

# 3 KINGDOMS

## CHAPTER 1

And king David was old advanced in days; and they covered him with clothes, but he was not warmed. <sup>2</sup>And his servants said, Let them seek for the king a young virgin: and she shall wait upon the king, and keep him warm, and lie with him; and my lord the king shall be warmed. <sup>3</sup>So they sought for a fair damsel out of all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the king. <sup>4</sup>And the damsel was very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not.

<sup>5</sup>And Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. <sup>6</sup>And his father had not hindered him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was very goodly in appearance; and he was born after Absalom. <sup>7</sup>And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruah, and with Abiathar the priest: and they followed after Adonijah. <sup>8</sup>But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men of David, followed not Adonijah. <sup>9</sup>And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and calves and lambs by the stone of Zohelath, which is by En-rogel, and called all his brethren, and all the men of Judah the king's servants. <sup>10</sup>But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

<sup>\*11</sup>And Nathan spake unto Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith is become king, and David our lord knoweth it not? <sup>12</sup>And now come, let me give thee counsel, and thou shalt rescue thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon. <sup>13</sup>Haste thee, and get thee in unto king David, and thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign?' <sup>14</sup>And, behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words. <sup>15</sup>So Bathsheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king. <sup>16</sup>And Bathsheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king: and the king said, What wouldest thou? <sup>17</sup>And she said, My lord, thou swarest by the Lord thy God unto thine handmaid, saying, Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne. <sup>18</sup>And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and thou, my lord, O king, knowest it not. <sup>19</sup>And he hath sacrificed calves and lambs and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the commander of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called. <sup>20</sup>And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. <sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be *counted* offenders. <sup>22</sup>And, lo, while she yet

talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came. And it was told the king,  
<sup>23</sup>Behold, Nathan the prophet: and he came into the king's presence, and did  
obseisance to the king with his face to the ground. <sup>24</sup>And Nathan said, My  
lord, O king, didst thou say, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit  
upon my throne? <sup>25</sup>For he is gone down this day, and hath sacrificed calves  
and lambs and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and  
the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and  
drink before him; and they have said, Long live king Adonijah. <sup>26</sup>But me, and  
Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon,  
hath he not called. <sup>27</sup>Is this thing done by my lord the king, and hast thou  
not shewed unto thy servant who shall sit upon the throne of my lord the king  
after him? <sup>28</sup>And king David answered and said, Call me Bathsheba: and she  
came in, and stood before the king. <sup>29</sup>And the king sware, and said, As the  
Lord liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all affliction, <sup>30</sup>even as I sware  
unto thee by the Lord God of Israel, saying, Solomon thy son shall reign after  
me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I do this day.  
<sup>31</sup>And Bathsheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the  
king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever. <sup>32</sup>And king David said,  
Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of  
Jehoiada: and they came before the king. <sup>33</sup>The king also said unto them,  
Take with you the servants of your lord, and have Solomon my son mount  
upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon. <sup>34</sup>And let Zadok the  
priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there to be king over Israel: and  
sound ye the trumpet; and ye shall say, Let king Solomon live forever. <sup>35</sup>And  
he shall sit upon my throne, and be king in my stead: and I have given charge  
that he be for a prince over Israel and Judah. <sup>36</sup>And Benaiah the son of  
Jehoiada answered the king, and said, So be it: the Lord God of my lord the  
king confirm it. <sup>37</sup>As the Lord hath been with my lord the king, even so be He  
with Solomon, and exalt his throne beyond the throne of my lord king David.  
<sup>38</sup>And Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of  
Jehoiada, and the Cherethite, and the Pelethite, went down, and mounted  
Solomon upon king David's mule, and led him away to Gihon. <sup>39</sup>And Zadok  
the priest took the horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon,  
and blew the trumpet; and all the people said, Let king Solomon live forever.  
<sup>40</sup>And all the people went up after him, and they danced in choirs, and  
rejoiced with great joy; and the earth burst with the sound of them.

<sup>41</sup>And Adonijah and all his guests heard, and they had made an end of  
eating: and Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, and said, Wherefore is the  
voice of the city being in an uproar? <sup>42</sup>While he yet spake, behold, Jonathan  
the son of Abiathar the priest came in: and Adonijah said, Come in; for thou  
art a mighty man, and *comest* to bring good tidings. <sup>43</sup>And Jonathan  
answered and said, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king: <sup>44</sup>and  
the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and  
Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethite, and the Pelethite, and they  
have mounted him upon the king's mule: <sup>45</sup>and Zadok the priest and Nathan  
the prophet have anointed him in Gihon: and they are gone up from thence

rejoicing, and the city rang again: this is the noise that ye have heard. <sup>46</sup>And Solomon is seated upon the throne of the kingdom. <sup>47</sup>And the king's servants are gone in to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne: and the king worshipped upon his bed. <sup>48</sup>And also thus said the king, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, Which hath this day given one of my seed to sit upon my throne, and mine eyes even seeing it.

<sup>49</sup>And all the guests *that were* with Adonijah were dismayed, and arose, and went every man his way. <sup>50</sup>And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and departed, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. <sup>51</sup>And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon, and layeth hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let Solomon swear unto me to day that he will not slay his servant with the sword. <sup>52</sup>And Solomon said, If he be a worthy man, there shall not an hair of his fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die. <sup>53</sup>And king Solomon sent, and they brought him away from the altar: and he went in, and did obeisance to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

## CHAPTER 2

And the days of king David drew nigh that he should die; and he answered Solomon his son, saying, I go the way of all the earth: <sup>2</sup>be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man; <sup>3</sup>and keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways, to keep the commandments, and the ordinances, and the judgments, which are written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest understand what thou shalt do in all things that I command thee: <sup>4</sup>that the Lord may confirm His word which He spake, saying, If thy children take heed to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their heart, saying, There shall not fail thee a man on the throne of Israel. <sup>5</sup>Moreover thou knowest all that Joab the son of Zeruah did to me, what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether; that he slew them, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put innocent blood upon his girdle that was about his loins, and on his sandal that was on his feet. <sup>6</sup>Therefore thou shalt do with him according to thy wisdom, and thou shalt not bring down his grey hairs into Hades in peace. <sup>7</sup>But thou shalt deal kindly with the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and they shall be among those that eat at thy table: for so they drew nigh unto me when I fled from the face of Absalom thy brother. <sup>8</sup>And, behold, thou hast with thee Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim: and he cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went into the camps: and he came down to Jordan to meet me, and I sware to him by the Lord, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword. <sup>9</sup>But thou shalt by no means hold him guiltless: for thou art a wise man, and wilt know what thou shalt do unto him; and his grey hairs shalt thou bring down into Hades with blood. <sup>10</sup>And David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of

David. <sup>11</sup>And the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

<sup>12</sup>Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly. <sup>13</sup>And Adonijah the son of Haggith came in to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, and did obeisance to her: and she said, Comest thou peaceably? and he said, Peaceably: <sup>14</sup>I have a word with thee. And she said unto him, Say on. <sup>15</sup>And he said unto her, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel turned the face toward me for a king: howbeit the kingdom was turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from the Lord. <sup>16</sup>And now I make one request of thee: turn not away thy face. And Bathsheba said unto him, Say on. <sup>17</sup>And he said unto her, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, for he will not turn away his face from thee, and let him give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife. <sup>18</sup>And Bathsheba said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king. <sup>19</sup>And Bathsheba went in unto king Solomon, to speak unto him concerning Adonijah: and the king rose up to meet her, and kissed her, and sat down on the throne, and a throne was set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand. <sup>20</sup>And she said unto him, I desire one small petition of thee; turn not away thy face from me. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother, and I will not say thee nay. <sup>21</sup>And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite, I pray thee, be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife. <sup>22</sup>And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why hast thou asked Abishag for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he is mine elder brother, and he hath for his companion Abiathar the priest, and Joab the son of Zeruah the chief captain. <sup>23</sup>And king Solomon swore by the Lord, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life. <sup>24</sup>And now, as the Lord liveth, Which hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and hath made me an house, as the Lord spake, Adonijah shall be put to death this day. <sup>25</sup>So king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he slew him, and Adonijah died in that day.

<sup>26</sup>And the king said unto Abiathar the priest, Get thee quickly to Anathoth, unto thine own farm; for thou art worthy of death this day: but I will not put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the covenant of the Lord before my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all things wherein my father was afflicted. <sup>27</sup>And Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being a priest of the Lord; that the word of the Lord might be fulfilled, which He spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh. <sup>28</sup>And the tidings came to Joab the son of Zeruah: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, and he went not after Solomon: and Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the Lord, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. <sup>29</sup>And it was told king Solomon, saying, Joab hath fled unto the tabernacle of the Lord; and, lo, he hath hold of the horns of the altar. And king Solomon sent unto Joab, saying, What aileth thee, that thou art fled unto the altar? and Joab said, Because I was afraid of thee, and fled for refuge unto the Lord. And Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go and slay him, and bury him. <sup>30</sup>And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada

came to Joab unto the tabernacle of the Lord, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And Joab said, I will not come forth; for I will die here. And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada returned and spake unto the king, saying, Thus hath Joab spoken, and thus hath he answered me. <sup>31</sup>And the king said unto him, Go, and do unto him as he hath spoken, and kill him; and thou shalt bury him, and take away the blood, which he shed without cause, from me, and from the house of my father. <sup>32</sup>And the Lord hath returned the blood of his unrighteousness upon his own head; forasmuch as he fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, and my father David knew not of their blood, *to wit*, Abner the son of Ner the chief captain of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether the chief captain of Judah. <sup>33</sup>And their blood is returned upon his own head, and upon the head of his seed for ever: but unto David, and unto his seed, and unto his house, and unto his throne, be there peace for ever from the Lord. <sup>34</sup>So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and slew him, and buried him in his own house in the wilderness. <sup>35</sup>And the king appointed Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host: and the king reigned in Jerusalem: and Zadok the priest did the king appoint to be high priest in the room of Abiathar. <sup>35a</sup>And the Lord gave understanding to Solomon, and very great wisdom, and largeness of heart, as the sand by the shore of the sea. <sup>35b</sup>And the wisdom of Solomon abounded exceedingly, beyond all the wisdom of the ancients, and beyond all the wise men of Egypt. <sup>35c</sup>And he took the daughter of Pharaoh, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the Lord first, and the walls of Jerusalem round about: in seven years made he them, and finished them. <sup>35d</sup>And Solomon had seventy thousand bearers of burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers of stone in the mountain: <sup>35e</sup>and Solomon made the sea, and the bases, and the great lavers, and the pillars, and the fountain of the court, and the brazen sea: <sup>35f</sup>and he built the citadel as a defence above it; he made a breach in the wall of the city of David: thus did the daughter of Pharaoh go up out of the city of David unto her house which he built for her; then built he the citadel. <sup>35g</sup>And Solomon offered up three whole burnt offerings in the year, and peace offerings, upon the altar which he built unto the Lord: and he burned incense before the Lord, and he finished the house. <sup>35h</sup>And these be the chief persons that did preside over the works of Solomon: three thousand and six hundred masters of the people that wrought the works. <sup>35i</sup>And he built Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer, and upper Beth-horon, and Baalath: <sup>35j</sup>only after he had built the house of the Lord, and the wall of Jerusalem round about, afterward built he these cities. <sup>35k</sup>And while David was yet living, he charged Solomon, saying, Behold, there is with thee Shimei the son of Gera, of the seed of Benjamin out of Hebron: <sup>35l</sup>he cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went into the camp: <sup>35m</sup>and he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I swore unto him by the Lord, saying, He shall not be put to death with the sword. <sup>35n</sup>And now hold him not guiltless: for thou art a man of understanding, and thou wilt know what thou shalt do unto him; and his grey hairs shalt thou bring down into Hades with blood.

<sup>36</sup>And the king called for Shimei, and said unto him, Build thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell there; and thou shalt not go forth thence any whither. <sup>37</sup>And it shall be, that in the day thou goest out, and passest over the brook Kidron, know for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon thine own head. And the king caused him to swear in that day. <sup>38</sup>And Shimei said unto the king, The word which thou hast spoken is good, my lord, O king: so will thy servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem three years. <sup>39</sup>And it came to pass, after the three years, that two servants of Shimei ran away unto Achish son of Maachah king of Gath. <sup>40</sup>And Shimei arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his servants: and Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath. <sup>41</sup>And it was told Solomon, saying, Shimei is gone out of Jerusalem unto Gath, and hath brought back his servants. <sup>42</sup>And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Did I not adjure thee by the Lord, and testify to thee, saying, Know for a certain, on whatsoever day thou goest out of Jerusalem, and go to the right, or to the left, that thou shalt surely die? <sup>43</sup>And why hast thou not kept the oath of the Lord, and the commandment that I have charged thee with? <sup>44</sup>And the king said unto Shimei, Thou knowest all thy mischief which thine heart knoweth, that thou didst to David my father: and the Lord hath recompensed thy mischief upon thine own head. <sup>45</sup>And king Solomon is blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the Lord for ever. <sup>46</sup>And Solomon commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he went forth, and slew him.

