouth is true (or truth?)."

## 1Kings 18

- ¶1. And it came to pass, *after* many days, *that* the word of Jehovah came to Elijah in the third year saying, "Go, appear unto Ahab, and I will send rain upon the face of the land."
2. And Elijah went to appear unto Ahab. And the famine *was* severe in Samaria.
3. And Ahab called to Obadiah who was over the household. (Now Obadiah greatly feared Jehovah,
4. and it was so that when Jezebel was killing off the prophets of Jehovah, Obadiah took a hundred prophets and hid them by fifties in a cave, and he provided them bread and water.)
5. And Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go *throughout* the land to all the springs of water, and to all the wadis. Perhaps we will find green grass and keep alive the horses and mules, and not lose the animals."
6. So they divided among themselves the land to pass over it. Ahab went separately one way and Obadiah went separately another way.
7. And Obadiah was on the road, and behold, Elijah met him. When he *recognized* him, he fell on his face and said, "Is this you my lord Elijah?"
8. Then Elijah said to him, "It is I. Go, say to your lord, 'Elijah *is here*.'"
9. Then he said, "What sin have I done that you would give your servant into the hand of Ahab to kill me?"
10. As Jehovah your God lives, there is *no* nation or kingdom that my lord has not sent to seek you there. And if they say, 'He is not here', then he makes that kingdom or nation swear that it has not found you.
11. And now you say, 'Go, say to your lord, behold, Elijah *is here*'

12. And it will be, *when* I have gone from you that the spirit of Jehovah will carry you *to a place* that I know not. And when I come to tell Ahab and he cannot find you, then he will kill me, yet your servant has feared Jehovah from my youth.
13. My lord, has it not been told that which I did *when* Jezebel killed the prophets of Jehovah, and *how* I hid a hundred men by fifties in a cave, and supplied them bread and water?
14. And now you say, 'Go, say to your lord, "Behold, Elijah *is here*", then he will kill me.'
15. And Elijah said, "As the LORD of Hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will appear before him today."
16. So, Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and he told him. And Ahab went to meet Elijah.
17. And it came to pass when King Ahab saw Elijah that he said to him, "Are you not the one troubling Israel?"
18. But he said, "I am not troubling Israel, but you are, and the house of your father, in that you have forsaken the commandments of Jehovah and gone after Baals.
19. So, send now, and gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, with four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and four hundred prophets of Asherah who eat at Jezebel's table!"
20. And Ahab sent to all the sons of Israel, and gathered the prophets to Mount Carmel.
21. Then Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you hobble around on two opinions? If Jehovah is God, walk after Him, but if Baal, walk after him." And the people did not answer him a word.
22. And Elijah said to the people, "I alone am left a prophet of Jehovah, but the prophets of Baal are four hundred and fifty men.
23. Therefore, let two bullocks be given to us, and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it into pieces, and place it on the wood, but let no fire be set *to it*. And I will prepare the other bullock, and I will place it on the wood, but set no fire *to it*.
24. Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of Jehovah, and the God that answers by fire, He is God". Then all the people said, "*The word is good.*"
25. And Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bullock and prepare it first, because you are many. Then call on the name of your gods, but set no fire *"to it."*
26. So they took the bullock that was given to them and prepared *it*. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning, even until noon, saying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.
27. And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, "Call out with a loud voice, for he is a god. *Perhaps* he is meditating, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and *must* be awakened."
28. Then they cried with a loud voice, and cut themselves, according to their ordinances, with swords and lances until blood poured over them.
29. And so it was, when noon had passed that they began to prophesy until the *time of the* offering of the sacrifice, but there was no voice, nor any answer, nor any that paid attention.
30. And Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." Then all the people came near to him, and he repaired the altar of Jehovah that had been thrown down.
31. Then Elijah took twelve stones according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob to whom the Word of the LORD *came*, saying, "Israel will be your name."
32. And he built an altar with the stones in the name of Jehovah, and he made a trench *large enough to contain* two measures of seed round about the altar.