<sup>46a</sup>And king Solomon was exceeding prudent and wise: and Judah and Israel were very many, even as the sand which is by the sea for multitude; eating, and drinking, and rejoicing. <sup>46b</sup>And Solomon was chief in all the kingdoms; and they brought gifts, and served Solomon all the days of his life. <sup>46c</sup>And Solomon began to open the domains of Lebanon, <sup>46d</sup>and he built Termah in the wilderness. <sup>46e</sup>And this was the daily provision of Solomon: thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of ground meal, ten choice calves, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep; beside stags, and harts, and choice fatted fowl. <sup>46f</sup>For he reigned in all the country beyond the river, from Tiphseh unto Azzah, over all the kings beyond the river: <sup>46g</sup>and he was at peace on all sides round about; and Judah and Israel dwelt in safety, every man under his vine, and under his fig tree; eating and drinking, and feasting, from Dan even unto Bathsheba, all the days of Solomon. <sup>46h</sup>And these were the princes of Solomon: Azariah the son of Zadok the priest; and Azariah the son of Nathan chief of the officers (and he went to his own house); and Zobia the scribe, and Basah the son of Ahithalam, the recorder; and Abi the son of Joab *was* chief captain; and Adoniram the son of Abdan *was* over the tribute; and Benaiah son of Jehoiada *was* over the household, and over the brickwork; and Zabud the son of Nathan was counsellor. <sup>46i</sup>And Solomon had forty thousand brood mares for his chariots, and twelve thousand horses. <sup>46j</sup>And he reigned over all the kings from the river even to the land of the Philistines, and unto the coasts of Egypt: so Solomon the son of David reigned over Israel and Judah in Jerusalem.

### CHAPTER 3

<sup>1</sup>And when the kingdoms had been given into the hands of Solomon, then Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the Lord, and the wall of Jerusalem round about. <sup>2</sup>Nevertheless the people burned incense in the high places, because there was no house yet built unto the Lord. <sup>3</sup>And Solomon loved the Lord, to walk in the statutes of David his father; only he sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. <sup>4</sup>And he arose, and went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the highest place, and great: an whole burnt offering of a thousand did Solomon offer upon the altar in Gibeon. <sup>5</sup>And the Lord appeared unto Solomon in a dream by night; and the Lord said unto Solomon, Ask thee some petition. <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, Thou hast dealt very mercifully with Thy servant David my father, according as he walked before Thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and Thou hast kept for him this great mercy, to set his son upon his throne, as it is this day. <sup>7</sup>And now, O Lord my God, Thou hast appointed Thy servant in the room of David my father: and I am but a little child, and know not my going out and my coming in. <sup>8</sup>But Thy servant is in the midst of Thy people which Thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered. <sup>9</sup>Thou shalt give therefore Thy servant an heart to hear and judge Thy people justly, and to discern between good and evil: for who will be able to judge this Thy great people? <sup>10</sup>And it was pleasing before the Lord, that Solomon asked this thing. <sup>11</sup>And the Lord said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing of Me, and hast not asked for thyself long life, and hast not asked riches, nor hast asked for the lives of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to hear judgment; <sup>12</sup>behold, I have done according to thy word: lo, I have given thee an understanding and wise heart: there hath not been any like thee before thee, neither after thee shall there arise one like unto thee. <sup>13</sup>And I have given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and glory, so that there hath not been any among the king like unto thee. <sup>14</sup>And if thou wilt walk in My way, to keep My commandments, and Mine ordinances, as thy father David did walk, then will I multiply thy days. <sup>15</sup>And Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream: and he arose, and came to Jerusalem, and stood before the altar that was in front of the ark of the covenant of the Lord in Zion: and he offered whole burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings, and made a great feast for himself and all his servants.

<sup>16</sup>Then appeared there two harlots, unto the king, and stood before him. <sup>17</sup>And the one woman said, O my lord, hear me; I and this woman dwelt in the one house; and we were delivered in the house. <sup>18</sup>And it came to pass the third day after I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; and there was none beside out two selves in the house. <sup>19</sup>And this woman's child died in the night; because she slept upon it. <sup>20</sup>And she arose in the middle of the night, and took my son from mine arms, and laid

him in her bosom, and laid her dead son in my bosom. <sup>21</sup>And I arose in the morning to give my son suck, and he was dead: and, behold, I considered him in the morning, and, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear. <sup>22</sup>And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. So they spake before the king. <sup>23</sup>And the king said unto them, Thou sayest, This is my son, even the living; and this woman's son is the dead one: and thou sayest, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. <sup>24</sup>And the king said, Fetch a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. <sup>25</sup>And the king said, Divide the living child, the suckling, in two; and give half of it to the one, and half of it to the other. <sup>26</sup>And the woman whose the living child was answered and said unto the king, for her bowels yearned over her son, O my lord, I pray thee give her the child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor hers, but divide it. <sup>27</sup>Then the king answered and said, Give her the child that said, Give it to her, and by no means slay it: she is the mother thereof. <sup>28</sup>And all Israel heard this judgment which the king had judged, and they feared before the king; because they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to execute judgment.

#### CHAPTER 4

And king Solomon reigned over Israel. <sup>2</sup>And these are the princes which he had: Azariah the son of Zadok. <sup>3</sup>Elihoreph and Ahijah the son of Shisha, scribes; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, recorder. <sup>4</sup>And Benaiah son of Jehoiada was over the host; and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests. <sup>5</sup>And Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers; and Zabud the son of Nathan was the king's friend. <sup>6</sup>And Ahishar was the steward, and Eliab the son of Saph was over the household: and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the tribute. <sup>7</sup>And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, to provide for the king and his household: each man's turn came to supply for a month in the year. <sup>8</sup>And these were their names: Been the son of Hur in the mount of Ephraim, one month. <sup>9</sup>The son of Rechab in Makaz, and in Bethlehem, and Beth-shemesh, and Elon unto Beth-hanan, one month. <sup>10</sup>The son of Hesus in Arubboth; his was Sochoh, and all the land of Hephher, one month. <sup>11</sup>All Naphthador pertained to the son of Abinadab, (Taphath the daughter of Solomon was his wife), one month. <sup>12</sup>Baana the son of Ahilud had Taanach, and Megiddo; and his was all the house of Shean, which was by Zaretan below Jezreel, and from Beth-shean unto Abel-meholah, unto Jokneam, one month. <sup>13</sup>The son of Geber on Ramoth-gilead, unto him fell the lot of Argob in Bashan, threescore great cities with walls and bars of brass, one month. <sup>14</sup>Ahinadab the son of Iddo had Mahanaim. <sup>15</sup>Ahimaaz was in Naphtali, and he took Basemath the daughter of Solomon to wife, one month. <sup>16</sup>Baanah the son of Hushai, in Asher and in Maaeth, one month; <sup>17</sup>Shimei the son of Elahom, in Benjamin. <sup>18</sup>Geber the son of Adai in the land of Gad and Sihon king of Heshbon, and of Og the king of Bashan, and one officer in the land of Judah. <sup>19</sup>Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah was in Issachar. <sup>20</sup>*And Judah and*

*Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.*

## CHAPTER 5

*\*\*1And Solomon was king over all the kingdoms from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents and served Solomon all the days of his life. And thus the officers provided victual for king Solomon, and all the orders for the table every one in his month: they omit nothing. 2The barley also, and the straw for the horses and the chariots carried they unto the place where the king might be, every man according to his charge. And these were the requisite supplies for Solomon: thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of fine pounded meal, 3and ten choice calves, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, besides harts, and choice fatted does. 4For he had dominion over all the region on this side the river: and he was at peace on all sides round about.*

*5And the Lord gave understanding unto Solomon, and exceeding much wisdom, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore. 10And Solomon abounded greatly, beyond the wisdom of all the ancients, and beyond all the wise men of Egypt. 11And he was wiser than all other men: and he was wiser than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda the sons of Mahol. 12And Solomon spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were five thousand. 13And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that cometh out of the wall: he spake also of cattle, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes. 14And there came of all the nations to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and from all the kings of the earth, as many as had heard of his wisdom.*

*14aAnd Solomon took unto himself the daughter of Pharaoh to wife, and brought her into the city of David until he had finished the house of the Lord, and his own house, and the wall of Jerusalem. 14bThen went up Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and took Gezer, and burned it and the Canaanite dwelling in Mergab: and Pharaoh gave them as a dowry unto his daughter Solomon's wife: and Solomon rebuilt Gezer.*

*15And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to anoint Solomon in the room of David his father: for Hiram ever loved David. 16And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, 17Thou knewest David my father, how that he could not build an house unto the name of the Lord my God for the wars which were compassed him about, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet. 18And now the Lord my God hath given me rest on every side: there is none that deviseth against me, and there is no evil trespass. 19And, behold, I purpose to build an house unto the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord God spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name. 20And now command thou, and let men hew wood for me out of Lebanon; and, behold,*

my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give the wages of thy service, according to all that thou shalt say: for thou knowest that we have none skilled to hew timber like unto the Zidonians. <sup>21</sup>And it came to pass, as soon as Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be God this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people. <sup>22</sup>And he sent unto Solomon, saying, I have hearkened concerning all which thou sentest to me for: and I will do all thy will; as concerning timber of cedar and of fir, <sup>23</sup>my servants shall bring them down from Lebanon unto the sea: I will form them into floats unto the place that thou shalt send to me about, and will land them there, and thou shalt take them up: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household. <sup>24</sup>So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees, and all his desire. <sup>25</sup>And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat as food for his household, and twenty thousand baths of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram yearly. <sup>26</sup>And the Lord gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they made a covenant between them. <sup>27</sup>And the king raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men. <sup>28</sup>And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand taking turn every month: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the levy. <sup>29</sup>And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers of stone in the mountain; <sup>30</sup>beside the rulers that were appointed over the works of Solomon, three thousand and six hundred masters, which wrought in the works. <sup>32</sup>And three years they prepared the stones and the timber.

## CHAPTER 6

And it came to pass in the four hundred and fortieth year after the departure of the sons of Israel out of Egypt, in the fourth year and second month of king Solomon's reign over Israel, (*Ch.5 v.31*) <sup>1a</sup>that the king commanded that they should take great and costly stones for the foundation of the house, and hewn stones. (*Ch.5 v.32*) <sup>1b</sup>And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and lay them. <sup>1c</sup>In the fourth year did he lay the foundation of the house of the Lord, in the month Zif, even in the second month. <sup>1d</sup>In the eleventh month, (this is the month Baal), was the house finished according to all the plan thereof, and according to all the arrangement thereof. <sup>2</sup>And the house which the king built unto the Lord, the length thereof was forty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof five and twenty cubits. <sup>3</sup>And the porch before the temple, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house. So he built the house, and finished it. <sup>4</sup>And for the house he made secret windows inclining inward. <sup>5</sup>And against the wall of the house he set chambers round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of the ark; and he made chambers round about. <sup>6</sup>The

nethermost side was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad: for without the house he fashioned an interval to the house round about, that they might not touch the walls of the house. <sup>7</sup>And the house was built in the construction thereof with rough hewed stones: and there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it was in building. <sup>8</sup>And the porch of the nether side was under the right wing of the house; and there was a winding ascent into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third. <sup>9</sup>So he built the house, and finished it; and he made the building of the house with cedar trees. <sup>10</sup>And he made the partitions through all the house, each five cubits high, and enclosed each partition with cedar boards. *\*<sup>11</sup>And it came to pass that the word of the Lord came to Solomon, saying,* <sup>12</sup>*Concerning this house which thou art building, if thou wilt walk in My statutes, and execute My judgments, and keep all My commandments to walk in them; then will I perform My word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father: <sup>13</sup>and I will dwell among the sons of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel.* <sup>14</sup>*So Solomon built the house, and finished it.* <sup>15</sup>And he framed the walls of the house with boards of cedar, from the floor of the house, and on to the inner walls, and to the beams: he lined the parts enclosed with boards within, and compassed the inward parts of the house with planks of fir. <sup>16</sup>And he built the twenty cubits from the top of the wall, one side from the floor to the beams, and made it from the oracle unto the most holy place. *\*\*<sup>17</sup>And the innermost temple was forty cubits long,* <sup>18</sup>*and the cedar of the house within was carved with knops and open flowers: and all was cedar: there was no stone seen.* <sup>19</sup>In front of the oracle in the midst of the house within, to put there the ark of the covenant of the Lord, <sup>20</sup>the length was twenty cubits, and the breadth was twenty cubits, and the height thereof was twenty cubits: and he covered it with perfect gold. And he made an altar *\*of cedar,* <sup>21</sup>*and Solomon overlaid the house within with perfect gold, and made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold.* <sup>22</sup>And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished the whole house *\*\*also the whole altar that was by the oracle he overlaid with gold.* <sup>23</sup>And within the oracle he made two cherubims of ten cubits in measured size. <sup>24</sup>And five cubits was the wing of one cherub, and the other wing thereof was five cubits; from the tip of one wing unto the tip of the other was ten cubits. <sup>25</sup>Thus it was with the other cherub; both alike were finished with one measure. <sup>26</sup>And the height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so it was with the other cherub. <sup>27</sup>And both the cherubims were in the midst of the innermost part of the house: and they stretched forth their wings, and one wing touched the wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched each other in the midst of the house. <sup>28</sup>And he overlaid the cherubims with gold. <sup>29</sup>He graved all the walls of the house round about with the graving of cherubims, and palm trees within and without the house. <sup>30</sup>And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without. <sup>31</sup>And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of juniper wood: there was a lintel of five sides:

<sup>32</sup>two doors also made of boards of fir; and carved upon them were carved cherubims and palm trees and open flower leaves; and it was overlaid with gold gilt, and the gold went down upon the cherubim and upon the palm trees. <sup>33</sup>So made he also for the door of the temple posts of juniper, porticoes of four sides. <sup>34</sup>And *there were* fir boards in both of the two doors: the one door two leaves and their foldings, and the second door two leaves, folding; <sup>35</sup>carved cherubims and palm trees and open flower leaves, and overlaid in gold down upon the carved work. <sup>36</sup>And he built the inner court, three rows of hewed stone, and a row of wrought cedar round about. <sup>36a</sup>And he made the curtain of the court of the porch of the house that was before the temple.

## CHAPTER 7

And king Solomon sent, and fetched Hiram out of Tyre, <sup>2</sup>the son of a widow woman; and he was of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass, and skilled in art and cunning and knowledge to work every work in brass: and he was brought in unto king Solomon; and he wrought all the works. <sup>3</sup>And he cast the two pillars of brass for the porch of the house: eighteen cubits was the height of each pillar: and a round of fourteen cubits did compass it about, even the thickness of the pillar: the flutings were four fingers wide, and thus was the other pillar. <sup>4</sup>And he made the two molten chapiters, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of one chapter was five cubits, and the height of the other chapter was five cubits. <sup>5</sup>And he made two nets of checker work to cover the chapiters of the pillar: even a net for one chapter, and a net for the other chapter. <sup>6</sup>And hanging work, two rows of pomegranates of brass, formed with net work, hanging work, row upon row: and thus he framed for the second chapter. <sup>7</sup>And he set up the pillars of the porch of the temple: and he set up the one pillar, and called the name thereof Jachin; and he set up the second pillar, and called the name thereof Boaz. <sup>8</sup>And on the heads of the pillars there was lily work against the porch, of four cubits; <sup>9</sup>And there was a beam over both the pillars, and above the sides the beam was as a cover in thickness. <sup>10</sup>And he made the sea, ten cubits from the one brim to the other; the same was round in a circle: his height was five cubits, and drawn together, three and thirty cubits compassed it about. <sup>11</sup>And under the rim of it round about there were knops that compassed it; <sup>12</sup>and his work was as the work of a rim of a cup, a lily flower, and the thickness of it was a span. <sup>13</sup>And under the sea there were twelve oxen, three looking north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east, and all their hinder parts were toward the house. <sup>14</sup>And he made ten bases of brass; five cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and six cubits the height thereof. <sup>15</sup>And this was the work of the bases: they were formed with a border to them, and a border between the projections. <sup>16</sup>And on their borders that were between the projections were lions, and oxen, and cherubims, and on the projections on this manner: enclosed spaces above

and also beneath the lions and the oxen, hanging work. <sup>17</sup>And the one base had four brasen wheels, and the additions of brass, and the four sides thereof undersetters under the lavers. <sup>18</sup>And there were hands in the wheels under the base; and the height of one wheel was a cubit and an half. <sup>19</sup>The work of the wheels was like the work of chariot wheels: their hands and their backs, and the rest of the work thereof, were all molten. <sup>20</sup>The four side pieces were at the four corners of each base: the undersetters were of the very base itself. <sup>21</sup>And on the top of the base (half a cubit was the size thereof) was there a round compass around on the top of the base, and a beginning of the hands thereof, and the borders thereof: and it was open at the beginning of the hands thereof. <sup>22</sup>And the borders thereof were cherubims, and lions, and palm trees, standing; each one was joined in front and within and round about. <sup>23</sup>After this manner he made all the ten bases, even one order and one measure to all. <sup>24</sup>And he made ten lavers of brass, each laver containing forty gallons, by measurement four cubits; each laver on a several base throughout the ten bases. <sup>25</sup>And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and the sea was set on the right side of the house eastward on the side of the south. <sup>26</sup>And Hiram made the caldrons, and the pans, and the bowls; and Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made for king Solomon in the house of the Lord: <sup>27</sup>two pillars, and the wreathen works of the pillars on the heads of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover both the wreathen works of the flutings that were upon the pillars; <sup>28</sup>the four hundred pomegranates for both the networks, two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover both the wreathen works of the pillars pertaining to both pillars; <sup>29</sup>and the ten bases, and the ten lavers upon the bases; <sup>30</sup>and the one sea, and the twelve oxen under the sea; <sup>31</sup>and the caldrons, and pans, and bowls, and all the furniture, which Hiram made to king Solomon in the house of the Lord; and the eight and forty pillars of the house of the king, and of the house of the Lord: all the works of the king, which Hiram made, were all of brass. <sup>32</sup>There was no reckoning of the brass wherewith he made all these works, from the exceeding great abundance; there was no end of the weight of the brass. <sup>33</sup>In the country round about Jordan did he cast them, in the clay part of the land between Succoth and Zarthan. <sup>34</sup>And king Solomon gave the furniture, which he made, into the house of the Lord, the altar of gold, and the table of gold of the loaves of presentation, <sup>35</sup>and the five candlesticks on the left side, and five on the right side, before the oracle, or pure gold; and the lampstands, and the lamps, and the snuffers of gold; <sup>36</sup>and the work about the door, and the nails, and the bowls, and the spoons, and the golden censers of pure gold; and the panels of the doors of the innermost part of the house, even the holy of holies, and the golden doors of the temple. <sup>37</sup>So was ended the work of the house of the Lord that Solomon wrought; and Solomon brought in all the holy things of David his father, and all the holy things of Solomon: he put the silver, and the gold, and the furniture, into the treasures of the house of the Lord.

<sup>38</sup>And Solomon built an house for himself in thirteen years. <sup>39</sup>And he built the house with the wood of Lebanon; the length thereof was an hundred

cubits, and the breadth thereof was fifty cubits, and the height thereof of thirty cubits; and of three rows of pillars of cedar wood, and the pillars had side pieces of cedar. <sup>40</sup>And he formed the house with beams above, on the sides of the pillars; and the number of the pillars was each row five and forty. <sup>41</sup>And there were three beams, and space over against space in three rows. <sup>42</sup>And all the doors and spaces that were formed of beams were square, and from door to door in three rows. <sup>43</sup>And he made the porch of the pillars fifty cubits long, and fifty broad, the porch joining them before, and the pillars and the thick beam before the house by the porches. <sup>44</sup>And there was the porch of seats, where he would judge, the porch of Judgment. <sup>45</sup>And their house where he would dwell had one court connecting with these according to this work; and he built the house for the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Solomon had taken, according to this porch. <sup>46</sup>And these were of costly stones, graven at intervals within, even from the foundation to the chapiters, and outward to the great court, founded with large and costly stones of ten cubits and eight cubits; <sup>48</sup>and above with costly stones, according to the measure of hewed stones, and with cedar trees. <sup>49</sup>There were three rows of hewed stones round about the great hall, and a row of wrought cedar: and Solomon made an end of building all his house.

## CHAPTER 8

And it came to pass when Solomon had made an end of building the house of the Lord and his own house after twenty years, then king Solomon assembled all the elders of Israel in Zion, to bring back the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, (this is Zion,) <sup>2</sup>in the month of Ethanim. <sup>3</sup>And the priests took up the ark, <sup>4</sup>and the tabernacle of the testimony, and the holy furniture that was in the tabernacle of the testimony. <sup>5</sup>And the king and all Israel were before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen without number. <sup>6</sup>And the priests bring in the ark into the place thereof, into the oracle of the house, into the holy of holies, even under the wings of the cherubims. <sup>7</sup>For the cherubims spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the holy things thereof above. <sup>8</sup>And the holy staves projected, and the ends of the holy staves appeared out of the holy places before the oracle, and they were not seen without. <sup>9</sup>There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, the tables of the covenant, which Moses put there in Horeb, which the Lord made with the sons of Israel, when they went forth from the land of Egypt. <sup>10</sup>And it came to pass, when the priest were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house. <sup>11</sup>And the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord filled the house. (*no vv. 12-13*)

<sup>14</sup>And the king turned his face about; and the king blessed all Israel: (and all the congregation stood;) <sup>15</sup>and he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel this day, which spake by His mouth concerning David my father, and hath with His hands fulfilled it, saying, <sup>16</sup>Since the day that I brought forth

My people Israel out of Egypt, I have not chosen a city in any of the tribes of Israel to build an house, that My name might be therein; but I chose Jerusalem that My name might be there, and I chose David to be over My people Israel. <sup>17</sup>And it was in the heart of David my father to build an house to the name of the Lord God of Israel. <sup>18</sup>And the Lord said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto My name, thou didst well that it came into thine heart. <sup>19</sup>Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that hath come forth out of thy sides, he shall build the house unto My name. <sup>20</sup>And the Lord hath confirmed the word that He spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and am sat down on the throne of Israel, as the Lord spake, and have built an house to the name of the Lord God of Israel. <sup>21</sup>And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein is the covenant of the Lord, which the Lord made with our fathers, when He brought them out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>22</sup>And Solomon stood up before the altar in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven: <sup>23</sup>and he said, Lord God of Israel, there is no God like Thee, in heaven above, and on the earth beneath, Who keepest covenant and mercy with Thy servant that walketh before Thee with all his heart: <sup>24</sup>which Thou hast kept toward Thy servant David my father: for Thou hast spoken by Thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with Thine hands, as this day. <sup>25</sup>And now, Lord God of Israel, keep for Thy servant David my father that which Thou spakedst unto him, saying, There shall not be taken from thee a man that sitteth before Me on the throne of Israel; so only that thy children take heed to their ways, to walk before Me as thou hast walked before Me. <sup>26</sup>And now, O Lord God of Israel, I pray Thee, let Thy word unto David my father be confirmed. <sup>27</sup>But will God indeed dwell with men upon the earth? if the heaven, and heaven of heavens will not suffice Thee; how much less this house that I have builded to Thy name? <sup>28</sup>Yet Thou, O Lord God of Israel, shalt have respect unto my supplication, to hearken unto the prayer which Thy servant maketh unto Thee in Thy presence this day; <sup>29</sup>that Thine eyes may be open toward this house day and night, even toward the place whereof Thou saidst, My name shall be there: that Thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which Thy servant prayeth at this place day and night. <sup>30</sup>And Thou shalt hearken unto the prayer of Thy servant, and of Thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and Thou shalt hear in Thy dwelling place in heaven; and Thou shalt do, and be gracious. <sup>31</sup>Whatsoever trespasses each shall commit against his neighbour, if he take upon him an oath that he swear, and come and make confession before Thine altar in this house; <sup>32</sup>then shalt Thou hear from heaven, and do; and Thou shalt judge Thy people Israel, that the wicked be condemned, to recompense his way upon his head; and to justify the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness. <sup>33</sup>When Thy people Israel falleth before the enemy, because they shall sin against Thee, and shall turn again to Thee, and confess Thy name, and pray, and make supplication in this house: <sup>34</sup>then shalt Thou hear from heaven, and be gracious to the sins of Thy people Israel; and Thou shalt restore them unto the land which Thou gavest unto their

fathers. <sup>35</sup>When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they shall sin against Thee; they shall also pray toward this place, and make confession unto Thy name, and shall turn from their sins when Thou shalt have humbled them: <sup>36</sup>then shalt Thou hear out of heaven, and be merciful unto the sins of Thy servant, and of Thy people Israel; for Thou shalt shew them the good way to walk therein, and shalt give rain upon the land, which Thou hast given to Thy people for an inheritance. <sup>37</sup>If there be famine, if there be death, because there be blasting, locust; or if there be mildew, and if their enemy oppress them in one of their cities, with every occurrence, every trouble; <sup>38</sup>every prayer, every supplication whatsoever shall be made by any man, as they shall know each the plague of his heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house: <sup>39</sup>then shalt Thou hearken out of heaven, out of Thy prepared dwelling place, and shalt be merciful, and do, and recompense to every man according to his ways, as Thou shalt know his heart; (for Thou alone knowest the heart of all the children of men;) <sup>40</sup>that they may fear Thee all the days that they may live upon the land, which Thou hast given unto our fathers. <sup>41</sup>And for the stranger, that is not of Thy people, <sup>42</sup>when they come and pray toward this place; <sup>43</sup>then shalt Thou hear out of heaven, out of Thy prepared dwelling place: and Thou shalt do according to all that the stranger shall call upon Thee for: that all the nations may know Thy name, and fear Thee, as do Thy people Israel; and that they may know that Thy name hath been called upon in this house, which I have builded. <sup>44</sup>If it be that Thy people go out to war against their enemies in the way whithersoever Thou shalt turn them, and pray in the name of the Lord toward the city which Thou hast chosen: <sup>45</sup>then shalt Thou hear out of heaven their supplication and their prayer, and execute judgment for them. <sup>46</sup>If it be that they sin against Thee, (for there is no man that will not sin,) and Thou bring them, and deliver them up before their enemies, and they that take them captive carry them unto a land, far or near; <sup>47</sup>and they turn their hearts in the land whither they have been carried captives, and turn in the land of their sojourning, and make supplication unto Thee, saying, We have sinned, we have done unjustly, we have transgressed; <sup>48</sup>and they turn unto Thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies whither Thou hast carried them captives, and pray unto Thee toward their land, which Thou gavest unto their fathers, and the city which Thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built to Thy name: <sup>49</sup>then shalt Thou hear out of heaven Thy prepared dwelling place, <sup>50</sup>and shalt be merciful to their unrighteousness wherein they have trespassed against Thee, and shalt cause them to be pitied before them that carried them captives, and they shall have compassion on them: <sup>51</sup>for they be Thy people, and Thine inheritance, which Thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, out of the midst of the furnace of iron. <sup>52</sup>And let Thine eyes and Thine ears be opened unto the supplication of Thy servant, and unto the supplication of Thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all things for which they shall call upon Thee. <sup>53</sup>For Thou didst set them apart for an inheritance unto Thyself out of all the nations of the earth, as Thou spakest by the hand

of Moses Thy servant, when Thou broughtest our fathers out of the land of Egypt, LORD, O Lord.