33. And he set the wood in order, and he cut the bullock into pieces, then he placed *it* on the wood.  
(Hebrew verse 34 begins here) And he said, "Fill four large jars with water and pour *it* on the offering of sacrifice, and on the wood."
34. And he said, "Do it again!" So, they did it again. Then he said, "Do it a third time!" And they did it a third time.
35. And the water *flowed* round about the altar, yea, also filling the trench with water.
36. And it came to pass, *when it was time* for the offering of sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, "O Jehovah, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel, and I am your servant, and by your Word, I have done all these things.
37. Answer me, O Jehovah, answer me, that this people may know that you, O Jehovah, *are* God, and you have turned their hearts backward."
38. Then the fire of Jehovah fell and consumed the offering of sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, even the water that was in the trench was licked up.
39. And all the people saw *this* and they fell on their faces and said, "Jehovah, He is (the?) God! Jehovah, He is (the?) God.
40. And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal. Do not let any of them escape!" Then they seized them, and Elijah brought them down to the wadi (brook?) Kishon, and he slaughtered them there.
41. And Elijah said to Ahab, "Get up, eat and drink for there is a sound of an abundance of rain."
42. And Ahab got up to eat and to drink. Then Elijah went up to the top of Carmel and bowed down to the earth, and put his face between his knees.
43. Then he said to his young man, "Now go up, and look *toward* the way of the sea." And he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And he said, "Return seven times."
44. And it came to pass, at the seventh *time*, that he said, "Behold, a small dark cloud like the palm of a man's hand is coming up from the sea." And he said, "Go up, and say to Ahab, 'Prepare your *chariot*, and then come down, so the rain does not restrain you.
45. And it came to pass after a while, that the sky grew dark *with* clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab went, and rode to Jezreel.
46. And the hand of Jehovah was on Elijah. And he girded up his loins and ran before Ahab until he came to Jezreel.

## 1Kings 19

- ¶1. And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and that he had killed all the prophets with the sword, *yea*, every one.
2. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah saying, "Thus, and more may the gods do *to me*, if certainly by this time tomorrow, I make your life as the life as one of them."
3. And when he saw *it*, he arose, and *fled* for his life, and he came to Beersheba which *is in* Judah, and he left his servant there.
4. And he went a day's journey into the wilderness. And he came, and sat down beneath a broom bush, and he asked *that* his soul might die. And he said, "Enough! Now O Jehovah, take my life, for *I am* not better than my fathers."

5. Then he lay down and slept beneath a broom bush. And behold, there an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up *and* eat."
6. And he looked, and behold, *near* his head a cake *was baking* on burning coals, and a jug of water. So, he ate and drank, then he turned and lay down.
7. And the angel of Jehovah returned a second time, and touched him, and said, "Get up *and* eat, for the journey is too much for you."
8. So he arose and ate and drank, and with the strength of the meal he walked forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.
9. He then came to a cave and lodged there. And behold, the word of Jehovah *came* to him and He said to him, "Why are you here Elijah?"
10. And he said, "I have been very jealous for Jehovah, God of hosts, for the sons of Israel have forsaken your covenant. They have thrown down your altars, and they have killed your prophets with the sword, and I alone remain, and they seek to take my life.
11. And He said, "Go out and stand on the mount before Jehovah. And behold, Jehovah passed over, and a great and mighty wind tore away the mountains, and shattered the rocks before Jehovah, *but* Jehovah was not in the wind. Then after the wind an earthquake, *but* Jehovah was not in the earthquake.
12. and after the earthquake was a fire, but Jehovah was not in the fire; and after the fire was a voice, a low whisper.
13. And when Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his cloak, and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. And, behold, a voice came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?"
14. And he said, "I have been very jealous for Jehovah, God of hosts, for the sons of Israel have forsaken your covenant. They have thrown down your altars, and they have killed your prophets with the sword, and I alone remain, and they seek to take my life.
15. And Jehovah said to him, "Go! Return toward your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And *when* you come *to it*, anoint Hazael *to be* king over Syria. (Aram?)
16. Also, anoint Jehu ben Nimshi *to be* king over Israel, and anoint Elisha ben Shaphat of Abel-Meholah *to be* a prophet in your stead.
17. And it will be, he *who* escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill. And he *who* escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill.
18. Moreover, I have left in Israel seven thousand, all the knees which have not bowed down to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."
19. So, he left from there, and he found Elisha ben Shaphat, and he was plowing *with* twelve yoke *of oxen* before him, and he was with the twelve. And Elijah passed *by* him, and cast his cloak upon him.
20. And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me, I pray, kiss my father and my mother, then I will go after you." And he said to him, "Go, return, for what have I done to you?"
21. And he returned from *following* him. And he took a pair of oxen and slaughtered them, and boiled their flesh with the implement of the oxen, and gave to the people and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and served him.