<sup>53a</sup>Then spake Solomon concerning the house, when he had finished building it, He revealed the sun in the heaven: the Lord said that He would dwell in darkness: Build thou Mine house, a fair house for Thee to dwell therein anew. Behold, is not this written in the book of the song?

<sup>54</sup>And was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the Lord, he arose from before the altar of the Lord, having knelt upon his knees; and his hands were spread out to heaven.

<sup>55</sup>And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying, <sup>56</sup>Blessed be the Lord this day, that hath given rest unto His people Israel, according to all that He said: there hath not failed one word among all His good words, which He spake by the hand of Moses His servant. <sup>57</sup>The

Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers: let Him not desert us, nor turn from us: <sup>58</sup>that He may turn our hearts toward Him, to walk in all His ways, and to keep all His commandments, and His ordinances, which He commanded our fathers. <sup>59</sup>And let these words, which I have prayed before

the Lord our God, be nigh unto the Lord our God day and night, to maintain the cause of Thy servant, and the cause of Thy people Israel for ever; <sup>60</sup>that all the nations of the earth may know that the Lord God, He is God, and there is none beside. <sup>61</sup>And let our hearts be perfect toward the Lord our God, to walk also in holiness in His ordinances, and to keep His commandments, as at this day.

<sup>62</sup>And the king and all the sons of Israel offered sacrifice before the Lord. <sup>63</sup>And king Solomon offered for the sacrifices of peace offering, which he

offered unto the Lord, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: and the king and all the sons of Israel dedicated the house of the Lord. <sup>64</sup>The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the Lord: for there he offered the whole burnt offering, and the sacrifices, and the fats of the peace offerings: because the

brasen altar that was before the Lord was too little to bear the whole burnt offering and the sacrifices of peace offerings. <sup>65</sup>And in that day did Solomon keep the feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering

in of Hemath unto the river of Egypt, before the Lord our God, eating, and drinking, and rejoicing before the Lord our God seven days. <sup>66</sup>And on the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and each departed to his tent rejoicing; and their heart was glad because of the good things which the Lord had done to David His servant, and unto Israel His people.

## CHAPTER 9

And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished building the house of the Lord, and the king's house, and all the work of Solomon, whatsoever he desired to perform, <sup>2</sup>that the Lord appeared to Solomon a second time, as He

had appeared unto him in Gibeon. <sup>3</sup>And the Lord said unto him, I have heard the voice of thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before Me: I have done for thee according to all thy prayer: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put My name there for ever; and Mine eyes and Mine heart shall be there perpetually. <sup>4</sup>And if thou wilt walk before Me, as David thy father walked, in holiness of heart, and in uprightness, and to do according to all that I commanded him, and wilt keep Mine ordinances and My commandments: <sup>5</sup>then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom in Israel for ever, as I spake to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to rule in Israel. <sup>6</sup>But if ye or your children in any wise revolt from Me, and keep not My commandments and Mine ordinances, which Moses set before you, and ye go and serve other gods, and worship them: <sup>7</sup>then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for My name, will I cast out of My sight; and Israel shall be a desolation and a byword unto all nations. <sup>8</sup>And this house, which is high, shall be that every one that passeth it by shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the Lord done thus unto this land, and to this house? <sup>9</sup>And men shall say, Because they forsook the Lord their God, who brought forth their fathers out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, and have attached themselves to strange gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the Lord brought upon them this evil.

<sup>9a</sup>Then Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David into his house, which he built for himself in those days.

<sup>10</sup>Twenty years, wherein Solomon builded the two houses, the house of the Lord, and the king's house, <sup>11</sup>Hiram the king of Tyre helped Solomon with cedar wood, and fir wood, and with gold, and all that he desired: then the king gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And Hiram departed from Tyre, and went into Galilee to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not. <sup>13</sup>And he said, What cities are these which thou hast given me, brother? And he called them Boundary until this day. <sup>14</sup>And Hiram brought to Solomon sixscore talents of gold, (*no verses 15-25*) <sup>26</sup>even that for which king Solomon built a ship in Ezion-geber nigh unto Eloth on the shore of the last part of the sea in the land of Edom. <sup>27</sup>And Hiram sent in the ship with his own servants, shipmen to row, men that had knowledge of the sea, together with Solomon's servants. <sup>28</sup>And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.

## CHAPTER 10

And the queen of Sheba heard of the name of Solomon, and the name of the Lord, and came to prove him with hard questions. <sup>2</sup>And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, and camels bearing spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and she came in to Solomon, and communed with him of all that was in her heart. <sup>3</sup>And Solomon told all her questions: and

there was not a question overlooked by the king, which he told her not. <sup>4</sup>And the queen of Sheba saw all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built, <sup>5</sup>and the provision of Solomon, and the sitting of his attendants, and the standing of his servants, and his apparel, and his cupbearers, and his whole burnt offering which he offered in the house of the Lord; and she was in an ecstasy. <sup>6</sup>And she said to king Solomon, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy words and of thy wisdom. <sup>7</sup>Howbeit I believed not them that told me, until I came, and mine eyes had seen: and, behold, the words as they told me are not the half: thou hast exceeded in goodness all the report which I heard in my land. <sup>8</sup>Blessed are thy wives, blessed are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, that hear all thy wisdom. <sup>9</sup>Blessed be the Lord thy God, which hath taken pleasure in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the Lord loved Israel, to establish him for ever; and He hath made thee king over them, to do judgment with justice, and in their causes. <sup>10</sup>And she gave Solomon an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and very many spices, and precious stones: there had not come any other spices so abundant as those which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon. (<sup>11</sup>And the ship of Hiram, that brought the gold from Suphir, brought very much hewed timber and precious stones. <sup>12</sup>And the king made of the hewed timber buttresses for the house of the Lord, and for the king's house, and lyres and harps for singers: such hewed timber had not come upon the earth, nor had been seen any where until this day.) <sup>13</sup>And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all that she desired, whatsoever she asked, beside all that he had given her by the hand of king Solomon: and she returned, and came into her own land, she and her servants.

<sup>14</sup>And the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold, <sup>15</sup>beside the tribute of them that were *his* subjects, both merchantmen and all the kings of the country beyond the river, and of the princes of the land. <sup>16</sup>And Solomon made three hundred spears of beaten gold: three hundred shekels of gold were upon one spear: <sup>17</sup>and three hundred targets of beaten gold: and three pounds of gold were in one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon. <sup>18</sup>And the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. <sup>19</sup>The throne had six steps, and calves in high relief to the throne behind it, and side pieces on either hand of the place of the seat, and two lions that stood by the side pieces, <sup>20</sup>and twelve lions that stood there upon the six steps: it was not done so in any *other* kingdom. <sup>21</sup>And all the vessels made by Solomon were of gold; and the lavers were golden; and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold: there was no silver, for it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon. <sup>22</sup>For Solomon had at sea a ship of Tharshish with the ships of Hiram: every three years came one ship out of Tharshish unto the king, laden with gold and silver and wrought stones, and hewed stones.

<sup>22a</sup>This was the arrangement of the provision which king Solomon fetched to build the house of the Lord, and the house of the king, and the wall of Jerusalem, and the citadel; to fortify the city of David, and Assur, and

Migdol, and Gezer, and Beth-horon the upper, and Jethermath, and all the cities of the chariots, and all the cities of the horsemen, and the work of Solomon which he purposed to build in Jerusalem, and in all the land, <sup>22b</sup>that none of the people should rule over him that was left of the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, and the the Hivite, and the Jebusite, and the Gergesite, which were not of the sons of Israel, their children that were left after them in the land, whom the sons of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, and Solomon reduced them to tribute unto this day. <sup>22c</sup>But of the sons of Israel did Solomon make nothing: for they were the warriors, and his servants, and his princes, and captains of the third order, and the captains of his chariots, and his horsemen.

<sup>23</sup>And Solomon increased beyond all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom. <sup>24</sup>And all the kings of the earth sought the face of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which the Lord had put in his heart. <sup>25</sup>And they brought every one their presents, and vessels of gold, and garments, and stacte, and spices, and horses, and horses, and mules, a rate year by year. <sup>26</sup>And Solomon had four thousand mares for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen: and he bestowed them in the cities of his chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem. <sup>26a</sup>And he ruled over all the kings, from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the borders of Egypt. <sup>27</sup>And the king made gold and silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycamore trees that are in the plain for abundance. <sup>28</sup>And the goings forth of Solomon's horsemen *were* also out of Egypt, and the king's merchants were of Tekoa; and they received them out of Tekoa at a price. <sup>29</sup>And that which proceeded out of Egypt went up a chariot for an hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for fifty shekels of silver: and thus for all the kings of the Chettians, and the kings of Syria: they came out by the sea.

## CHAPTER 11

And king Solomon was a lover of women. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines. And he took strange women, and the daughter of Pharaoh; Moabitish, Ammonitish women, Syrians, and Edomites, Hittites, and Amorites; <sup>2</sup>concerning which the Lord said unto the sons of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, and they shall not come in to you, lest they turn away your hearts after their idols of the nations: Solomon clave unto these in love. <sup>3</sup>*And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.* <sup>4</sup>And it came to pass, in the time of Solomon's old age, that his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father, and the strange women turned away his heart after their gods. <sup>5</sup>Then Solomon built an high place unto Chemosh the idol of Moab, and unto their king the idol of the children of Ammon, <sup>6</sup>and unto Ashtaroth the abomination of the Zidonians: <sup>7</sup>and likewise did he toward all his strange wives, which burnt incense, and sacrificed unto their idols. <sup>8</sup>And Solomon did that was evil

in the sight of the Lord: he went not after the Lord, as David his father. <sup>9</sup>And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because he turned away his heart from the Lord God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, <sup>10</sup>and had charged him concerning this thing, by no means to go after other gods, but to take heed to do that which the Lord commanded him: neither was his heart perfect with the Lord, according to the heart of David his father. <sup>11</sup>And the Lord said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as it hath been thus with thee, and thou hast not kept My commandments and Mine ordinances, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend thy kingdom out of thine hand, and will give it to thy servant. <sup>12</sup>Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will take it out of the hand of thy son. <sup>13</sup>Howbeit I will not take away all the kingdom: I will give one tribe to thy son for David My servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

<sup>14</sup>And the Lord raised up an enemy unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite, and Rezon the son of Eliadah, which dwelt in Ramoth, and Hadadezer the king of Zobah his master; (and men gathered unto him, and he was the chief of the conspiracy; and he seized on Damascus,) and they were adversaries to Israel all the days of Solomon: and Hadad the Edomite was of the seed royal in Edom. <sup>15</sup>And it came to pass, when David utterly destroyed Edom, while Joab the captain of the host was gone to bury the dead, when they slew every male in Edom, (for six months did Joab and all Israel remain there, until he had cut off every male in Edom,) <sup>16</sup>that Hadad ran away, he and all the Edomites of his father's servants with him: and they went into Egypt: and Hadad was then a little child. *(no verse <sup>17</sup>)* <sup>18</sup>And there arise up men out of the city of Midian, and they come to Paran, and take men with them, and come unto Pharaoh king of Egypt: and Hadad went in to Pharaoh, and he gave him an house, and appointed him provision. <sup>19</sup>And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, and he gave him in marriage the sister of his own wife, the elder sister of Tahpenes. <sup>20</sup>And the sister of Taphenes bare unto him, even to Hadad, Genubath her son: and Taphenes brought him up in the midst of Pharaoh's sons; and Gennubath was in the midst of Pharaoh's sons. <sup>21</sup>And Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead; and Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me go, I pray thee, and I will return to mine own country. <sup>22</sup>And Pharaoh said unto Hadad, What lackest thou with me, that, behold, thou seekest to depart to thine own country? And Hadad said unto him, Let me go in any wise. So Hadad returned to his own country: this is the mischief that Hadad did; and he was a bitter enemy of Israel; and he reigned in the land of Edom. *\*<sup>23</sup>And the Lord stirred up to Solomon another adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer the king of Zobah. <sup>24</sup>And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus. <sup>25</sup>And it came to pass that he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon.*

<sup>26</sup>And Jeroboam the son of Nebat the Ephraimite, the son of a widow, was Solomon's servant. <sup>27</sup>And this was the occasion of his lifting up his hand against the king: now king Solomon built the citadel; he finished the

fortification of the city of David his father. <sup>28</sup>And the man Jeroboam was very strong: and Solomon saw that the young man was industrious, and set him over the levies of the house of Joseph. <sup>29</sup>And it came to pass at that time, that Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, and Ahijah the Shilonite the prophet found him in the way, and caused him to turn aside out of the way: and Ahijah was clad in a new garment; and they two were alone in the field. <sup>30</sup>And Ahijah caught the new garment that was upon him, and rent it in twelve pieces: <sup>31</sup>and he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Behold, I rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give thee ten tribes. <sup>32</sup>Yet shall he have two tribes for My servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel; <sup>33</sup>and hath forsaken Me, and hath sacrificed unto Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and unto Chemosh, and unto all the idols of Moab, and unto their king the abomination of the children of Ammon, and hath not walked in My ways, to do that which is right in Mine eyes, as did David his father. <sup>34</sup>Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, (for I will certainly resist him all the days of his life,) for David My servant's sake, whom I chose. <sup>35</sup>But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and give thee ten tribes. <sup>36</sup>But to his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have an establishment always before Me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put My name there. <sup>37</sup>And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign as thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel. <sup>38</sup>And it shall be, if thou wilt keep all the commandments that I shall give thee, and wilt walk in My ways, and do that is right in My sight, to keep Mine ordinances and My commandments, as David My servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David. *(no verse 39)* <sup>40</sup>And Solomon sought to kill Jeroboam: but he arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until Solomon died.

<sup>41</sup>And the rest of the words of Solomon, and all that he did, and all his wisdom, behold, are not these things written in the book of the life of Solomon? <sup>42</sup>And the days that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel were forty years. <sup>43</sup>And Solomon slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David his father. And it came to pass when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it even while he was in Egypt, (as he fled from the face of Solomon, and dwelt in Egypt;) he straightway cometh into his own city, into the land of Zereda in the mount of Ephraim. <sup>44</sup>And king Solomon slept with his fathers: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

## CHAPTER 12

And king Rehoboam goeth to Shechem; for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king. <sup>2</sup>And it came to pass, that Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard of it, (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;) <sup>3</sup>and they sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came. And the people spake

unto king Rehoboam, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy; <sup>4</sup>but do thou now lighten somewhat the hard service of thy father, and of the heavy yoke which he put upon us, and we will serve thee. <sup>5</sup>And he said unto them, Depart for three days, and come again to me. And they departed. <sup>6</sup>And the king conferred to the elders, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, How do ye advise that I should answer this people? <sup>7</sup>And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and wilt speak good words to them, then will they be thy servants continually. <sup>8</sup>But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, which stood in his presence. <sup>9</sup>And he said, What counsel give ye? and what shall I answer this people, who speak to me, saying, Lighten somewhat of the yoke which thy father did put upon us? <sup>10</sup>And the young men that were grown up with him, which stood before his face, spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou say unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, and do thou now lighten it from off us'; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins. <sup>11</sup>And seeing my father did lade you with an heavy yoke, I also will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. <sup>12</sup>And all Israel came to king Rehoboam the third day, as the king spake unto them, saying, Come to me again the third day. <sup>13</sup>And the king answered the people roughly; and Rehoboam forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him. <sup>14</sup>And he spake unto them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, I also will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. <sup>15</sup>And the king hearkened not unto the people; for the change was of the Lord, that he might establish His word, which He spake by Ahijah the Shilonite concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat. <sup>16</sup>And all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them; and the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we any inheritance in the son of Jesse: depart to your tents, O Israel: now feed thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto his tents. *(no verse 17)* <sup>18</sup>And the king sent Adoram, who was over the tribute; and they stoned him with stones, and he died: and king Rehoboam made speed to flee to Jerusalem. <sup>19</sup>So Israel forswore allegiance against the house of David unto this day. <sup>20</sup>And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again out of Egypt, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: and none followed the house of David but the tribe of Judah and Benjamin only. <sup>21</sup>And Rehoboam went into Jerusalem, and he gathered together the congregation of Judah, and the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and twenty thousand young men, *which were* warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon. <sup>22</sup>And the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying, <sup>23</sup>Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying, <sup>24</sup>Thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not go up, nor fight with your brethren the sons of Israel:

return each man to his own house; for this thing is from Me: and they hearkened to the word of the Lord, and ceased from going up, according to the word of the Lord.

<sup>24a</sup>And king Solomon sleepeth with his fathers, and is buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead in Jerusalem, being sixteen years old when he began to reign: and he reigned twelve years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Naamah the daughter of Anah son of Nahash king of the children of Ammon. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked not in the way of David his father. <sup>24b</sup>And there was a man of mount Ephraim, a servant to Solomon, and his name was Jeroboam; and his mother's name was Zeruah, an harlot: and Solomon made him head of the levies of the house of Joseph: and he built for Solomon Zereda in mount Ephraim; and he had three hundred chariots of horses: he built the citadel with the levies of the house of Ephraim; he fortified the city of David, and aspired unto the kingdom. <sup>24c</sup>And Solomon sought to kill him; and he was afraid, and escaped to Shishak king of Egypt, and was with him until Solomon died. <sup>24d</sup>And Jeroboam heard in Egypt that Solomon was dead; and he spake in the ears of Shishak king of Egypt, saying, Let me go, and I will depart into mine own land: and Shishak said unto him, Ask any request, and I will grant it thee. <sup>24e</sup>And Shishak gave unto Jeroboam Anna the eldest sister of Taphenes his wife, to be his wife: she was great among the daughters of the king, and she bare unto Jeroboam Abijah his son: and Jeroboam said unto Shishak, Let me indeed go, and I will depart. And Jeroboam departed out of Egypt, and came into the land of Zereda that was in mount Ephraim; and thither cometh together all the tribe of Ephraim; and Jeroboam built a stronghold there.

<sup>24f</sup>And his young child was sick with a very grievous sickness; and Jeroboam went to enquire concerning the child: and he said unto Anna his wife, Arise, go; enquire of God concerning the child, whether he shall recover from his sickness. <sup>24g</sup>Now there was a man in Shiloh, and his name was Ahijah: and he was threescore years old; and the word of the Lord was with him. And Jeroboam said unto his wife, Arise, and take in thine hand loaves for the man of God, and cakes for his children, and grapes, and a pot of honey. And the woman arose, and took in her hand bread, and two cakes, and grapes, and a pot of honey for Ahijah: and the man was old, and his eyes were dim, that he could not see. <sup>24h</sup>And she arose up from Zereda, and went; and it came to pass, when she had come into the city unto Ahijah the Shilonite, that Ahijah said unto his servant, Go out now to meet Anna the wife of Jeroboam; and thou shalt say unto her, Come in, and stand not still; for thus saith the Lord, I bring grievous tidings unto thee. <sup>24i</sup>And Anna went in to the man of God; and Ahijah said unto her, Wherefore hast thou brought me bread, and grapes, and cakes, and a pot of honey? Thus saith the Lord, Behold, thou shalt depart from me; and it shall come to pass, when thou art come into the city, even to Zereda, that thy maidens shall come out to meet thee, and shalt say unto thee, The child is dead. <sup>24j</sup>For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will destroy every male of Jeroboam, and there shall be the dead of

Jeroboam in the city; the dogs shall eat them, and him that hath died in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: and he shall make lamentation for the child, saying, Woe is me, Lord! for there hath been found in him some good thing touching the Lord. <sup>24k</sup>And the woman departed when she heard this: and it came to pass, as she entered into Zereda, that the child died; and there came forth a wailing to meet her.

<sup>24l</sup>And Jeroboam went unto Shechem in mount Ephraim, and there gathered together the tribes of Israel: and Rehoboam the son of Solomon went up thither. And the word of the Lord came unto Shemaiah the son of Elami, saying, Take thee a new garment that hath not gone into the water, and rend it in twelve pieces: and thou shalt give to Jeroboam, and shalt say unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Take thee ten pieces to cover thee: and Jeroboam took them: and Shemaiah said, Thus saith the Lord concerning the ten tribes of Israel.

<sup>24m</sup>And the people said unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, Thy father made his yoke heavy upon us, and made the meat of his table heavy: and now shalt thou lighten them upon us, and we will serve thee. And Rehoboam said unto them, Wait yet for three days, and I will return you an answer. <sup>24n</sup>And Rehoboam said, Bring in to me the elders, and I will take counsel with them what I shall answer to the people on the third day. So Rehoboam spake in their ears, as the people said unto him to say: and the elders of the people said, Thus have the people spoken unto thee. <sup>24o</sup>And Rehoboam rejected their counsel, and it pleased him not: and he sent and brought in them that had been brought up with him; and he said unto them, Thus and thus hath the people sent unto me to say: and they that had been brought up with him said, Thus shalt thou speak unto the people, saying, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins: my father scourged you with whips, but I will rule you with scorpions. And the saying pleased Rehoboam, and he answered the people as the young men, they that were brought up with him, counselled him: and all the people spake as one man every man to his neighbour; and they cried out all together, saying, We have no part in David, neither inheritance in the son of Jesse: to thy tents, O Israel, every one, for this man is not for a prince or a ruler over us. <sup>24p</sup>And all the people was dispersed from Shechem, and they departed every one to his own tent: and Rehoboam strengthened himself, and departed, and mounted his chariot, and entered into Jerusalem; and there follow him the whole tribe of Judah, and the whole tribe of Benjamin. <sup>24q</sup>And it came to pass, at the beginning of the year, that Rehoboam gathered together all the men of Judah and Benjamin, and went up the fight with Jeroboam at Shechem. <sup>24r</sup>And it happened that the word of the Lord came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying, Speak to Rehoboam king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and unto the remnant of the people, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not go up, neither shall ye fight with your brethren the sons of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. <sup>24s</sup>And they hearkened to the word of the Lord, and forbore to go up, according to the word of the Lord.

<sup>25</sup>And Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penuel. <sup>26</sup>And Jeroboam said in his heart, Behold, now shall the kingdom return to the house of David: <sup>27</sup>if this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto the Lord, and to their master, even to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will slay me. <sup>28</sup>And the king took counsel, and went, and made two golden heifers, and said unto the people, Let it suffice you to have gone *hitherto* unto Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. <sup>29</sup>And he set the one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. <sup>30</sup>And it came to pass that this thing became a sin; and the people went before the one, even unto Dan; and they forsook the house of the Lord. <sup>31</sup>And he made houses on the high places, and made priests of any part of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi. <sup>32</sup>And Jeroboam made a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, according to the feast that is in the land of Judah; and he went up to the altar which he had made in Bethel, to sacrifice unto the heifers that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made. <sup>33</sup>And he went up unto the altar which he had made on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, at the feast which he had devised of his own heart; and made a feast unto the sons of Israel, and went up unto the altar to do sacrifice.

### CHAPTER 13

And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the Lord unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to do sacrifice. <sup>2</sup>And he cried against the altar by the word of the Lord, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the Lord; Behold, a son shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places, even of them that sacrifice upon thee, and he shall burn men's bones upon thee. <sup>3</sup>And in that day shall one give a sign, saying, This is the word which the Lord hath spoken, saying, Behold, the altar is rent, and the fatness that is upon it shall be poured out. <sup>4</sup>And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had called upon the altar that was in Bethel, that the king put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold of him. And, behold, his hand, which he put forth against him, withered, and he could not draw it back again to him. <sup>5</sup>The altar also was rent, and the fatness was poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God gave by the word of God. <sup>6</sup>And king Jeroboam said unto the man of God, Intreat the Lord thy God, and let my hand be restored to me again. And the man of God intreated the Lord, and He restored the king's hand unto him; and it became as it was before. <sup>7</sup>And the king said unto the man of God, Come in with me into the house, and dine, and I will give thee a gift. <sup>8</sup>And the man of God said unto the king, If thou shouldest give me the half of thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

for so the Lord charged me by His word, saying, <sup>9</sup>Eat no bread, and drink no water, nor turn again by the way that thou camest. <sup>10</sup>So he departed by another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bethel.