## 1Kings 20

- ¶1. And Ben-Hadad king of Syria gathered all his army, and thirty-two kings with him, and horses and chariots. And he went up and laid siege on Samaria, even waging war against it.

2. And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel *into* the city, and said to him, “Thus says Ben-Hadad,
3. ‘Your silver and your gold are mine, and your *beautiful* wives and children are mine.’”
4. And the king of Israel answered and said, “According to your word, my lord, O king, I *am* yours, and all that I have are yours.”
5. And the messengers returned and said, “Thus spoke Ben-Hadad saying, ‘For I sent to you saying, give to me your silver and your gold, and you’re your wives and your children.
6. For (if?) at this time tomorrow, I will send my servants to you and they will search your house, and the house of your servants, and it will be, all *that is* pleasant in your eyes they will put in their hand and take it away.
7. Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land and said, “Now, know for yourselves, and see, that this *man* seeks evil, for he sent to me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold, and I did not withhold from him.”
8. And all the elders and all the people said to him, “Do not listen or give consent *to him*.”
9. And he said to the messengers of Ben-Hadad, “Say to my lord the king, everything that you sent for at first unto your servant I will do, but this thing I am not able to do.” So the messengers left and brought him word.
10. Then Ben-Hadad sent to him, and said, “May the gods do to me and thus more if the dust of Samaria will suffice for handfuls, for all the people who are following me.”
11. And the king of Israel answered and said, “You speak *to him*, let not him that girds *his armor* glory in himself as he who looses *his armor*.”
12. And it came to pass, *when* he heard this word as he was drinking, he and the kings in the booths, *that* he said to his servants, “Place *yourselves for battle*,” so, they placed themselves *for battle* against the city.
13. And behold, a certain prophet came near to Ahab king of Israel and said, “Thus says Jehovah, ‘Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold, I am giving it into your hand today, and you will know that I am Jehovah.’”
14. And Ahab said, “By whom?” And he said, “Thus says Jehovah, ‘By the young men of the princes of the provinces.’” Then he said, “Who will *order* the battle?” And he said, “You!”
15. Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and there were two hundred and thirty-two. And after them he numbered all the people, *even* all the children of Israel, seven thousand.
16. And they went out at noon, and Ben-Hadad had drank himself drunk in the booths, he and the kings, *even* the thirty and two kings helping him.
17. And the young men of the princes of the provinces came out first, and Ben-Hadad sent out a *vanguard*. And they reported to him saying, “Men have come out of Samaria.”
18. Then he said, “*Even* if they have come out for peace, take them alive. And if they have come out for battle, take them alive.”
19. So, these young men of the princes of the provinces came out from the city and the army *came* behind them.
20. And each of them slew his own man. Then the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them. Then Ben-Hadad king of Syria escaped on a horse *with* the horsemen.