<sup>11</sup>Now there dwelt an old prophet in Bethel; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel, and the words which he had spoken to the king; and they turned the face of their father. <sup>12</sup>And their father spake unto them, saying, What way went he?: and his sons shew him the way that the man of God went up, which came from Judah. <sup>13</sup>And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass: and they saddled him the ass: and he mounted it, <sup>14</sup>and went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said unto him I am. <sup>15</sup>And he said, Come with me, and eat bread. <sup>16</sup>And he said, I shall not by any means be able to return with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place. <sup>17</sup>For thus the Lord commanded me by word, saying, Eat not bread there, and drink not water, and return not thither by the way that thou camest. <sup>18</sup>And he said unto him, I also am a prophet as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of God, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, and let him eat bread and drink water. But he lied unto him. <sup>19</sup>And he brought him back; and he ate bread and drank water in his house. <sup>20</sup>And it came to pass, while they sat at table, that the word of God came unto the prophet that brought him back: <sup>21</sup>and he spake unto the man of God that came out of Judah, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Forasmuch as thou hast embittered the word of the Lord, and hast not kept the commandment which the Lord thy God commanded thee, <sup>22</sup>but camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which he spake unto thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat bread, and shalt not drink water; therefore thy body shall in no wise enter into the sepulchre of thy fathers. <sup>23</sup>And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread and drunk water, that he saddled the ass for him; and he turned and departed. <sup>24</sup>And a lion found him by the way, and slew him; and his body was cast out in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the body. <sup>25</sup>And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing near the carcase: and they went in and spake of it in the city where the old prophet dwelt. <sup>26</sup>And the prophet that turned him back out of the way heard, and said, This is the man of God, which rebelled against the word of the Lord. *(no verse 27)* <sup>28</sup>And he went and found the body cast in the way; and the ass and the lion stood by the body; and the lion had not devoured the body of the man of God, neither had it torn the ass. <sup>29</sup>And the prophet took up the body of the man of God, and laid it upon his ass; and the prophet brought him back to his city, to bury him in his own tomb: <sup>30</sup>and they bewailed him, saying, Alas, brother! <sup>31</sup>And it came to pass, after he had lamented him, that he spake unto his sons, saying, Whensoever I die, bury me in this sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried; lay me beside his bones, that my bones may be preserved with his bones. <sup>32</sup>For the saying which he spake by the word of the Lord against the altar in Bethel, and against the high houses in Samaria, shall surely come to pass. <sup>33</sup>And after

this thing Jeroboam turned not from his sin, but turned and made of part of the people priests of the high places: whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became a priest for the high places. <sup>34</sup>And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to the destruction thereof, and the removal thereof, from off the face of the earth.

## CHAPTER 14

*\*At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick. <sup>2</sup>And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, and thou shalt not be known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get thee to Shiloh: and, behold, there is Ahijah the prophet, which told me that I should be king over this people. <sup>3</sup>And take in thy hands loaves for the man of God, and cakes for his children, and grapes, and a pot of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the child. <sup>4</sup>And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah: and the man was old, and his eyes were dim by reason of his age. <sup>5</sup>And the Lord said unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh in to ask a thing of thee for her son; for he is sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: and it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself to be another woman. <sup>6</sup>And it was so, that Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, and he said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feignest thou thyself to be another? And I am sent to thee with heavy tidings. <sup>7</sup>Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and gave thee rule over My people Israel, <sup>8</sup>and rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee: and yet thou hast not been as My servant David, who kept My commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do only that which was right in Mine eyes; <sup>9</sup>but hast done evil above all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke Me to anger, and hast cast Me behind thy back: <sup>10</sup>therefore I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man picketh over dung, until it be all gone. <sup>11</sup>Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the Lord hath spoken it. <sup>12</sup>But do thou arise, get thee to thine own house: when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die: <sup>13</sup>and all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him, for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him is found some good thing toward the Lord God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam. <sup>14</sup>And the Lord shall raise Him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: but what? even now. <sup>15</sup>The Lord shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and He shall root up Israel out of this good land, which He gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking the Lord to anger. <sup>16</sup>And the Lord shall give Israel up, because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and made Israel to sin. <sup>17</sup>And*

*Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Zereda: and it came to pass, when she came to the threshold of the door, that the child died.* <sup>18</sup>And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by the hand of His servant Ahijah the prophet. <sup>19</sup>And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. <sup>20</sup>And the days which Jeroboam reigned were two and twenty years: and he slept with his fathers, and Nebat his son reigned in his stead. <sup>21</sup>And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem the city, which the Lord did choose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put His name there: and his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. <sup>22</sup>And Rehoboam did evil in the sight of the Lord, and he provoked Him to anger in all the things which their fathers did in their sins which they sinned. <sup>23</sup>And they built them high places, and pillars, and groves, on every high hill, and under every shady tree. <sup>24</sup>And there was a conspiracy in the land, and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord cast out from the face of the sons of Israel. <sup>25</sup>And it came to pass in the fifth year of the reign of Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem: <sup>26</sup>and took all the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, and the golden spears which David took out of the hand of the sons of Hadadezer king of Syria, and brought them to Jerusalem, even all that he had, even the shields of gold which Solomon had made, and carried them away into Egypt. <sup>27</sup>And king Rehoboam made in their stead brazen shields; and the chiefs of the guard, which kept the gate of the king's house, were put in charge over them. <sup>28</sup>And it was so, when the king went into the house of the Lord, that the guard took them up, and set them in the chamber of the guard. <sup>29</sup>And the rest of the history of Jeroboam, and all that he did, behold, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? <sup>30</sup>And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days. <sup>31</sup>And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Abijam his son reigned in his stead.

## CHAPTER 15

And in the eighteenth year of the reign of Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigneth Abijam the son of Rehoboam over Judah. <sup>2</sup>And three years reigned he over Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. <sup>3</sup>And he walked in the sins of his father, which he wrought in his presence; and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as the heart of *David* his father. <sup>4</sup>Nevertheless for David's sake did the Lord give him a remnant, that he might establish his children after him, and establish Jerusalem: <sup>5</sup>forasmuch as David did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord: he turned not aside from any thing that He commanded him all the days of his life. *(no verse 6)* <sup>7</sup>And the rest of the history of Abijam, and all

that he did, behold, are these not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam. <sup>8</sup>And Abijam slept with his fathers; and he is buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Asa his son reigneth in his stead.

<sup>9</sup>In the four and twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel beginneth Asa to reign over Judah. <sup>10</sup>And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. <sup>11</sup>And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, as did David his father. <sup>12</sup>And he took away the sacrifices out of the land, and abolished all the practices which his fathers had done. <sup>13</sup>And Maachah his mother he removed from being queen, forasmuch as she gathered a meeting together in her grove: and Asa hewed down her retreats, and burnt them with fire in the brook of Kidron. <sup>14</sup>But the high places removed he not: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the Lord all his days. <sup>15</sup>And he brought in the pillars of his father; even he brought in his gold and silver pillars into the house of the Lord, and his vessels. <sup>16</sup>And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. <sup>17</sup>And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that none should go out or come in for Asa king of Judah. <sup>18</sup>And Asa took all the silver and the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, and gave them into the hands of his servants: and king Asa sent them out to the son of Hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt in Damascus, saying, <sup>19</sup>Make thou a covenant between me and thee, and between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee gold and silver for gifts; come, and break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may go up from me. <sup>20</sup>And the son of Hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his hosts unto the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel of the house of Maachah, and all Chinneroth, unto all the land of Naphtali. <sup>21</sup>And it came to pass, when Baasha heard thereof, that he left off building of Ramah, and returned to Tirzah. <sup>22</sup>And king Asa charged all Judah, without exemption: and they take up the stones of Ramah, and the timbers thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and king Asa built with them all the hill of Benjamin, and the watch tower. <sup>23</sup>And the rest of the history of Asa, and all his mighty deeds which he wrought, and the cities which he built, behold, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet. <sup>24</sup>And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigneth in his stead.

<sup>25</sup>And Nadab the son of Jeroboam reigneth over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah; and he reigned in Israel two years. <sup>26</sup>And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sins, wherewith he made Israel to sin. <sup>27</sup>And Baasha the son of Ahijah, who was over the house of Belaan the son of Ahijah, conspired against him, and smote him in Gibbethon of the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel lay siege to Gibbethon. <sup>28</sup>And in the third year of Asa, the son of Asa king of Judah, did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead. <sup>29</sup>And it came

to pass, when he reigned, that he smote all the house of Jeroboam; and he left none that breathed of Jeroboam, until he had destroyed him utterly, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by His servant Ahijah the Shilonite, <sup>30</sup>for the sins of Jeroboam, which led Israel into sin, even by his provocations wherewith he provoked the Lord God of Israel to anger. <sup>31</sup>And the rest of the history of Nadab, and all that he did, are these not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

<sup>33</sup>And in the third year of Asa king of Judah beginneth Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over Israel in Tirzah, twenty and four years. <sup>33</sup>And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sins, as he made Israel to sin.

## CHAPTER 16

And the word of the Lord came by the hand of Jehu the son of Hanani, unto Baasha, saying, <sup>2</sup>Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee ruler over My people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and hast made My people Israel to sin, to provoke Me to anger with their vanities; <sup>3</sup>behold, I do raise up enemies after Baasha, and after his house; and will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. <sup>4</sup>Him that dieth of Baasha in the city shall the dogs devour; and him that dieth of his in the fields shall the fowls of the air devour. <sup>5</sup>Now the rest of the history of Baasha, and all that he did, and his mighty deeds, behold, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? <sup>6</sup>And Baasha slept with his fathers, and they bury him in Tirzah: and Elah his son reigneth in his stead. <sup>7</sup>And the Lord spake by the hand of Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil which he did before the Lord, to provoke Him to anger by the works of his hands, in being like unto the house of Jeroboam; and because he smote him.

<sup>8</sup>And Elah the son of Baasha reigned over Israel two years in Tirzah. <sup>9</sup>And Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him while he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza the steward at Tirzah. <sup>10</sup>And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, and reigned in his stead. <sup>11</sup>And it came to pass, when he reigned, when he sat upon his throne, <sup>12</sup>that he smote all the house of Baasha, according to the word which the Lord spake against the house of Baasha, and to Jehu the prophet, <sup>13</sup>for all the sins of Baasha, and Elah his son, as he led Israel astray to sin, to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger with their vanities. <sup>14</sup>And the rest of the deeds of Elah, which he did, behold, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

<sup>15</sup>And Zimri reigned in Tirzah seven days: and the army of Israel was encamped against Gibbethon of the Philistines. <sup>16</sup>And the people heard in the army, saying, Zimri hath conspired, and hath slain the king: and the people of Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp. <sup>17</sup>And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they

besieged Tirzah. <sup>18</sup>And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that his city was taken, that he goeth into the inner chamber of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him, and died, <sup>19</sup>because of his sins which he committed, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, to walk in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sins wherein he made Israel to sin. <sup>20</sup>And the rest of the history of Zimri, and his conspiracies wherein he conspired, behold, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

<sup>21</sup>Then the people of Israel divideth: half of the people followeth Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half the people followeth Omri. <sup>22</sup>The people that followed Omri overpowered the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: and Tibni died, and Jehoram his brother at that time; and Omri reigned after Tibni. <sup>23</sup>In the thirty and first year of king Asa, Omri reigneth over Israel twelve years: six years reigneth he in Tirzah. <sup>24</sup>And Omri bought the mount Samaria of Shemer the lord of the mountain for two talents of silver, and built on the mountain; and they called the name of the city whereon he built after the name of Shemer, the lord of the mount, Samaria. <sup>25</sup>And Omri did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and did wickedly beyond all that were before him. <sup>26</sup>And he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sins wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger by their vanities. <sup>27</sup>And the rest of the acts of Omri, and all that he did, and all his might, behold, are not these things written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? <sup>28</sup>And Omri slept with his fathers, and is buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

<sup>28a</sup>And in the eleventh year of Omri Jehoshaphat the son of Asa reigneth, being thirty and five years old in the beginning of his reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi. <sup>28b</sup>And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and turned not from it, even from doing that which was right in the sight of the Lord: only they removed not any of the high places: they sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places. <sup>28c</sup>Now the engagements which Jehoshaphat made with the king of Israel, and all his mighty deeds which he performed, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? <sup>28d</sup>And the remnants of the prostitution which they did practise in the days of Asa his father removed he out of the land. <sup>28e</sup>And there was no king in Syria, but a deputy *was king*. <sup>28f</sup>And king Jehoshaphat made a ship at Tharshish, to go to Ophir for gold; but it went not, for the ship was broken at Ezion-geber. <sup>28g</sup>Then the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will send forth thy servants and my servants in the ship: but Jehoshaphat would not. <sup>28h</sup>And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers in the city of David: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

<sup>29</sup>In the second year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah reigned Ahab the son of Omri over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years. <sup>30</sup>And Ahab did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and did more wickedly than all that were before him. <sup>31</sup>And it was not enough for him to walk in the sins of