21. And the king of Israel went out and struck down the horses and the chariots, even striking the Syrians with a great slaughter.
22. Then the prophet came near to the king of Israel and said to him, "Go, strengthen yourself and know, and see, that *which* you must do because at the turn of the year, the king of Syria will come up against you."
23. And the servants of the king of Syria said to him, "Their gods *are* gods of the mountains, therefore they were stronger than us, but *let* us wage war with them in the plain. Will we not be stronger than them?"
24. And do this thing, take the kings away, each from his place and set governors in their stead.
25. And you number for yourself an army, like the army that has fallen from you, and horse for horse, and chariot for chariot. Then we will wage war with them in the plain. Will we not be stronger than them?" And he listened to their voice, and did so.
26. And it came to pass at the turn of the year, Ben-Hadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek to battle with Israel.
27. And the sons of Israel were mustered and supplied, and they went to encounter them. And the sons of Israel encamped before them like two little flocks of goats, but the Syrians filled the land.
28. Then a man of God drew near and spoke to the king of Israel and said, "Thus says Jehovah, 'Because the Syrians have said, "That the LORD is God of the mountains but He is not God of the valleys", therefore I will give all this great multitude into your hand, and you will know that I am Jehovah.'"
29. And they encamped opposite one another for seven days. And it came to pass, on the seventh day the battle assailed (?), and the sons of Israel struck down one hundred thousand Syrian footmen in one day.
30. And the remainder fled to Syria, into the city. And the wall fell upon twenty seven men who were left. Ben-Hadad also fled, and came into the city into a chamber room.
31. And his servants said to him, "Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings. Now, let us put sackcloth on our loins and cords on our heads, and go out to the king of Israel. Perhaps he will preserve your life."
32. So they girded sackcloth on their loins and *placed* cords on their heads, then they went to the king of Israel and said, "Ben-Hadad, your servant has said, '*I pray you*, let me live!'" And he said, "Is he still alive? He is my brother."
33. And the men divined his *meaning*, and quickly caught *them*, and they said, "Your brother Ben-Hadad." Then he said, "Go, bring him." And Ben-Hadad came out to him, and he made him come up into the chariot.
34. And he said to him, "The cities that my father took from your father, I will give back, and you will set streets for yourself in Damascus like my father put in Samaria. And I will send you away with a covenant." So, he made a covenant with him and sent him away.
35. And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his companion by the word of Jehovah, "Strike me, now!" But the man refused to strike him.
36. Then he said to him, "Because that you did not listen at the voice of Jehovah, behold, *as soon as* you walk away from me even the lion will strike you." And he walked away from him, and the lion found him, and struck him.
37. And he found another man and said, "Strike me, now!" So, the man struck him, even striking and bruising *him*.

38. And the prophet left and stood on the road for the king, and disguised himself with a bandage over his eyes.
39. And it came to pass, the king passed by, and he cried out to the king and said, "Your servant went out into the midst of the battle, and behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man to me, and said, 'Watch this man. If *he is missing* then it will be your life instead of his life, or a talent of silver you must weigh out.'
40. And it came to pass, *as* your servant was doing *other things* here and there, then he was gone." And the king of Israel said, "So is your judgment. You have decided it."
41. Then he hurried and took away the bandage from his eyes. And the king of Israel noticed *who he was*, that he *was* of the prophets.
42. And he said to him, "Thus says Jehovah, 'Because you sent away the man *whom I* devoted from *your* hand, therefore, it will be your life instead of his life, and your people instead of his people.'"
43. So, the king of Israel went to his house, sullen and vexed, and came to Samaria.

## 1Kings 21

- ¶1. And it came to pass after these things, *that* Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard that *was* in Jezreel beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.
2. And Ahab spoke to Naboth saying, "Give me your vineyard and it will be for me a garden of herbs, for it is near by my house. And I will give to you instead a better vineyard than it, *or* if this is good in your eyes I will give you *its* price in silver."
3. And Naboth said to Ahab, "Be it far from me, by Jehovah, *that* I give *up* the inheritance of my fathers to you."
4. So Ahab went to his house sullen and vexed over the thing that Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him, for he said, "I will not give to you the inheritance of my fathers." Then he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would not eat bread.
5. And Jezebel his wife came to him and said to him, "What *is* this *that* your spirit *is* sullen, and you are not eating bread?"
6. And he said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, 'Give to me your vineyard for money, or if you prefer, I will give to you *another* vineyard instead *of it*.' But he said, 'I will not give to you my vineyard.'
7. And Jezebel his wife said to him, "Now, do you *rule* over the *kingdom* of Israel? Get up! Eat bread, and let your heart be glad. I will give to you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."
8. Then she wrote *letters* in the name of Ahab, sealing *them* with his seal, and she sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles who dwelled with Naboth in his city.
9. And she wrote in the letters saying, "Proclaim a fast, and make Naboth sit at the head of the people.
10. And set two men, sons of Belial before him and make them testify *against him* saying, 'You have blessed (cursed ?) God and the king'. Then take him out and stone him, and let him die."
11. And the men of the city, the elders and the nobles who were dwelling in his city did as Jezebel had sent to them, *even* as it was written in the *letters* that she had sent to them.
12. They proclaimed a fast, and made Naboth sit at the head of the people.