Jeroboam the son of Nebat; but he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. <sup>32</sup>And he reared up an altar to Baal in the house of his abominations, which he had built in Samaria. <sup>33</sup>And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did yet more abominably, to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger, and to sin against his own life, that he should be destroyed: he did evil above all the kings of Israel that were before him. <sup>34</sup>And in his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundations thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the doors thereof in his younger son Segub, according to the word of the Lord, which He spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

## CHAPTER 17

And Elijah the prophet, the Tishbite of Tishbe of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except by the word of my mouth. <sup>2</sup>And the word of the Lord came unto Elijah, saying, <sup>3</sup>Get thee hence eastward, and hide thyself by the brook of Cherith, that is before Jordan. <sup>4</sup>And it shall be, that thou shalt drink water of the brook; and I will charge the ravens to feed thee there. <sup>5</sup>And Elijah did according to the word of the Lord: and he sat by the brook of Cherith before Jordan. <sup>6</sup>And the ravens brought him loaves in the morning, and flesh in the evening; and he drank water of the brook. <sup>7</sup>And it came to pass after a while, that the brook was dried up, because there had been no rain upon the earth. <sup>8</sup>And the word of the Lord came unto Elijah, saying, <sup>9</sup>Arise, and get thee hence to Zarephath of the Zidonian land: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to maintain thee. <sup>10</sup>And he arose and went up to Zarephath, and came unto the gate of the city; and, behold, a widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and Elijah cried after her, and said unto her, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. <sup>11</sup>And she went to fetch it, and Elijah cried after her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of the bread that is in thine hand. <sup>12</sup>And the woman said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but only an handful of meal in the pitcher, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I go to gather two sticks, and I shall go in and dress it for me and my children; and we shall eat it, and die. <sup>13</sup>And Elijah said unto her, Be of good courage; go in and do according to thy word: but make me thereof a little cake, and thou shalt bring it out to me first; and thou shalt make some for thee and for thy children last. <sup>14</sup>For thus saith the Lord, The pitcher of meal shall not fail, neither shall the cruse of oil be diminished, until the day that the Lord giveth rain upon the earth. <sup>15</sup>And the woman went and did so, and did eat, she and he, and her children. <sup>16</sup>And the pitcher of meal failed not, and the cruse of oil was not diminished, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by the hand of Elijah. <sup>17</sup>And it came to pass afterward, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was very sore, until there was no breath left in him. <sup>18</sup>And she said unto

Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come into me to bring my sins to remembrance, and to slay my son? <sup>19</sup>And Elijah said unto the woman, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and took him up into the chamber wherein he himself abode, and laid him upon his own bed. <sup>20</sup>And Elijah cried aloud, and said, Alas, O Lord, the witness of the widow with whom I sojourn, Thou hast wrought evil for her, in slaying her son. <sup>21</sup>And he breathed upon the child three times, and called upon the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, I pray Thee, let this child's soul come into him again. <sup>22</sup>And it was so; and the child cried out, <sup>23</sup>and he brought him down out of the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth. <sup>24</sup>And the woman said unto Elijah, Behold, I know that thou art a man of God, and the word of the Lord in thy mouth is true.

## CHAPTER 18

And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, and appear unto Ahab; and I will give rain upon the face of the earth. <sup>2</sup>And Elijah went to appear unto Ahab: and the famine was sore in Samaria. <sup>3</sup>And Ahab called Obadiah the steward; (now Obadiah feared the Lord greatly, <sup>4</sup>and it came to pass, when Jezebel smote the prophets of the Lord, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water); <sup>5</sup>and Ahab said unto Obadiah, Come, and let us go through the land, and unto the fountains of water, and unto the brooks, if peradventure we may find grass, and save the horses and mules; and so they will not perish from the tents. <sup>6</sup>And they made a division of the way between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way, and Obadiah went another way alone. <sup>7</sup>And Obadiah was alone in the way; and Elijah came alone to meet him: and Obadiah hasted, and fell on his face, and said, My lord Elijah, art thou indeed he? <sup>8</sup>And Elijah said unto him, I am: go, say to thy master, Behold, Elijah is here. <sup>9</sup>And Obadiah said, What sin have I committed, that thou givest thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me? <sup>10</sup>As the Lord thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and if they said, He is not here, he hath he set fire to the kingdom and the lands thereof, because he hath found thee not. <sup>11</sup>And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here. <sup>12</sup>And it shall come to pass, when I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the Lord shall carry thee unto a land which I know not; and I shall go in to tell the thing to Ahab, and he shall not find thee, and shall slay me: but thy servant feareth the Lord from his youth. <sup>13</sup>Was it not told thee, my lord, what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the Lord; that I hid an hundred men of the Lord's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water? <sup>14</sup>And now thou sayest unto me, Go, say to thy master, Behold, Elijah is here: and he shall slay me. <sup>15</sup>And Elijah said, As the Lord liveth, before whom I

stand, I will appear before him to day. <sup>16</sup>And Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab ran forth, and went to meet Elijah.

<sup>17</sup>And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto Elijah, Art thou he that perverteth Israel? <sup>18</sup>And Elijah said, I pervert not Israel; but it is thou, and thy father's house, in that ye forsake the Lord your God; and thou hast followed Baalim. <sup>19</sup>And now send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of shame four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the grove four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table. <sup>20</sup>And Ahab sent unto all Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel. <sup>21</sup>And Elijah drew nigh unto them all; and Elijah said unto them, How long will ye halt upon both feet? If the Lord be God, follow Him. And the people answered him not a word. <sup>22</sup>And Elijah said unto the people, I am left, the only one prophet of the Lord; and Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men, and the prophets of the grove are four hundred. <sup>23</sup>Let them give us two oxen; and let them choose one for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire on the wood: and I will dress the other bullock, and put on no fire: <sup>24</sup>and call ye loudly on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord my God: and it shall be, that the God that answereth by fire, He is God. And all the people answered and said, The word that thou hast spoken is good. <sup>25</sup>And Elijah said unto the prophets of shame, Choose you one calf for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your god; but kindle no fire. <sup>26</sup>And they took the calf, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, Hear us, O Baal, hear us. And there was no voice, neither was there hearing; and they ran up and down upon the altar which they had made. <sup>27</sup>And it was noon, and Elijah the Tishbite mocked them, and said, Call with a loud voice, for he is a god; for he meditateth, or mayhap he is engaged upon business, or peradventure he is asleep, and will awake. <sup>28</sup>And they cried with a loud voice, and cut themselves according to their custom with knives and with lancets, until the blood gushed out upon them. <sup>29</sup>And they prophesied until the evening came: and it came to pass, as it was at the time of the offering of the sacrifice, that Elijah the Tishbite spake unto the prophets of the abominations, saying, Stand by for the while, and I will offer my sacrifice. And they stood aside, and departed. <sup>30</sup>And Elijah said unto the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. <sup>31</sup>And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of Israel, as the Lord spake unto him, saying, Israel shall be thy name. <sup>32</sup>And he built up the stones in the name of the Lord, and repaired the altar that had been broken down: and he made a trench about the altar, that would hold two measures of seed. <sup>33</sup>And he piled the cleft wood upon that altar which he had made, and divided the whole burnt offering, and laid it on the wood, and laid it in order upon the altar, and said, Fetch me four pitchers of water, and pour it on the whole burnt offering, and on the wood. And they did so. <sup>34</sup>And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time. <sup>35</sup>And the water ran round about the altar; and they filled the trench with water. <sup>36</sup>And Elijah cried

aloud to heaven, and said, Lord God of Abraham, and Isaac, and Israel, answer me this day by fire, and let all this people know that Thou art the Lord, the God of Israel, and I am Thy servant, and for Thy sake have I done these works. <sup>37</sup>Hear me, O Lord, hear me, and let this people know that Thou art the Lord God, and that Thou hast turned back the heart of this people. <sup>38</sup>Then fire fell from the Lord out of heaven, and devoured the whole burnt offerings, and the wood, and the water that was in the trench; and the fire licked up the stones and the earth. <sup>39</sup>And all the people fell on their faces, and said, Verily, the Lord is God; He is God. <sup>40</sup>And Elijah said unto the people, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them; and Elijah bringeth them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

<sup>41</sup>And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, and eat and drink; for there is a sound of the coming of rain. <sup>42</sup>And Ahab went up to eat and to drink: and Elijah went up to Carmel, and stooped to the ground, and put his face between his knees, <sup>43</sup>and said to his servant, Go up, and look toward the sea. And the servant looked, and said, There is nothing: and Elijah said, Do thou then go again seven times. <sup>44</sup>And the servant went again seven times: and it came to pass at the seventh time, that, behold, a little cloud, like the sole of a man's foot, brought water: and he said, Go up, and say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, lest the rain prevent thee. <sup>45</sup>And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab wept, and went to Jezreel. <sup>46</sup>And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to Jezreel.

## CHAPTER 19

And Ahab told Jezebel his wife all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup>And Jezebel sent unto Elijah, and said, If thou art Elijah, and I am Jezebel, so let God do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow this time. <sup>3</sup>And Elijah feared; and he arose, and departed for his life: and he cometh to Beer-sheba to the land of Judah, and left his servant there. <sup>4</sup>And he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for his life that he might die; and said, Let it be enough, O Lord: take away my life from me; for I am not better than my fathers. <sup>5</sup>And he lay down and slept there under a tree; and, behold, one touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. <sup>6</sup>And Elijah looked, and, behold, there was a cake of meal, and a cruse of water: and he arose, and did eat and drink, and returned, and lay down. <sup>7</sup>And the angel of the Lord came again, and touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat; because the journey is far from thee. <sup>8</sup>And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto mount Horeb. <sup>9</sup>And he entered there into a cave, and rested there; and, behold, the word of the

Lord came to him, and He said, What doest thou here, Elijah? <sup>10</sup>And Elijah said, I have been very jealous for the Lord Almighty: for the sons of Israel have forsaken Thee; they have digged down Thine altars, and have slain Thy prophets with the sword; and I only am left alone; and they seek my life, to take it away. <sup>11</sup>And He said, Thou shalt go forth to morrow, and shalt stand before the Lord in the mount: behold, the Lord will pass by. And, behold, a great and strong wind that rent the mountain, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire the voice of a gentle breeze. <sup>13</sup>And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the cave: and, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? <sup>14</sup>And Elijah said, I have been very jealous for the Lord Almighty: because the sons of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, thrown down Thine altars, and slain Thy prophets with the sword; and I only am left alone; and they seek my life, to take it away. <sup>15</sup>And the Lord said unto him, Go, return; and thou shalt come into the way of the wilderness of Damascus: and thou shalt anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: <sup>16</sup>and Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. <sup>17</sup>And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. <sup>18</sup>And thou shalt leave in Israel seven thousand men, all the knees which have not bowed a knee unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not worshipped him.

<sup>19</sup>And he departed thence, and findeth Elisha the son of Shaphat; and he was plowing with oxen, twelve yoke before him, and he with the twelve: and he passed by unto him, and cast his mantle upon him. <sup>20</sup>And Elisha left the cattle, and ran after Elijah, and said, I will kiss my father, and follow after thee. <sup>20</sup>And Elijah said, "Go back again; for I am done with thee. <sup>21</sup>And he returned from following him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat: and he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

## **CHAPTER 20 (Masoretic Text Ch. 21)**

And Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was hard by the threshingfloor of Ahab king of Samaria. <sup>2</sup>And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, and I will have it for a garden of herbs, for it is near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it please thee, I will give thee money, the price of this thy vineyard, and I will have it for a garden of herbs. <sup>3</sup>And Naboth said unto Ahab, My God forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto <sup>4</sup>And Ahab's spirit was troubled; and he laid him down upon his bed, and covered his face, and

did eat no bread. <sup>5</sup>And Jezebel his wife went in to him, and spake unto him, saying, Why is thy spirit troubled, and why eatest thou no bread? <sup>6</sup>And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, saying, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if thou wilt, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. <sup>7</sup>And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now thus act the king over Israel? arise, and eat bread, and be thine own self: and I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite. <sup>8</sup>So she wrote a letter in Ahab's name, and sealed it with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles which dwelt with Naboth. <sup>9</sup>And it was written in the letters, saying, Keep a fast, and set Naboth in a chief place among the people; <sup>10</sup>and set two men, sons of transgressors, before him, and let them testify against him, saying, He blessed God and a king; and let them lead him forth, and stone him, and let him die. <sup>11</sup>And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who dwelt in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them. <sup>12</sup>And they proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth in a chief place among the people. <sup>13</sup>And two men, sons of transgressors, came in and sat over against him, and bare witness against him, saying, Thou hast blasphemed God and a king. And they led him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, and he died. <sup>14</sup>And they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead. <sup>15</sup>And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard it, that she said unto Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which would not sell it thee; for Naboth is not alive, but dead. <sup>16</sup>And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth the Jezreelite was dead, that he rent his garments, and put on sackcloth. And it came to pass afterward, that Ahab rose up and went down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to inherit it.