13. And two men, sons of Belial came in and sat opposite him. And the men of Belial testified *against* him *even* Naboth in front of the people saying, "Naboth blessed (cursed?) God and the king." Then they took him out of the city and stoned him with stones, and he died.
14. Then they sent to Jezebel saying, "Naboth was stoned and he is dead."
15. And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead that Jezebel said to Ahab, "Get up *and* take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give to you for money, for Naboth is not alive, but dead."
16. And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab arose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite to take possession of it.
17. Now it came to pass, *that* the word of Jehovah *came* to Elijah the Tishbite saying,
18. "Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel who *is* in Samaria. Behold, he *is* in the vineyard of Naboth which he went down there to take possession.
19. And you speak to him saying, 'Thus says Jehovah, have you murdered, and also taken possession?' "Then say to him, 'Thus says Jehovah, in the place that the dogs licked the blood of Naboth, the dogs will also lick your blood, yea, yours.'"
20. And Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, O my enemy?" And he said, "I have found *you* because you have sold yourself to do evil in the eyes of Jehovah.
21. Behold, I will bring evil upon you, and I will utterly consume you *and those* after you. Also, I will cut off from Ahab him that pisses against the wall, and is restrained and left in Israel.
22. And I will give up your house like the house of Jeroboam ben Nebat, and like the house of Baasha ben Ahijah for the anger which you have provoked me, and *because* you have caused Israel to sin."
23. And also of Jezebel, Jehovah spoke saying, "The dogs will eat Jezebel at the rampart of Jezreel.
24. He who is of Ahab *that* dies in the city the dogs will eat. And he who dies in a field the fowl of the heavens will eat."
25. Indeed, there was none like Ahab who sold himself to do evil in the eyes of Jehovah, whom Jezebel his wife incited.
26. He acted very abominably to walk after the idols according to all that the Amorites did whom Jehovah dispossessed before the children of Israel.
27. And it came to pass, when Ahab heard these words that he tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and would not eat, and he walked about gently (dejected?).
28. Then the word of Jehovah came to Elijah the Tishbite saying,
29. "Have you seen that Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days. *But* in his son's days, I will bring the evil upon his house."

## 1Kings 22

- ¶1. For three years they remained without war between Syria and Israel.
2. And it came to pass in the third year, Jehoshaphat king of Judah went down to the king of Israel.
3. And the king of Israel said to his servants, "You know that Ramoth-Gilead belongs to us? Yet, we are silent about taking it from the hand of the king of Syria."
4. And he said to Jehoshaphat, "Will you go with me to battle Ramoth-Gilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "As I *am* you *are*, my people *are* as your people, my horses *are* as your horses."

5. Jehoshaphat also said to the king of Israel, "Seek, I pray the word of Jehovah today."
6. Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets, about four hundred men, and he said to them, "*Should* I go against Ramoth-Gilead to battle, or *should* I desist?" And they said, "Go up; the Lord will give *it* into the hand of the king."
7. And Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not here a prophet of Jehovah besides *these*, that we may seek by him?"
8. And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "*There is* yet another man by whom *we* may seek Jehovah, Micaiah ben Imiah (Imlah ?), but, I hate him., because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil." Then Jehoshaphat said, "*May* the king not say so."
9. Then the king of Israel called to a certain eunuch (officer ?), and said, "Quickly, *bring* Micaiah ben Imiah."
10. And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah were sitting each on his throne, clothed with garments, at the threshing floor *at the* entrance of the gate of Samaria. And all the prophets were prophesying before them.
11. And Zedekiah ben Chenaanah made horns of iron for himself, and said, "Thus says Jehovah: With these you will thrust the Syrians until they are destroyed."
12. And all the prophets prophesied thus, saying, "Go up to Ramoth-Gilead and prosper; Jehovah will give *it* into the hand of the king."
13. And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spoke to him saying, "Behold now, the words of the prophets, with one mouth, *are* good toward the king. Now, let your words be as the word of one of them, and you speak a good thing."
14. And Micaiah said, "*As* Jehovah lives, for that *which* Jehovah says to me I will speak."
15. Then he came to the king, and the king said to him, "Micaiah, should we go to battle against Ramoth-Gilead or should we desist?" And he said to him, "Go, and prosper; Jehovah will give *it* into the hand of the king."
16. And the king said to him, "How many times have I made you to swear that you not speak to me *but* only the truth in the name of Jehovah?"
17. And he said, "I saw all Israel scattered into the hills like sheep that have no shepherd. And Jehovah says", 'These have no lord, *let* them return each man to his house in peace.'
18. Then the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Have I not said to you *that* he does not prophesy of me *any* good, but evil?"
19. And he said, "I saw the LORD sitting on His throne and all the host of heaven standing about Him, to His right and to His left.
20. And the LORD said, 'Who will persuade Ahab to go up and die at Ramoth-gilead?' And one answered this way, and another answered that way.
21. Then a spirit there came forth and stood before the LORD, and he said, 'I will persuade him.' And the LORD said to him, 'How?'
22. And he said, 'I will go forth and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And He said, 'You will persuade him. Yea, you will succeed. Go and do so!'"