<sup>17</sup>And the Lord spake unto Elijah the Tishbite, saying, <sup>18</sup>Arise, and go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria, for he is in the vineyard of Naboth; for he is gone down thither to inherit it. <sup>19</sup>And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Forasmuch as thou hast killed, and taken possession, therefore thus saith the Lord, In every place where the swine and the dogs licked the blood of Naboth, there shall the dogs lick thy blood; and the harlots shall wash themselves in thy blood. <sup>20</sup>And Ahab said unto Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? and he said, I have found thee: because thou hast vainly sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord: <sup>21</sup>behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will kindle a fire after thee, and will utterly destroy from Ahab every man that pisseth against a wall, and him that is shut up, and him that is left in Israel. <sup>22</sup>And I will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocations wherewith thou hast provoked Me to anger, and made Israel to sin. <sup>23</sup>And of Jezebel also spake the Lord, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the fortification of Jezreel. <sup>24</sup>Him that is dead of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat. <sup>25</sup>But Ahab did wickedly, who sold himself to do that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, as Jezebel his wife led him astray.

<sup>26</sup>And he did very abominably in going after the abominations, according to all things as did the Amorite, whom the Lord utterly destroyed before the sons of Israel. <sup>27</sup>And because of the word, Ahab was pierced with sorrow before the Lord, and he went weeping, and rent his clothes, and girt sackcloth upon his body, and fasted: he put on sackcloth also in the day that he smote Naboth the Jezreelite, and went his way. <sup>28</sup>And the word of the Lord came by the hand of His servant Elijah concerning Ahab; and the Lord said, Hast thou not seen how Ahab is pricked *to the heart* before me? I will not bring on evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring on the evil.

## CHAPTER 21 (Masoretic text Ch. 20)

And the son of Hadad gathered all his hosts together; and he went up and besieged Samaria, and *there were* thirty and two kings with him, and all his horses, and chariots: and they went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it. <sup>2</sup>And he sent to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith the son of Hadad, <sup>3</sup>Thy silver and thy gold are mine; thy wives also and thy children are mine. <sup>4</sup>And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, as thou hast said, I am thine, and all mine also. <sup>5</sup>And the messengers came again, and said, Thus saith the son of Hadad, I sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt give me thy silver and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children. <sup>6</sup>For I will send my servants unto thee to morrow at this time, and thy shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, that all the desirable objects of their eyes, whereon they shall lay their hands, they shall even take them. <sup>7</sup>And the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark now, I pray you, and consider, that this man seeketh mischief: for he hath sent unto me concerning my wives, and concerning my sons, and concerning my daughters: I have not kept back from him my silver and my gold. <sup>8</sup>And the elders and all the people said unto him, Hearken not, and consent not. <sup>9</sup>And he said unto the messengers of the son of Hadad, Say unto your master, All things that thou didst send for thy servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the men departed, and carried back the answer to him. <sup>10</sup>And the son of Hadad sent unto him, saying, God do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for foxes for all the people, even my footmen. <sup>11</sup>And the king of Israel answered and said, Let it suffice; let not the hunchback boast as he that is upright. <sup>12</sup>And it came to pass, when he returned him this answer, he and all the kings with him were drinking in tents; and he said unto his servants, Build a palisade. And they made a palisade against the city. <sup>13</sup>And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, and he said, Thus saith the Lord, Hast thou seen this great multitude? Behold, I do give it into thine hands this day; and thou shalt know that I am LORD. <sup>14</sup>And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus saith the Lord, Even by the young men of the princes of the provinces. And Ahab said, Who shall order the battle? and he said, Thou. <sup>15</sup>And Ahab numbered the young men of the princes of the

provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty: and afterward he numbered the people, even every son of strength, being seven thousand. <sup>16</sup>And he went out at noon: and the son of Hadad was drinking himself drunk in Socchoth, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings his allies. <sup>17</sup>And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out among the first: and they send and report to the king of Syria, saying, There are men come out of Samaria. <sup>18</sup>And he said unto them, If they come out for peace, take them alive; and if they come out for war, take them alive: <sup>19</sup>and let not the young men of the princes of the provinces go forth out of the city. And the army which was behind them <sup>20</sup>smote each one the man next to him: and Syria fled; and Israel pursued them: and the son of Hadad, even the king of Syria, escapeth on an horse of an horseman. <sup>21</sup>And the king of Israel went out, and took all the horses and the chariots, and smote with a great slaughter in Syria. <sup>22</sup>And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, Strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou shalt do: for at the return of the year the son of Hadad king of Syria cometh up against thee. <sup>23</sup>And the servants of the king of Syria said, The God of Israel is a God of mountains, and not a God of valleys; therefore hath He prevailed against us; but if we fight against them in the plain, surely we shall prevail against them. <sup>24</sup>And do this thing, Send away the kings, each one to his place, and put princes in their room. <sup>25</sup>And we will give thee an army like to the army that was lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, and we will prevail against them. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so. <sup>26</sup>And it came to pass at the return of the year, that the son of Hadad mustered Syria, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel. <sup>27</sup>And the sons of Israel were numbered, and came to meet them: and Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but Syria filled the land. <sup>28</sup>And there came the man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the Lord, Because the Syrians have said, The Lord God of Israel is a God of mountains, and he is not a God of valleys, therefore will I give this great host into thine hand, and thou shalt know that I am LORD. <sup>29</sup>And they pitch one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that on the seventh day the battle drew on: and Israel smote Syria, an hundred thousand footmen in one day. <sup>30</sup>And the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and the wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand men that were left: and the son of Hadad fled, and entered into an inner chamber, a closet. <sup>31</sup>And he said unto his servants, I know that the kings of Israel are merciful kings: let us now put sackcloth upon our loins, and put ropes on our heads, and let us go forth to the king of Israel, if peradventure he will save our souls alive. <sup>32</sup>So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant the son of Hadad saith, I pray thee, let our souls live. And he said, Doth he yet live? he is my brother. <sup>33</sup>And the men divined, and offered drink offerings; and they caught the word out of his mouth: and they said, Thy brother the son of Hadad. And he said, Go ye in, and fetch him. And the son of Hadad went out to him; and they cause him to go up to him into the chariot. <sup>34</sup>And he said unto him, The cities which my father took

from thy father I will restore unto thee; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made streets in Samaria; and I will let thee go with a covenant. And he made a covenant with him, and let him go.

<sup>35</sup>And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbour by the word of the Lord, Smite me, I pray. And the man would not smite him. <sup>36</sup>And he said unto him, Because thou hast not hearkened unto the voice of the Lord, therefore, behold, as thou departest from me, a lion shall smite thee: and he departed from him, and a lion found him, and smote him. <sup>37</sup>And he findeth another man, and saith, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, and in smiting he wounded him. <sup>38</sup>And the prophet went and stood before the king of Israel, and bound his eyes with a bandage. <sup>39</sup>And it came to pass as the king passed by, that he cried aloud unto the king, and said, Thy servant went out to war; and, behold, a man brought a man to me, and said unto me, Keep this man: and if he by any means escape, then shall thy life go for his life, or thou shalt pay a talent of silver. <sup>40</sup>And it came to pass, that thy servant looked round this way and that way, and the man was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, Behold, thou hast also destroyed snares set for me. <sup>41</sup>And he hasted, and took the bandage away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he was one of the prophets. <sup>42</sup>And he said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Because thou hast suffered to escape out of thine hand a man appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people. <sup>43</sup>And the king of Israel departed confounded and discouraged, and came to Samaria.

## CHAPTER 22

And he rested three years; and there was no war between Syria and Israel. <sup>2</sup>And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat king of Judah went down to the king of Israel. <sup>3</sup>And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ramoth-gilead is ours, and we be silent to take it out of the hand of the king of Syria? <sup>4</sup>And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go up with us to battle to Ramoth-gilead? <sup>5</sup>And Jehoshaphat said, As I am, so art thou also; as thy people, so is my people; as my horses, so are thy horses. And Jehoshaphat king of Judah said unto the king of Israel, Inquire, I pray thee, of the Lord to day. <sup>6</sup>And the king of Israel gathered all the prophets together, about four hundred men; and the king said unto them, Shall I go up to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? and they said, Go up; and the Lord shall surely give it into the hands of the king. <sup>7</sup>And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord, that we may enquire of the Lord by him? <sup>8</sup>And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is one man here, to enquire of the Lord by him: but I hate him; for he doth not speak good of me, but evil only, Micaiah the son of Imlah. And Jehoshaphat king of Judah said, Let not the king say so. <sup>9</sup>And the king of Israel called an eunuch, and said, Bring hither quickly Micaiah the son of Imlah. <sup>10</sup>And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat

the king of Judah sat each on his throne, armed in the gates of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. <sup>11</sup>And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus saith the Lord, With these shall thou gore Syria, until it be consumed. <sup>12</sup>And all the prophets prophesied in like manner, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: and the Lord shall deliver it and the king of Syria into thine hands. <sup>13</sup>And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, all the prophets speak with one mouth good concerning the king: let thy words be like the words of one of them, and speak good. <sup>14</sup>And Micah said, As the Lord liveth, whatsoever the Lord shall say unto me, these things will I speak. <sup>15</sup>And he came to the king; and the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall I go up to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go up; and the Lord shall deliver it into the king's hand. <sup>16</sup>And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou speak unto me truth in the name of the Lord? <sup>17</sup>And he said, Not so: I saw all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as a flock which hath no shepherd: and the Lord said, Is not God Lord of these? let each man return to his house in peace. <sup>18</sup>And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Did I not say unto thee that this man doth not prophesy good to me; for *he speaketh* nothing but evil? <sup>19</sup>And Micah said, Not so; not I: hear the word of the Lord: it is not so. I saw the God of Israel sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven stood round about Him on His right hand and on His left. <sup>20</sup>And the Lord said, Who will deceive Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall in Ramoth-gilead?" and one spake on one manner, and another spake on another manner. <sup>21</sup>And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the Lord, and said, I will deceive him. <sup>22</sup>And the Lord said unto him, Whereby? And he said, I will go forth, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And He said, Thou shalt deceive him, yea, and prevail: go forth, and do so. <sup>23</sup>And now, behold, the Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the Lord hath spoken evil against thee. <sup>24</sup>And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, What manner of spirit hath spoken in thee? <sup>25</sup>And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself there. <sup>26</sup>And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and convey him away unto Amon the governor of the city; <sup>27</sup>and tell Joash the king's son to put this fellow in prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace. <sup>28</sup>And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the Lord hath not spoken by me. <sup>29</sup>So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. <sup>30</sup>And the king of Judah said unto Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; and do thou put on my raiment. So the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle. <sup>31</sup>And the king of Syria commanded the thirty and two captains of his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small and great, save with the king of Israel only. <sup>32</sup>And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, that they said, This seemeth to be the king of Israel. And they compassed him

about to fight him: and Jehoshaphat cried out. <sup>33</sup>And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that this was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from him. <sup>34</sup>And one drew a bow with a good aim, and smote the king of Israel between his lungs and the breastplate: and he said unto his charioteer, Turn thine hands, and carry me out of the battle; for I am wounded. <sup>35</sup>And the war was turned that day: and the king of Israel remained in his chariot against Syria from morning until even: and he shed the blood out of his wound, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot. <sup>36</sup>And the herald of the army stood at the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and his land; <sup>37</sup>for the king is dead. And they came to Samaria, and buried the king at Samaria. <sup>38</sup>And they washed the chariot at the fountain of Samaria; and the swine and the dogs licked up the blood; and the harlots washed themselves in the blood, according unto the word of the Lord which He spake. <sup>39</sup>And the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, behold, are not these things written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? <sup>40</sup>And Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

<sup>41</sup>And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa reigned over Judah: in the fourth year of Ahab began Jehoshaphat to reign. <sup>42</sup>Thirty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. <sup>43</sup>And he walked in all the way of Asa his father; and he turned not aside from it, even from doing that which was right in the eyes of the Lord. <sup>44</sup>Only he took not away any of the high places: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places. <sup>45</sup>And Jehoshaphat was at peace with the king of Israel. <sup>46</sup>And the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his mighty deeds, whatsoever he did, are not these things written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? <sup>47</sup>*And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land.* <sup>48</sup>*There was no king in Edom; a deputy was king.* <sup>49</sup>*Josaphat made ships of Tharshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships of Tharshish were broken at Ezion-geber.* <sup>50</sup>*Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships: but Jehoshaphat would not.* <sup>51</sup>And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried by his fathers in the city of David his father; and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

<sup>52</sup>And Ahaziah the son of Ahab reigned over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Ahaziah the son of Ahab reigned two years over Israel in Samaria. <sup>53</sup>And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of Ahab his father, and in the way of Jezebel his mother, and in the sins of the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. <sup>54</sup>And he served Baalim, and worshipped them, and provoked to anger the Lord God of Israel, according to all that had been done before him.