23. “And now, behold, Jehovah has *put* a lying spirit in the mouth of all these, *even* your prophets. Moreover, Jehovah has spoke evil against you.”
24. Then Zedikaiah ben Chenaanah drew near and struck Micaiah on the cheek and said, “Where *is* this spirit of Jehovah *that* passed over from me to speak with you?”
25. And Micaiah said, “Behold, you will see on that day (when) you go in to the innermost chamber to be hidden.”
26. Then the king of Israel said, “Lay hold of Micaiah and take him to Amon, the ruler of the city, and to Joash the son of the king.
27. And say, Thus says the king, “You place this *one* in the house of confinement, and make him eat bread of distress and water of oppression until I come in peace.”
28. And Micaiah said, “If you ever return in peace Jehovah has not spoken by me.” Then he said, “Hear *this*, all *you* peoples!”
29. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, went up to Ramoth-Gilead.
30. And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “*I will* disguise myself and go into the battle, and you put on your garments.” Then the king of Israel disguised himself and went into the battle.
31. And the king of Syria commanded his thirty-two captains that *were over* the chariotry saying, “Do not battle with small or great but only with the king of Israel.”
32. And it came to pass, *when* the captains of the chariotry saw Jehoshaphat they said, “Certainly he *is* the king of Israel.” Then they turned aside to battle against him, and Jehoshaphat cried out.
33. And *when* the captains of the chariotry became *aware* he was not the king of Israel that they turned back from following him.
34. Then a man drew with *his* bow and *randomly* struck the king of Israel between the joints and the space between the body armor. And he said to his charioteer, “ Turn your hand and take me from the camp for I am *wounded*.”
35. And the battle increased on *that* day. And the king was placed in the chariot in front of the Syrians, and he died in the evening. And the blood from the wound poured out into the hollow of the chariot.
36. And a ringing cry passed over throughout the camp as the sun was going *down, crying*, “ *Each* man to his city, and *each* man to his land.”
37. So the king died, and was *taken* to Samaria, and they buried the king in Samaria.
38. Moreover, *they flushed out* the chariot *at* the pool of Samaria, and the dogs licked his blood according to the word of Jehovah, and the harlots bathed themselves *in it*. (or they washed his armour?)
39. Now, the remaining acts of Ahab, and all that he did, even the ivory house that he built, and all the cities that he built, are they not written on the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
40. And Ahab slept with his fathers, and his son Ahaziah reigned in his stead.
41. And Jehoshaphat ben Asa reigned over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.
42. Jehoshaphat *was* thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was Azubah, daughter of Shilhi.

(Hebrew and the KJV are different starting at vs 43.)

43. And he walked in all the way of Asa his father. He did not turn aside from it, to do *what was* right in the eyes of Jehovah. (*The KJV combines the Hebrew verses 43 and 44*)



Howbeit, the high places were not turned aside, *for* the people continued sacrificing, even making sacrifices on the high places.

44. And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

45. Now the remaining acts of Jehoshaphat and his might that he produced, and *with* which he waged war, are they not written on the book of Chronicles of the kings of Judah.

46. And the remnant of the temple prostitutes that were left in the days of Asa his father, he burned (or took away?) from *throughout* the land.

47. And *there was* no king in Edom *nor anyone* set up *as* king.

48. Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish (or Tharshish) to go to Ophir for gold, but *they* did not go because the ships were broken at Ezion-Geber.

49. Then Ahaziah ben Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, "*Allow* my servants to go with your servants in the ships.", but Jehoshaphat was not willing.

50. And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David, his father. And Jehoram his son became king in his stead.

51. Ahaziah ben Ahab reigned over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat, and he reigned two years over Israel.

52. And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam ben Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

53. Moreover, he served Baal, and bowed down to him, and he provoked Jehovah the God of Israel *to anger*, according to all that his father had done.